Liturgical Schedule—Fourth Paschal Week- April 30, 2023

Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday April 29

Dunlo <u>5:00 PM</u> Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 30

Portage <u>9:00 AM</u> Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+George and +Audrey Pyo, by Katrina & Rick Davis]

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Wednesday, May 3	<u>M1a-P</u>	<u>entecost</u>			
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour			
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezneski, by Nick Brletic]			
Thursday, May 4					
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour			
_	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy [+James J. & Julie Olsick, by Jimmy Olsick]			
Saturday May 6					
<u>Portage</u>	2:30 pm	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance			
Beaverdale	4:30 pm	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance			
Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman					
Saturday May 6					
Beaverdale	5:00 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy			
Sunday May 7		-			
Portage	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Barry Krisko, by Carol Goral & Diane Kinback			
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2022-2023 Eastern Christian Formation Classes: Today we conclude our *2022-2023 Eastern Christian Formation Classes*. We are grateful to those who serve as our Catechists: *Bern Blazosky; Julie Brenna; Deacon Daniel Perich* [ECF Coordinator]; *Alisha Slanoc*; also *Sara Erzal* and *Molly Harrington*, home-school classes.

The cooperation and support of the parents is a vital ingredient and is sincerely appreciated.

A meeting for Catechists will be scheduled for early May

The Paschal Season

- We share the greeting "Christ is risen!", "Indeed He is risen!" from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- *Through the fifty days* from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is <u>no</u> kneeling at any time of prayer.

Health Fair-TODAY: Sunday, April 30 1:00-4:00 pm, Bethany United Methodist Church Portage. Visit our tables and awareness about: Mental Health Services; Alzheimer Association; Nutrition; Blood Pressure Readings; Highland Health; Keystone Family Alliance; Celebrate Recovery; Cambria County Drug Coalition; Sozo Inner Healing; Covid Test Kits; Cambria County Health and Welfare. Food and refreshments available.

<u>Mid-Pentecost</u> is observed this Wednesday, May 3 and marks the mid-point between *Pascha* [Resurrection] and Pentecost. The Liturgy of this feast is focused on the theme of *living water*, identified with the grace of Christ's teaching and of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

<u>Church Cleaning & Work Party:</u> The *Church Cleaning* is <u>Monday, May 1</u>, at <u>9:00 am.</u>
The *Work Party* is **Friday May 5** at 9:00 am. Our thanks to the volunteers for these occasions.

<u>Parish Advisory Council Meeting:</u> For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage,* Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm., in the Conference Room of the rectory.

Minutes of the February 28 2023 meeting will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

Women's Day of Reflection: "Consider the Lilies of the Field" is the theme for this event on Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am-2:30 pm held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Munhall.

The program will offer insights on Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudate Si: On Care for our Common Home". There will also be a presentation on plants and herbs in Scripture and how they contribute to our health. Speakers include Kat Doyle of the Archdiocese of Atlanta; and Dr. Sandra Collins on the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Brochures with registration information are in the narthex.

"Making the City Church" is the <u>23nd Annual Lecture</u> of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture, and is **to be** Livestreamed <u>May 10 at 7:00 pm</u> This livestreamed lecture is to study the mobile character of ancient Constantinopolitan Christian worship and the processions of Byzantine stational liturgy. This will shed light on the liturgy itself, popular piety, and the relation of liturgy to the surrounding culture. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM E.D.T. via the Seminary website: **www.bcs.edu**.

<u>Camp Harmony...</u> is bringing *Day Camp to* Portage!

The *Camp Harmony Day Camp* experience is coming to the town of Portae <u>June 19-23 2023</u>, 9:00 am-4:40 pm. Registration cost is \$50 [\$25 nonrefundable Deposit. Camp will be at Crichton McCormick Park. Games; Lunch and Snacks; Bible Lessons; Water Games; and more. Registration: www.campharmony.org/summercamp. Information: 814-798-5883p iendall@campharmony.org.

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

April 30	Candle & Bells	Abby Koban	Bulletins:	Lexie Slanoc & Bella Koban
<u>May 7</u>	Candle & Bells	Easton Slanoc	Bulletins:	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
May 14	Candle & Bells	Easton Slanoc	Bulletins:	Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini;; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters;. Saint Mary, Beaverdale: Catherine McGough; NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor, Portage: Helen Zaher; Maple Winds: June Nezneski; John Paul II Manor, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; Cambria Care, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich.

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<u>Mysteries of Christian Initiation</u>: There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – **Baptism, Chrismation**, and **Eucharist**. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according the norms of Church law and practice.

<u>Crowning in Marriage:</u> A six month period of preparation is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is a *required* part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

<u>Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the III</u>: Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**.

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo). Also, ½ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment.

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