

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Samaritan Woman —Fifth Paschal Week—April 28 2024

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

Tuesday, April 30

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezneski, by Carmella & Walter Sedar]

Thursday, May 3

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Alick Prudhoe, by Dan & Julie Brenna]

Saturday May 4

Portage **2:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 4 2024

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+JoAnn Tiller, by Family]

Sunday May 5, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Today: Sunday, April 28 is the final day of Eastern Christian Formation classes. We express our gratitude to our Catechists for their dedication and service and to the parents for their cooperation and support. We look forward to completing the 2023-2024 Eastern Christian Formation program with the First Confession Celebration at the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, May 26**. An ice cream social is planned for the students as an end of the year event. The date, time and location will be announced.

Welcome: Most Reverend Robert Pipta, the Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Ohio will be with us for the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul in Portage on Sunday, May 5. Bishop Robert Pipta was ordained the Bishop of Parma November 8 2023, and previously was Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. We look forward to extending the hospitality of our parish family to him.

Free: A **computer desk** is in the usher's room available for free in the usher's room. It is no longer needed in the rectory and may be suitable for use at your home or student's dorm.

"Joyful Light", the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is included in today's bulletin. The newsletter may also be accessed at the Seminary website, www.bcs.edu.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for May: The **Work Party** is Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am; the **Church Cleaning** is Monday, May 6, at 9:00 am. A note of thanks to these volunteers.

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.

Many, Happy Years!: Archbishop William will ordain **Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski** to the Holy Priesthood today Sunday, April 28, at St. Mary’s Church, Bradenville, Pennsylvania. Deacon Kyprian served a summer Pastoral intern program here at Saint Peter and Paul Church June and July, 2018.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: For **Saints Peter and Paul, Portage**, Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm., in the Conference Room of the rectory. Minutes of the February 8 meeting will be in the Sunday bulletin prior to the meeting.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary 24th 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. It can also be accessed on B.C.S. YouTube channel.

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

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,; 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:

Sunday April 28 Candle: Easton Slanoc

May 5:

Candle: Owen Slanoc

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 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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