

## Liturgical Schedule Second Week of the Great Fast — March 6, 2022

### First Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 5, 2022

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Thrower, by Joseph & David Thrower]

Sunday March 6, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 9

Portage 6:30 PM 7:00 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*  
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 11

Portage 6:30 PM 7:00 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*  
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

### Second All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 12

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased  
Portage 3:00 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance  
Beaverdale 4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

### Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 12, 2022

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 13, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+George Pyo, by John Shaner]

### *Special Offering for Ukraine.*

On the Third Sunday of Lent—Sunday, March 20, an offering will be taken for our Byzantine Catholic Church in Ukraine during this time of the invasion and war there. This collection will be forwarded to the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine. Envelopes will be provided for this offering. You may also use one of the “*Special Offering*” envelopes in the back of your packet of envelopes. When using a check, please make out the check to the parish. Each parish will then write one check to the Archeparchy and the funds will be forwarded to the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

Prayers for this concern will be included in the services during Lent. Thank you for your generosity in this appeal and for your continued prayers.

**The Lenten Journey:** It was on the First Sunday of the Great Fast in the year 843, following the Second Council of Nicaea that icons were triumphantly restored to their rightful places in the churches. We celebrate this anniversary with thanksgiving to God on the First Sunday of the Great Fast with veneration of the icons in our homes and churches.

*Lenten regulations:* Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

*The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* is on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm. *The Second All Souls Saturday* is March 12, with Divine Liturgy and Panachida at 9:00 am.

**Prayers for Ukraine:** A **Community Prayer Vigil**, Tuesday, March 8 at Saint Michael Orthodox Church, 915 Blair Street Portage, 6:00-7:00 pm. It is open to everyone and will be a time of personal prayer. Father Gregory Tsjouman, Pastor of Saint Michael's, has family in Ukraine and is very concerned about them all. A **Prayer Gathering for Peace:** Sunday 6 March, 2:30 PM, at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland, Pittsburgh. **Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania** is co-sponsoring this interfaith service organized in collaboration and solidarity with the Pittsburgh-area Ukrainian community. **Streaming online at [youtube.com/diopitt](https://www.youtube.com/diopitt).**

### **Church Cleaning & Work Party for March:**

- The **Church Cleaning** is **Monday, March 7**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** is **Saturday, March 12** at 10:30 am. *Please note* this adjustment in beginning time because of the All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida.

**Adult Education** sessions during the Great Fast will be held beginning Sunday March 13, 4:00-5:30 pm. The sessions will be a Scripture study together with opportunity to discuss and clarify questions on the survey questionnaire for the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

**2023 Synod of Bishops Preparation Process:** The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, "*For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*," will be a gathering of Catholic Bishops from throughout the world. In preparation for the 2023 Synod, Pope Francis is asking Catholics worldwide to take part in a survey questionnaire. Copies of this questionnaire are in the narthex. The questions ask how we can better live out the mission of Christ.

You are encouraged to take part in this questionnaire. The insights and contributions of all of our faithful are appreciated. *You do not need to respond to all of the question. Focus upon those most pertinent to our community.* Please return the survey by Sunday April 24, 2022.

**Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:** Parish youth are resuming holding the Troitsja candle during the Gospel and the Creed; and distributing bulletins. A schedule is being prepared. Thanks for your participation in the Divine Liturgy in this way, and to the ushers who assist them.

**Reminder:** The offering for the six day vigil candles at Saints Peter and Paul Portage is now **\$3.00** effective January 1, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Stephen Ference**, brother of Alice Ference who has fallen asleep in the Lord on February 20. We express our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Alice and all of her family.

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of** Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound. The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, "*For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*.". **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Homewood**, Martinsburg: *Charles Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care**, Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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 may 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 a **required** 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: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo).** Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday],** and by appointment.

**Opportunities for Stewardship:** Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.