

## Liturgical Schedule *Palm Sunday & Holy Week--March 24 2024*

### 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]

### Great & Holy Monday Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos--March 25

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:00 PM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy

**Great & Holy Tuesday, March 26**

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Great & Holy Wednesday March 27-- *Simple abstinence and fasting required***

Portage 5:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Holy Anointing

**Great & Holy Thursday March 28-- *Simple abstinence and fasting recommended***

**Institution of the Eucharist & Betrayal of Our Lord**

Portage 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

**Great and Holy Friday--March 29**

***Strict abstinence and fasting required***

Portage 10:00 AM

Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels

Beaverdale 3:00 PM

Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud

Portage 7:00 PM

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*Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord following service until 10:00 PM*

**Great & Holy Saturday March 30**

***Simple abstinence and fasting required***

*Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord continues throughout the day*

Portage

Noon

Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

### Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Saturday March 30**

Portage

7:00 PM

Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy

*Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social*

**Sunday March 31**

Beaverdale

8:00 AM

Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy

*Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church]*

Portage

10:30 AM

Paschal Divine Liturgy

**Mystery of Repentance—Confession:** *Monday, Tuesday at 5:30 pm; Wednesday at 5:00 pm.*

On *Thursday* at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm in Portage.

**No Confessions** scheduled *after Thursday of Holy Week.* **Call the rectory** to schedule appointment.

**Feast of the Annunciation:** This is a *Great Feast* of our Church—Monday, March 25. Even when it occurs during Holy Week, it is observed with bright vestments and the Divine Liturgy, which is combined with the evening Vespers. On this day, the Incarnation of the Divine Word in the womb of the Virgin Mary is celebrated.

**Holy Week:** We are reminded in the *Typicon* compiled by Father David Petras that Holy Week is the most solemn of the Church year. We are not only observing or remembering what happened in history. Rather, we take an active part in this mystery of God's loving-kindness. Through our acts of repentance, prayer and fasting, our processions and veneration all of these saving events are happening now. Through divine remembrance we die in Christ and with him rise in the fullness of life.

**Pastoral Visits to the Homebound** for the Confession and the Eucharist will be scheduled this week. Fr. Jim will call for an appointment. Notify the parish office of family not presently on the list.

**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.

**Palm Sunday:** A note of thanks to those who brought *pussy-willow branches*; and to *Jonathan and Irene Gindlesperger*, Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo for the Palm-baskets in the front of church. .

**PASKA Baking for ECF Students:** A note of thanks to the volunteers who prepared and baked the paskas for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes —*Sharon Bolvin, Carol Goral and Sandy Lenz*; and also for the Artos to be blessed and broken on Saint Thomas Sunday; and to the parents of the students for your support and cooperation in this activity.

**Church Cleaning & Work Party for April:** The *Work Party* is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 am; the *Church Cleaning* is scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 9:00 am. .

A note of thanks to the volunteers to the monthly The *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

**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).

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

**March 24:**

**Candle:** Owen Slanoc

**Sunday March 31**

**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; 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 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.

**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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