

Liturgical Schedule—March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday and Holy Week

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**
6:30 PM **Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**

Great & Holy Monday, March 30

Portage 5:30 PM **Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**
Portage 6:00 PM **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Great & Holy Tuesday, March 31

Portage 5:30 PM **Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)**
Portage 6:00 PM **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Great & Holy Wednesday April 1– *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 2– *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 3 *Strict abstinence and fasting required*

Portage 10:00 AM **Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels**
Beaverdale 3:00 PM **Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud**
Portage 7:00 PM **Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud**
Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord following service until 10:00 PM

Great & Holy Saturday April 4 *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord continues throughout the day

Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday April 4

Portage 7:00 PM **Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy**
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social

Sunday April 5

Beaverdale 8:00 AM **Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy**
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—
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.

Fasting Regulations for Great and Holy Week

Great & Holy Wednesday April 1— *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Great and Holy Friday--April 3 *Strict abstinence and fasting required*

Great & Holy Saturday April 4 *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

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.

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. Some visits may be delayed until after Holy Week. Father Jim will call to schedule a day and time.

Parish Festival : Meeting to prepare for this year's festival **[Sunday July 12]** and important decisions is to be scheduled soon after Pascha. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Welcome...to *Father Edward Pyo*, who is with us today upon his return from recuperation at Garvey Manor, Altoona. *Many, happy years!*

"Joyful Light"...the newsletter of Saints Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary is enclosed in today's bulletin. It is also available at www.bcs.edu.

Thank You: ...to those who brought *Pussy-Willow Branches* for Palm [Flowery] Sunday today.

Resilience through Hope & Prayer: Twenty-First Annual Women's Day of Reflection Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:00am – 2:30pm Kearns Spirituality Center Campus of La Roche University Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: To bring the icon to homebound contact Father Jim.

Liturgical Propers: - April 5, Pascha: Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (DL 164-171).

Troitsja **March 29:** Easton Slanoc **April 5:** Owen Slanoc

Bulletins: **March 29:** Easton Slanoc & Owen Slanoc **April 5:** Easton Slanoc & Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. ***For the Health of:*** *Carol Slifko* [Beaverdale]; *Joe Thrower* [Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara*; ; *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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