

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Week of the Great Fast--March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast— Memory of our Holy Father John Climacus

Saturday March 29, 2025

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 30, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM**

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

Wednesday, April 2

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 4

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday April 5 2025

Portage **1:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast— Memory of Saint Mary of Egypt

Saturday April 5, 2025

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 6 2025

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Paulette Fedorko, by Pauline Yetsko]

The Great Fast: *The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* is offered on Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast. ***Lenten Regulations.*** The Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. ***Prayer Partners:*** Please remember daily your *Prayer Partner* during Lent.

Mystery of Repentance—Confessions: On Thursday, **April 10** at 7:00 pm. ***Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.*** from the Franciscan Friars in Loretto will be here with Father Jim for Confessions. The *Mystery of Repentance* is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm.; Saturday at 1:00 p. and in Beaverdale or Dunlo at 3:30 p.m. Also, you may call to schedule an appointment

Eighteenth Egg Eggstravaganza: Sunday, April 6, 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—*leave message*).

Work Party: This Saturday, April, 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Our thanks to our volunteers for the Work Party and Church cleaning.

PASKA Baking for ECF Students: will be Saturday, April 12, 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. There will be a *sign-up list* in the narthex.

BCW Easter and Lent Feature: You are invited to contribute to a feature offering reflections on your Lenten and Easter traditions. For example, what favorite Lenten and Easter recipes, foods. Include your name and your parish church and also photos to go with your story and send by Tuesday, April 2. Please email your stories and photos to: bcw@archpitt.org.

“Joyful Light”: Copies of the Newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary are included with today’s bulletin. Online access to the newsletter available at www.bcs.edu.

Saint Mary’s, Cambria City: Father Tim Fariss extends an invitation to:

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

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.

Assembly 2025: July 16-20: Hosted by the Eparchy of Parma at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana, July 16-20. All people of the Metropolia of Pittsburgh, along with all people of good will, are invited to attend this time to explore our faith, worship together with our Metropolitan and bishops. This an opportunity to learn from one another, and grow in our mission to spread the Good News.

Be sure to take advantage of our early bird registration discount! Visit byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday, March 30

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Sunday April 6

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.*

For the Health of: *Steve Fleck; Susan O’Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; 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 Nezneski; Andrew & Linda Deskevich.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

143 Church Drive—Portage, Pennsylvania 15946 814-**736-9780**

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Deacon Daniel Perich

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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 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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