

**Liturgical Schedule *Pascha—Resurrection of our Lord; and Bright Week—April 20, 2025***

**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**

**Monday April 21**

Portage **Bright Monday**  
**6:00 PM** **Divine Liturgy & Procession with the Resurrection Gospels**

**Tuesday April 22**

Portage **Bright Tuesday**  
**9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday April 23**

Portage **Bright Wednesday-- Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George**  
**9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy**

**Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas**

**Saturday April 26, 2024**

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy**  
*Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread*

**Sunday April 27, 2024**

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Dr. Sam Resconich, by donor]**  
*Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread*

***Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen***

Prayerful best wishes for a joyful celebration of Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord.

- 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].
- ***During Bright Week*** there is no fasting. ***Through the fifty days*** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.
- On ***Bright Monday***, there is a procession which stops at the four sides of the church, and at each side we read the accounts of the resurrection from each of the four Gospels.
- On ***Bright Wednesday*** [April 23], we celebrate the Feast of the Great Martyr Saint George

**Blessing and Breaking of the “Artos”**: On ***Thomas Sunday***, next Sunday, April 27, the ***“Artos”*** loaf of bread will be blessed and broken and distributed following the Divine Liturgy in Beaverdale [Saturday evening] and Portage.

**ECF Classes**”: Classes will resume next Sunday, April 27, Thomas Sunday.  
The final Day of ECF classes for the 2024-2025 year will be Sunday, May 4.

**Pastoral Letter:** Metropolitan William Skurla's Pastoral Letter for the Feast of Pascha is enclosed in an insert in today's bulletin.

On the reverse side are announcements concerning *Youth Ministry Events* in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh; and the *Assembly 2025* for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States.

**Bright Week:** *"This is the week of joy, for Christ has destroyed the kingdom of death and the power of sin, and has established the Kingdom of God. Death no longer reigns over human life, and paradise is re-opened to all, symbolized by the Holy Doors (also called Royal or Beautiful Doors) of the Iconostasis remaining open throughout the week. Through the power of the Spirit, all of humankind and the whole cosmos are renewed. In the ancient tradition, the newly-baptized, having entered into a new life in the hope of Resurrection, wore their white garments of joy and purity throughout the week. For the faithful departed, the service for Bright Week expresses our faith that Christ has destroyed the power of death."* [Father David Petras Typicon, p. 32]

**Sanctuary Candle:** is offered this week for **+Dan Brenna**, by Ju;ie Brenna.

**Spring Basket Auction:** St. John the Baptist Byzantine catholic church 719 chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Saturday, April 26; 5:00 pm--6:30 pm; and Sunday, April 27, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Drawing: 3:00 pm pick up baskets: 4-5 pm. Basket tickets: 26 for \$5.00  
Also, Spaghetti dinner-Sunday: \$10.<sup>00</sup> Benefit — boiler replacement for church

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day Of Reflection:**

**"Do Whatever He Tells You". (John 2:11)—Revisiting the Wedding Feast of Cana**

Saturday, May 17, 2025 9:00 am to 2:30 pm; at the *Kearns Spirituality Center* on the Campus of LaRoche University) 900 Babcock Boulevard. Allison Park, PA 15101.

Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Office of Religious Education

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

**Sunday April 20** Candle: Owen Slanoc

**Sunday, April 27** Candle: Easton Slanoc

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

**For the Health of:** *Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; 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.

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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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