

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Week of the Great Fast--March 17 2024

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

Tuesday, March 19

Portage 6:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Wednesday, March 20

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 22

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday, March 23

Portage 2:00 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 3:30 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Saturday March 23, 2023

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sunday March 24, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Marge Fleck, by Nick & Pauline Minor]

The Great Fast: On the *Fifth Sunday* of the Great Fast the Church commemorates *Saint Mary of Egypt*. Her example of a virtuous and holy life, which flourished through her efforts in fasting and prayer in the desert, are remembered today. Her marvelous and inspiring example of repentance is recalled to strengthen those who may be weak or neglectful in their faith and Lenten efforts. Her memory may hopefully urge all of us to repentance, a genuine and sincere return to the Lord.

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

Lenten Regulations: Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

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

PASKA Baking for ECF Students: 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. **Please sign-up** on the list in the narthex.

A note of thanks to the volunteers who prepare and bake the paskas—*Sharon Bolvin, Carol Goral and Sandy Lenz*; and to the parents of the students for your support and cooperation in this

Mystery of Repentance—Confessions:

- On Tuesday, **March 19** at **6:00 pm.** **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

Home-made Nut Rolls: *Homemade Nut Rolls* from Saint John the Baptist Church, Conemaugh, available for **\$15.** Call the rectory [**814-736-9780**]; **james armand spontak@verizon.net** to purchase.

Pussy-Willow Branches: If you have *pussy-willow branches* for Palm-Flowery Sunday [**Sunday, April 3**], please bring them to the church this week, prior to Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Decorative Candles...for the *Blessing of Paschal foods* are available from the ushers at each church. An offering of **\$10** is requested for these candles.

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).

<u>Offerings for February</u>	<u>Feb 4</u>	<u>Feb 11</u>	<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,573.00	\$1,762.00	\$1,354.00	\$1,487.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 294.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 444.00	\$ 250.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 270.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 294.00

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.**

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday March 17 **Candle:** Easton Slanoc **March 24** **Candle:** Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For the Repose of the soul* of +Fr. John Zeyack, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic, who fell asleep in the Lord March 11; **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; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David Spontak, Fr. Jim's brother; 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 Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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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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