

**Liturgical Schedule *Palm Sunday & Holy Week—April 13, 2025***

**Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem**

**Saturday April 12, 2025**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

**Anticipated Divine Liturgy [**

**[+Suzanne Kirk Nicolaysen, by Jim Afton and Marie & Marty Johnson]**

**Sunday April 13 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**6:30 PM**

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**

**Great & Holy Monday, April 14**

Portage **5:30 PM**

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**

Portage **6:00 PM**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Great & Holy Tuesday, April 15**

Portage **5:30 PM**

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**

Portage **6:00 PM**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Great & Holy Wednesday April 16– *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 April 17– *Simple abstinence and fasting recommended***

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

Portage **5:00 PM** **Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**

Portage **6:00 PM**

**Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

**Great and Holy Friday--April 18 *Strict abstinence and fasting required***

Portage **10:00 AM**

**Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels**

Dunlo **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 April 19 *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 April 19**

Portage **7:00 PM**

**Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy**

*Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social*

**Sunday April 20**

Dunlo **8:00 AM**

**Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy**

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

Portage **10:30 AM**

**Paschal Divine Liturgy**

**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.

**Mystery of Repentance–Confession:** Sunday at 6:30 pm Monday, Tuesday at 5:30 pm;  
Wednesday, 5:00 pm. On Thursday at 5:00 pm in Portage.

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

**A Note of Thanks:** to **Sharon Bolvin** and **Sandy Lenz** who baked the paskas for the Paska baking activity yesterday and to our ECF students and parents who learned about baking Paska. Paskas were made for homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes.

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

**Sanctuary Candle:** is offered this week for **+Shawn Crum,** by Ken and Connie Crum.

**Chrism:** Metropolitan William will consecrate Chrism Holy Thursday, April 17, at the Divine Liturgy at 11 a.m. at **Saint John’s Cathedral, Munhall.** The faithful from our parishes are invited to attend.

**Memorial Donation:** We have received a donation for the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage, in memory of **+Albert Bihary** from Patti and Brian Michaels, Boalsburg. *Eternal Memory.*

**Pastoral Visits:** For Confession and the Eucharist to the Homebound will be scheduled this week. Call the rectory to inform Father Jim of family members not on the list who are to be visited.

**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.

**“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Before Christ”--Assembly 2025:** Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana, July 16-20. 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. [byzantineassembly.org](http://byzantineassembly.org) to register or ask Father Jim for a paper registration form.

**Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:**

**Sunday, April 13** Candle: Easton Slanoc

**Sunday April 20** 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, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko;

**NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; 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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