

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Week of the Great Fast—March 19, 2023

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]

Wednesday, March 22

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:30 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts [+Shirley Statler, by Barbara & Jim Koban]

Friday, March 24

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

6:30 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Saturday, March 25

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy

Portage **2:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **4:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast—

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Annunciation; Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Saturday March 25, 2023

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 26, 2023

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Charles & +Madge Marino, by Barbara & John Havrilla]

Note from Deacon Dan: After 40 plus years as a construction worker, I find myself in need of some replacement parts. On Monday I will be undergoing surgery for a total shoulder replacement. My understanding is that I will be in a confinement sling for six weeks, while taking therapy. I will not be able to serve as deacon until I can safely use my arm again. Please keep me in your prayers for recovery as I will be praying for all of you as well.

Mystery of Repentance—Confessions: Monday, **March 27** at 7:00 pm. **Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.** from the Franciscan Friars in Loretto will be here with Father Jim for Confessions. Also, Confessions at 6:00 pm before the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts [Wednesday and Friday]; on **Saturday, March 25: Portage (2:30 pm); Dunlo (4:30 pm).** You may call to schedule an appointment.

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students: Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am. Our students learn about baking **Paska**—Easter bread—and help prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. Please sign-up by next Sunday, March 26 on the list in the narthex.

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes for each **parish** have arrived. *Please* write your **name** and the **offering amount** on the envelope, to assist those who record the offerings.

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos is celebrated on Saturday March 25. The Divine Liturgy highlights the Divine aspect of this mystery. With the greeting of the Archangel Gabriel, and Mary's willing consent, the Word was made flesh and assumed forever the humanity of Jesus. Through the operation of the Holy Spirit, Jesus became the Mediator between God and men. Mary, through her absolute purity and total submission, obtained the most glorious title: Mother of God or Theotokos, and has ever since been honored with a very special devotion and lo

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

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

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

Eternal Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **+Father Joseph Borodach**, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, who has fallen asleep in the Lord on Saturday March 11.

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 for the Great Fast continues today, 4:00-5:30 pm. in the **Conference Room** of the rectory office. The book **Journey through the Great Fast** is the focus of our study:

Offerings for February	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Portage:	\$1,804.00	\$1,592.00	\$2,280.00	\$1,209.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 145.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 235.00
Dunlo:	\$ 25.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 198.00

Easter Bake Sale: Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber: **Nutroll** [\$13]; **Poppysed 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.**

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

March 19	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
March 26	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
April 2	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban

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; 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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