

**Liturgical Schedule Third Week of the Great Fast—March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Saturday March 15, 2025**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

**Sunday March 16, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Nancy Whitcomb, by Irene Huschak]

**Wednesday, March 19**

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**6:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday, March 21**

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**6:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Third All Souls Saturday**

**Saturday March 22, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Portage **1:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Holy Cross**

**Saturday March 22, 2025**

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

*Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

**Sunday March 22, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Shawn Crum, by Ken & Connie Crum]

**The Great Fast:** Third All Souls Saturday is March 22; Divine Liturgy, Panachida at 9:00 am  
The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is offered on Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast.  
The Mystery of Repentance [Confessions] is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm.; and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Regulations.** The Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.  
**Prayer Partners:** Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner* during the Great Fast; also for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for his health.

**Easter Bake Sale:** *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll [\$14]; Poppyseed Roll [\$14]; Apricot Roll [\$14]; and Pascha Bread [\$10]. To order, and for pick-up times, call Theresa [814-266-3717]; or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [[814-467-7309]. **Deadline: March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Mount Aloysius College Vox Nova:** They will lead a sung version of the Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Parish, Portage on Friday, March 28, 7:00 pm.

All are welcome. To support their ministry, there will be a free will offering opportunity.

**Saint Mary's, Cambria City:** Father Tim Fariss has cordially extended an invitation to Liturgical services and events at Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Cambria City during the Great Fast:

**Tuesday, March 18:** A discussion on Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 5:30 pm.

**Thursday April 3:** Penitential Matins of Saint Andrew of Crete, 6:00 pm to-9:00 pm

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting:** At the meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter and Paul, on Thursday March 13, plans for replacement of the garage/pavilion structure on the picnic grounds; and the cleaning and maintenance of the terrazzo floor in the church were advanced.

Further details and information will be provided in coming weeks.

**Dueling Pianos Show:** A performance to benefit the Portage Public Library on Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 pm (doors open at 5:30pm), Royal Ballroom, Main Street in Portage.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Please call Brittany at 814-553-0042 for tickets.

**Youth Ministry Event:** An *Archeparchial Youth and Young Adult* gathering, "**Believe in Hope**" is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. Divine Liturgy at 3:00 p.m., celebrated by Archbishop William will be followed by refreshments and creative talks for young adults, teens, and their parents. More information will be coming soon.

**Thank you:** We appreciate volunteers, for the monthly Work Party and Church Cleaning. At present, we have need of volunteers for this effort. If you might be available to help, please contact Father Jim.

**Statements of Parishioners' Offerings** for 2024 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting them. Call [814-736-9780]; or [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

*We regret the delay in providing these and hope to have them available within the next week.*

**Lenten/Paschal Webinar:** The Orientale Lumen Institute is offering FREE webinars Sundays, at 8:00 pm from now until Pentecost titled "The Journey to Pascha."

To receive the exclusive Zoom link, send an email request to [infocctolvt.t](mailto:infocctolvt.t). Limited to 100.

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

**Sunday, March 16**

Candle: Easton Slanoc

**Sunday March 23**

Candle: Owen Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim when a person no longer needs to be included on the list of requests* **For the repose of the soul of:** +David Sekel, brother of Teresa Sekel of the Chancery Office staff. Father Simeon **For the Health of:** Father Simeon Sibenik, retired priest of the Archeparchy; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko;

**NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; Andrew & Linda Deskevich.

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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 to 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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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