

Liturgical Schedule—March 15, 2026 Fifth Week of the Great Fast

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast; *Saint John Climacus*

Saturday March 14, 2026

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

[+Mary Louise Cimba, by John & Irene Gindlesperger & Family]
Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 15, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 18

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 20

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 21

Portage **1:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale 3:30 PM

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast; *Saint Mary of Egypt*

Saturday March 21, 2026

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 22, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+For the Ill, homebound, & Nursing Home Residents of Portage, Beaverdale, Dunlo parishes, by Anonymus],

PASKA Baking for ECF Students:

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students will be **Saturday, March 21, 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 it a *sign-up list* in the narthex.

Mystery of Repentance—Confessions: On Thursday, **March 26** at **7:00 pm**. **Father Richard**

Davis, T.O.R. from the Franciscan Friars in Loretto will be here with Father Jim for Confessions.

Also, Wednesday and Friday [5:30 pm]; Saturday: 1:00 pm.; Beaverdale or Dunlo: **3:30 p.m.**

Also, you may call to schedule an appointment

The Great Fast: On Friday we read the story of Abraham's faith in his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac [Genesis 22].

What the Father forbade to Abraham he allowed for Christ, who was sacrificed for the life of the world. [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 21]

Portage Parish Advisory Council : Meeting on Thursday, **March 19** at 7:00 pm.

Annual Parish Ethnic Festival : Meeting the week of March 23. Date to be announced.

Lenten Observances: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: Wednesday and Friday of Lent. Mystery of Repentance [Confessions] Wednesday and Friday prior to Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts; Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Lenten Regulations Wednesdays and Fridays abstinence from meat.

Eggstravaganza: Sunday, March 22, 12 Noon-4 p.m. St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown. Egg artists displaying decorated eggs, supplies.

Offerings for February	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
Portage:	\$1,320.00	\$1,024.00	\$3,134.00	\$ 1,135.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 260.00	\$ 708.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 204.00
Dunlo:	\$ 527.41	\$ 528.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 168.00

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll; Poppysseed Roll; Apricot Roll [\$14]; Pascha Bread [\$10]. Call Theresa [814-266-3717]; or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [[814-467-7309].
Deadline for ordering: Sunday, **March 22rd**.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: *Stella Raptosh* had the icon the week of March 8. *Mary Jane Bihary* will have the icon week of March 15. A note of thanks to *Don Timura* for bringing the icon to and from their homes. To bring the icon to homebound contact Father Jim.

Lenten Lunches: Portage Area Ministerial Association, Wednesdays noon; Hammers Street Church of God. Speakers: March 18: Pastor Cory Dobrowolsky; March 25: Pastor Matt Leverknight.

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, Memory of Holy Mother Mary of Egypt Troparion Tone 8 (DL 161-163), (DL 230-232).

Troitsja **March 15:** Lucy Harrington

March 22: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: **March 15:** Lucy and Luke Harrington

March 22: Joseph Blazosky and Lucy Harrington

Remember in Prayer: As these needs change you update your requests by informing Father Jim. **For the Health of:** Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; Frank Jubara; Father Edward Pyo Garvey Manor]; ; John Havrilla; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly; I; Sandy {Lucci} Georg; Barbara Havrilla; Susan O'Toole; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward & Anita Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak, and the 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]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vlabel; **Richland Nursing & Rehabilitation:** Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew 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 June 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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