

Liturgical Schedule—March 1, 2026 Second Week of the Great Fast

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday February 28, 2026

Dunlo **4:00 PM** **Anticipated Divine Liturgy**
followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 1, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**
[+Charles and +Madge Marino, by John and Barbara Havrilla]

Wednesday, March 4

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM
6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 6

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM
6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday March 7, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy**, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Saturday, March 7

Portage **1:00 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
Beaverdale 3:30 PM *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Third Sunday of the Great Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saturday March 7, 2026

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** **Anticipated Divine Liturgy** [+Margaret Prudhoe, by Sharon Daniels]
Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 8, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**

The Great Fast: Lessons from Genesis and Proverbs are read at the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. During the Third Week of Lent, we read the story of the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark. This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.

“In your anger, Christ our God, during the days of Noah, you submerged the ocean of sins by your power. In these last days, you renew the world by baptism, and in the days to come, you will purify the earth by fire. Save us from anger in your love for us, O Redeemer of all.” Kontakion [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 17]

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll [\$14]; Poppysseed 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 for ordering: Sunday, **March 22rd**.

Third All Souls Saturday: Saturday, March 7 Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida. Remembering the faithful departed is an opportunity to offer prayer on behalf of our family and parishioners, expression of the bond of life and love in the Body of Christ.

Lenten Observances:

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: each 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. Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast: abstinence from meat.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2025 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting them. Call [814-736-9780]; or **james armand spontak@verizon.net.**

Work Party: Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 am, because of the All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida.

Remember in Prayer: Please remember in your prayers *Father Edward Pyo*, who is now a resident at Garvey Manor, Altoona.

Sanctuary Candle: Is offered this week for *+John Sekerak*, by Kathy Sekerak

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: If you can help bring the icon to a homebound person please inform Father Jim. *Thank you.*

Lenten Lunches: On Wednesdays at noon in the Hammers Street Church of God fellowship hall, with singing led by Pastor Sang Lee and his wife.

The schedule of speakers: March 4: Jim Hale; March 11: Pastor Sang Lee; March 18: Pastor Cory Dobrowolsky; March 25: Pastor Matt Leverknight.

Liturgical Propers: March 8, 2026, Third Sunday of the Great Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross. Troparion Tone 6 (152-153; 223-225.

Troitsja March 1: Easton Slanoc March 8: Owen Slanoc

Bulletins: February 22: Easton & Owen Slanoc March 8: Easton & Owen Slanoc

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 Vrabel; **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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