

## Liturgical Schedule Holy Week April 2, 2023

### Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

#### Saturday April 1, 2023

Beaverdale      5:00 PM      Vigil Divine Liturgy]

#### Sunday April 2, 2023

Portage      9:00 AM      **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Michael Blazosky, by Jim Afton, Marty & Marie Johnson

#### Great & Holy Monday April 3

Portage      5:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage      6:30 PM      **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

#### Great & Holy Tuesday, April 4

Portage      5:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage      6:30 PM      **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

#### Great & Holy Wednesday April 5-- *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Portage      5:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage      6:30 PM      **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Holy Anointing**

#### Great & Holy Thursday April 6--      *Simple abstinence and fasting recommended*

#### Institution of the Eucharist & Betrayal of Our Lord

Portage      1:00 PM & 5:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage      6:30 PM      **Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

#### Great and Holy Friday--April 7      *Strict abstinence and fasting required*

Portage      10:00 AM      **Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels**

Beaverdale      3:00 PM      **Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud**

Portage      7:00 PM      **Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud**

*Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord following service until Midnight*

#### Great & Holy Saturday April 8      *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

*Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord continues throughout the day*

Portage      Noon      **Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

### Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

#### Saturday April 8

Portage      7:00 PM      **Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy**

*Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social*

#### Sunday April 9

Beaverdale      8:00 AM      **Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy**

*Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church]*

Portage      10:30 AM      **Paschal Divine Liturgy**

**Holy Week:** A note of thanks to those who brought *pussy-willow branches* for *Palm Sunday* and to *Jonathan and Irene Gindlesperger*, Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo for the Palm-baskets the front of church. **Decorative candles** for the Blessing of Paschal foods are available from the ushers at each church. An offering of \$10 is requested for these candles.

**Holy Week:** “During this most solemn week of the Church Year we re-live the mystery of God’s merciful loving kindness, when he suffered death and burial for our salvation and is risen for our hope of eternal life. We take an active part in what we remember as happening now through divine remembrance. We die in Christ and rise in the fullness of life.” [Fr. David Petras, Typicon, p... 27]

**Mystery of Repentance – Confession:**

- On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at **6:00 pm**, before Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.
- On Thursday at **1:00 pm** and **5:30 pm** in Portage.

**No Confessions** scheduled after Thursday of Holy Week. **Call the rectory** to schedule appointment.

**Welcome :** ...to **Very Reverend Robert Pipta**, Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh who will be with us for services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday..

**A note of Thanks:** To our **Volunteers** for baking Paska yesterday, to be delivered on pastoral visits during Holy Week. Also, to high school and junior high students, and Marianne George and Alisha Slanoc for coordinating them. They prepared gifts bags, greeting cards for the Paskas.

**Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week for **+Georgianna Walters** by Patty Haschak.

**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*.

**Church Cleaning & Work Party for April**

- The **Church Cleaning** for April is scheduled for **Monday, April 3**, at 9:00 am. .
- A note of thanks to the volunteers to the monthly **The Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**Pastoral Visits to the Homebound** for the Confession and the Eucharist will be scheduled this week. Fr. Jim will call for an appointment. Notify the parish office of family not presently on the list.

**“Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:**

<b><u>April 2</u></b>	<b><u>Candle &amp; Bells:</u></b>	Easton Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
<b><u>April 9--PASCHA</u></b>	<b><u>Candle &amp; Bells:</u></b>	Volunteers	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	Volunteers
<b><u>April 16</u></b>	<b><u>Candle &amp; Bells</u></b>	Lexie Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban

**Remember in Prayer:** 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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