



**PASKA Baking for ECF Students:** will be Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am. 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 Friday, March 15, to [bcw@archpitt.org](mailto:bcw@archpitt.org); 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](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

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

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

March 10

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday March 17

Candle: 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, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; William Prozialek [Dunlo];

**Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **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.

**Crowning in Marriage:** 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.

**Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill:** 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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