

Liturgical Schedule—March 8, 2026 Fourth Week of the Great Fast

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

Wednesday, March 11

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 13

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 5:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fourth All Souls Saturday

Saturday March 14, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Saturday, March 14

Portage **1:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 3:30 PM

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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

The Great Fast: During the Fourth Week of Lent, on Wednesday we pass the mid-point of Lent. During this week we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation.

"No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. By it the sorrow of death and the victory of the abyss have been conquered, for you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the abyss: "Enter again into Paradise". Kontakion [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 19]

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of:

- **+Pauline Yetsko** who fell asleep in the Lord on March 1. We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to Frank and Lynn; Susan; Jerry and Christine; and Lori and Matt; and to all of her family.
- **Sister Helen Schott** of Mount Saint Macrina, who fell asleep in the Lord March 3. Sister Helen was a former Provincial of the Sisters, and the Sister of the late Metropolitan Archbishop Basil Schott

Sanctuary Candle: This week is for ***Military Servicemen and Servicewomen*** by Patty Haschak.

Lenten Observances:

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: each Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast.'

Fourth All Souls Saturday: Saturday, March 14 Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida.

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.

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 for decorating eggs; "pysanky" decorating. Easter basket covers, egg wraps, for sale. Nut, apricot, poppy seed, cottage cheese rolls; Paskas; Lenten lunch menu. 724-438-1382 M-F—*leave message*).

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll [\$14]; Poppyseed 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 22nd**.

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.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: *Patty Haschak* had the icon the weeks of February 22 and March 1. *Stella Raptosh* will have the icon the week of March 8. A note of thanks to *Don Timura* for his help in bringing the icon to and from their homes.

If you can help bring the icon to a homebound person please inform Father Jim.

Lenten Lunches: Wednesdays at noon in the Hammers Street Church of God fellowship hall. Sponsored by the Portage Area Ministerial Association. The schedule of speakers: March 11: Pastor Sang Lee; March 18: Pastor Cory Dobrowolsky; March 25: Pastor Matt Leverknight.

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, Memory of John Climacus Troparion Tone 7 (DL 156-158), (DL 226).

Troitsja March 8: Owen Slanoc

March 15: Lucy Harrington

Bulletins: March 8: Easton & Owen Slanoc

March 15: Lucy and Luke 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 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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