

## **Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Paralytic Man—Fourth Paschal Week--April 21 2024**

### **Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

**Saturday April 20 2024**

Dunlo                    **4:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday April 21, 2024**

Portage                **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Marilyn Grace Murphy, by Alex & Joan Murphy]

### **Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George**

**Monday, April 22**

Beaverdale           **5:00 PM**

**Great Vespers with Litija**

**Tuesday, April 23**

Portage                8:40 AM

The Third Hour

**9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Thursday, April 25**

Portage                7:45 AM

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark**

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Resconich, by Jean & Marie Hufford]

**Saturday April 27**

Portage                **2:30 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Beaverdale           **3:30 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

### **Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**Saturday April 27 2024**

Beaverdale           **4:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Ben and +Anna Zaremba, by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

**Sunday April 28, 2024**

Portage                **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

### **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 no kneeling at any time of prayer.

**Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir**...invites faithful to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, at Saint Elias Byzantine Catholic Church 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pennsylvania 15120, Sunday, April 21, 3:00 PM. The program will feature many renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, "**Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!**" A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall.

### **ECF Schedule:**

Sunday, April 28: Final day of ECF classes

Sunday, May 26: First Confession Celebration at Divine Liturgy

**This Week: The Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George** is Tuesday, April 23: Also, on Wednesday, April 24 is the **Feast of Mid-Pentecost**. *“The giving of the Spirit unites the beginning and the end of the fifty day feast of our Lord. On Pascha, the Lord, the Giver of Life, breathed the Holy Spirit upon his apostles for the forgiveness of sin, and on Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon his followers that the Gospel for the baptism of repentance might be preached to all nations. Through the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ in Holy Communion and are deified by his power. In the middle of the feast we celebrate all these wondrous works of God”.*

**Byzantine Catholic Seminary 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture:** Father John McGuckin, PhD., will present: *“Theological Radicalism in a Time of Political Revolution: The Case of St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) in Constantinople”*. This lecture will be delivered virtually Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 PM via the Seminary website: [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu). It can also be accessed on B.C.S. YouTube channel.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the Symeon the New Theologian wrote that faith ultimately cannot be taught, but handed on dynamically from person to person: “Just as one candle can only be lit from another live flame.” This lecture explores the saint’s life, teachings and his poetic and mystical masterpiece celebrating his visions of Christ and his generous theology of God’s mercy

**Women’s Day of Reflection:** *“When you look for me, you will find me”* [Jeremiah 29:13] is the theme for the Women’s Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am-2:30 pm held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Munhall. Brochures are in the narthex; information, at: [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org).

**Festival Meeting:** A meeting for the *Annual Festival* was held Wednesday, April 10 to continue planning for the July 14, 2024 Festival. The next meeting will be in May [date to be announced].

**Annual Spring Basket Auction** at *St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church*, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Saturday, April 27 5:00 to 6:30 pm; Sunday, April 28, 11:00 am to 3:00pm. Drawing at 3:00pm on Sunday. Tickets: \$5.00 for 26 tickets. All tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. Take-out food is also available for purchase. Benefits Development Fund at St. John's.

**National Eucharistic Congress:** The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] has been preparing for the **National Eucharistic Congress** July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For details or more details, consult the USCCB website.

### **Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:**

**April 21:**

**Candle: Owen Slanoc**

**Sunday April 28 Candle: Easton**

**Remember in Prayer: For The Health of:** *Connie Crum; Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; 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 & Sandy Spontak; 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; Joanne Stewart; 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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