

Liturgical Schedule Fourth Week of the Great Fast—March 12, 2023

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 11, 2023

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

Sunday March 12, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [for Shawn Crum and Connie Crum by Ken Cru]

Wednesday, March 15

Portage 6:00 PM Mid-Lent Simple abstinence and fasting required
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 17

Portage 6:00 PM Simple abstinence and fasting required
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fourth All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 18

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

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast-- Saint John Climacus

Saturday March 18, 2023

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

Sunday March 19, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Helen M. Saintz, by Dr. Stotler's Office]

The Lenten Journey: In the middle of the Great Fast, on this Third Sunday the Cross is set before us, to draw forth our faith and reverence. We have the opportunity to venerate the Cross today and during this week: *"in faith let us adore the cross, let us rejoice, and embrace it ardently, beseeching the Lord who of His own choice gave Himself to be crucified on it."* [Hymn from Matins]

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

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm.

The Fourth All Souls Saturday is March 18, with Divine Liturgy and Panachida at 9:00 am.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast. Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner*.

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students: will be **Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am**. Our students learn about baking *Paska*—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. There will be a sign-up list in the narthex next Sunday.

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes for *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* and *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale* have arrived and are being distributed this weekend. *Please remember to write your name and the offering amount on the envelope, to assist those who record the offerings.*

Meeting for the Annual Festival: A meeting for planning the **2023 Festival** is scheduled for Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

A **"gofund.me"**...account has been established for the benefit of parishioner **Shawn Crum's**: treatment for cancer. To access and contribute: **<https://gofund.me/465a134f>**.

Adult Education in Faith: Our Adult Education Sessions for the Great Fast from 4:00-5:30 pm. meets in the **Conference Room** of the rectory office. Using the book **Journey through the Great Fast** aspects of the Great Fast are our focus of attention: Lenten worship, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, and the calendar of readings during Lent. The booklet has reflection for each day during Lent on the lessons from Scripture and texts from the liturgical services.

Easter Bake Sale: Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber: **Nutroll** [\$13]; **Poppyseed Roll** [\$13]; **Apricot Roll** [\$13]; and **Pascha Bread** [\$10]. To order, and for pick-up times, call Theresa [814-266-3717]; Elaine [814-467-8647]; or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [[814-467-7309]. **Deadline: March 19.**

Free Books, Prayer Books: There are some books on topics of faith; prayer books; and LP recordings of Byzantine Catholic Christmas music in the narthex and usher's room. These are *free* and you are encouraged to make use of these for your enrichment in faith.

National Eucharistic Congress: The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of USCCB has been preparing for the **National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024** in Indianapolis, IN. The registration session is available up to the end of June 2023. The price is \$350.00. Please remember that the registration fee does not include travel expenses, housing reservations, and accommodation.

Metropolitan Assembly of 2023: Representatives from the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh; Eparchies of Passaic, Parma, Phoenix and the Exarchate of Toronto, Canada will assemble for the **Metropolitan Assembly of 2023: November 2-5, 2023**; [November 3-4-5, especially for laity]; at **St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**, Hillsboro, New Jersey.

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

March 12	Candle & Bells:	Lexie Slanoc	Bulletins:	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
March 19	Candle & Bells:	Bella Koban	Bulletins:	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
March 26	Candle & Bells	Abby Koban	Bulletins:	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For the repose of the soul of +Mary Lou Matoka*, the wife of Father Jim's cousin, Robert Matoka. *For The Health of:* *Linda Sekerak* [Forbes Regional]; *Shawn Crum*; *Katie Czapp*; *Darlene Shaner*; *Angeline Pieraccini*; *Steve Paluch*; *Jason Thornton*; *Charlett Thornton*; *Catherine McGough*; *Carol Slifko*; *Deacon Daniel Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; Father Joseph Borodach and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: **SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters;. **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Catherine McGough; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich.

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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.

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