## Liturgical Schedule Fifth Week of the Great Fast--March 10 2024

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast--Memory of our Hoy Father John Climacus

Saturday, March 9

<u>Dunlo</u> <u>4:00 PM</u> Vigil Divine Liturgy

Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased--Fourth All Souls Saturday

Sunday March 10, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Krisko, by Carol Goral & Diane Kinback]

Wednesday, March 13		Simple abstinence and fasting required	
Portage	5:30 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]	
	<u>6:00 PM</u>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
Friday, March 15		Simple abstinence and fasting required	
Portage	5:30 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]	
_	<u>6:00 PM</u>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	

Saturday, March 16					
<u>Portage</u>	2:00 pm	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance			
Beaverdale	3:30 pm	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance			

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - Saint Mary of Egypt

Saturday, March 16

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Timothy O'Hara, by Mary Lou and Steve Paluch]

Sunday March 17, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

**The Great Fast:** The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast calls our attention to **Saint John Climacus.** His name Climacus derives from his book <u>The Ladder to Perfection</u>. He went to Mount Sinai, which had been peopled by holy men in imitation of Moses, who received the law on that mountain and lived in the perpetual contemplation of heavenly things. God bestowed on St. John an extraordinary grace of healing the spiritual disorders of souls. In this way, he shows an imitation of our Lord in today's Gospel, healing and releasing the young boy tormented by demons.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts each Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 pm.

<u>Lenten Regulations:</u> Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

**Prayer Partners**: Please include a remembrance daily of your Prayer Partner

## Mystery of Repentance—Confessions:

- On Tuesday, <u>March 19</u> at <u>6:00 pm</u>. *Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.* from the Franciscan Friars in Loretto will be here with Father Jim for Confessions.
- Also, the Mystery of Repentance [Confession] is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm.; and Saturday at 2:00 p.m.; and in Beaverdale and Dunlo at 3:30 p.m. before the Saturday Vigil Liturgy.
- You may call to schedule an appointment

**PASKA Baking for ECF Students:** will be <u>Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am</u>. Our students learn about baking *Paska*—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. There will be a *sign-up list* in the narthex.

**Parish Advisory Council Minutes:** Included in today's bulletin are Minutes from the **Parish Advisory Council** meeting of Thursday, November 30, 2023 for Saints Peter and Paul Portage.

**Seventeenth** *Egg Eggstravaganza*: Sunday, March 17, 12 Noon-4 p.m. St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown. Egg artists displaying decorated eggs. Sales tables with supplies for decorating eggs; opportunity for "pysanky" decorating. Easter basket covers, lamb butter molds, egg wraps, cookbooks, for sale. Bake Sale: nut, apricot, poppy seed, cottage cheese rolls; Paskas; cookies. Lenten lunch menu. Information: 724-438-1382 M-F).

**"Easter Sunday Best"**—**BCW Easter Edition:** This year's *Byzantine Catholic World* Pascha issue will feature your "Easter Sunday Best" your Easter traditions and memories of dressing up: favorite Easter clothes that made you feel special. Send photos and stories [identify those in the photo and your parish church] by <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 15</u>, to <u>bcw@archpitt.org</u>; or: Byzantine Catholic World 66 Riverview Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15214 David Mayernik Jr. Editor.

**Prayerful Best Wishes:** Father Edward Pyo was appointed priest for liturgical services and the spiritual care of the faithful at St. Michael Church, Sheffield, Pennsylvania on March 8, 2024. Archbishop William will ordain **Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski** to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at St. Mary Church, Bradenville, Pennsylvania at 3:00 p.m. Deacon Kyprian served a pastoral practicum with us in the summer in 2018. May God grant him many years!

**Statements of Parishioners' Offerings** for 2023 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available. Call 814-736-9780; or send to james\_armand\_spontak@verizon.net.

**Pre-Cana Program:** The <u>2024 Pre-Cana Program</u> is being offered as a one day only program on <u>Saturday March 16, 2024</u>, at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Please contact Father Jim for.

## **Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

<u>March 10</u> <u>Candle:</u> Owen Slanoc <u>Sunday March 17</u> <u>Candle:</u> Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Connie Crum; Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters;. Saint Mary, Beaverdale: Carol Slifko; NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor, Portage: Helen Zaher; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; Maple Winds: June Nezneski; John Paul II Manor, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak.

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Mysteries of Christian Initiation: 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: 2:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo). Also, ½ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment.

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