

Liturgical Schedule—March 22, 2026 Sixth Week of the Great Fast

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],

Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Wednesday, March 25

Simple abstinence required

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage **6:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 27

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 28

Saturday of Lazarus

Portage **1:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 3:30 PM Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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

Saturday March 28, 2026

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy [+Michael Prozialeck, by Steven Yuhas],

Sunday March 29, 2026

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

PASKA Baking: 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.

Mystery of Repentance: **Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm.** *Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.* from the Franciscans 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. Or call to schedule an appointment

Parish Ethnic Festival : a meeting to prepare for the Annual Festival is scheduled for **this Tuesday, March 24.** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

This year's festival is **Sunday July 12, 2026.**

The Great Fast: On Friday we conclude the Fast of forty days and begin the Fast of Holy Week. At the Presanctified Liturgy we read the story of Joseph from Genesis, a type of Jesus who died and is risen. [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 23]

Sanctuary Candle: This week is for *The Ill, homebound, & Nursing Home Residents of Portage, Beaverdale, Dunlo* parishes, by Anonymus.

Pussy-Willow Branches: If you have *pussy-willow branches* for Palm-Flowery Sunday [Sunday, April 3], please bring them to the church this week, prior to Palm Sunday. Thank you.

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

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.

Pastoral Letter: Enclosed in today's bulletin is a pastoral letter from the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States who were gathered at their annual meeting this week.

It asks us to share in their concern for all Eastern Catholic Churches in their homelands—“*from India to the Middle East, from Ukraine to the Caucasus*”.

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

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: *Mary Jane Bihary* had the icon the week of March 15. *Phil* and *Dorothy Walters* will have the icon week of March 22. A note of thanks to *Paul Vrabel* 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. *March 25: Pastor Matt Leverknight.*

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, March 29, Palm (Flowery) Sunday: (DL 235-241).

Troitsja **March 22:** Joseph Blazosky **March 29:** Easton Slanoc

Bulletins: **March 22:** Joseph Blazosky and Lucy Harrington **March 29:** Easton Slanoc & 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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