

Liturgical Schedule—April 5, 2026 *Pascha—the Resurrection of the Lord—Bright Week*

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**

Monday April 6

Portage **9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy & Procession with the Resurrection Gospels**

Tuesday April 7

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

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday April 11

Portage 1:00 PM;

Dunlo

3:30 PM

Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

Saturday April 11, 2026

Dunlo **4:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy** *Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread*

Sunday April 12, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy:** [+Mary Miterko, by Kathy Sekerak]
Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen

Prayerful best wishes for a joyful celebration of Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord.

- We share the greeting ***“Christ is risen!”***, ***“Indeed He is risen!”*** from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- ***During Bright Week*** there is no fasting. ***Through the fifty days*** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.
- On ***Bright Monday***, there is a procession which stops at the four sides of the church, and at each side we read the accounts of the resurrection from each of the four Gospels.

Blessing and Breaking of the “Artos”: On ***Thomas Sunday***, next Sunday, April 12, the ***“Artos”*** loaf of bread will be blessed and broken and distributed following the Divine Liturgy in Dunlo [Saturday evening] and Portage.

ECF Classes: Classes will resume next Sunday, April 12, Thomas Sunday.

The final Day of ECF classes for the 2025-2026 year will be Sunday, May 3.

Pastoral Visits: Some visits for Confession and the Eucharist to the Homebound have been delayed until after Holy Week. Father Jim will call to schedule a day and time.

Thank you for your patience and consideration.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for April: The *Work Party* is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 am; the *Church Cleaning* is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 8:30 am. .

A note of thanks to the volunteers to the monthly The *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

Annual Spring Basket Auction at *St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church*, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Saturday, April 11 5:00 to 6:30 pm; Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am to 3:00pm. Drawing at 3:00 pm on Sunday. Tickets: \$5.00 for 26 tickets.

All tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. Take-out food is also available for purchase. Our basket auction will benefit the Development Fund at St. John's.

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.

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

CONVERGE—2026: The *Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry* of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh invites TEENS (7th grade through high school) and YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18–39, single or married) to come and celebrate the gift of young people in the Church. Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Theme: "I Have Called You Friends." — John 15:15. At Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church 104 Shaffer Street, Sykesville, PA 15865.

10:00 AM – Arrival and Confessions offered; 10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Metropolitan William C. Skurla; Keynote Address – Dr. Alexander Harb (Melkite Catholic from Alabama).

Separate activities and interactive sessions for teens and young adults • Q&A with Archbishop William Conclusion and closing prayer (estimated end time: 4:00 PM). For Registration, contact Father Jim.

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

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, April 12, 2026, Thomas Sunday (DL 175-177)

Troitsja April 5: Owen Slanoc

April 12: Lucy Harrington

Bulletins: April 5: Easton Slanoc & Owen Slanoc

April 12: Lucy & Luke Harrington

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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