

## Liturgical Schedule *PASCHA—the Glorious Resurrection* April 9, 2023

### 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

#### Monday April 10

Portage 6:00 PM **Bright Monday**  
Divine Liturgy & Procession with the Resurrection Gospels

#### Tuesday April 11

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

#### Saturday April 15

Portage 2:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

### Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

#### Saturday April 15, 2023

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Valko, by Dolly &\* John Yonkoski

#### Sunday April 16, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy]

### *The Week of Pascha—Bright Week:*

*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.

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

April 16 Candle & Bells Lexie Slanoc Bulletins: Abby Koban & Bella Koban

**Remember in Prayer:** For **The Health of:** Linda Sekerak; 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 Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg; Dorothy Resconich.

## 2023 Paschal Message—Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, 'This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him."*

John 1:1-18

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*** Today, we hear the Easter Gospel proclaimed in all our churches. The profound words from the beginning of the Gospel of Saint John give the entire history of salvation. We read and listen to these words because they give meaning to our faith.

Before our time and history existed, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit existed. They created the light from darkness and the universe from nothing. They sent into our world, the prophets and John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. Then, Jesus the Son of God became flesh and proclaimed the truth and good news of the Gospel.

The apostles and disciples heard the good news of the kingdom and changed their lives and became followers and then leaders of the early church. Some heard the message, but did not believe as is the case today. We pray for the return of those who have heard the Gospel, but have fallen away from the faith.

However, billions have heard the message of the Easter Gospel and have received grace in place of grace for thousands of years. Despite wars, pandemics, and suffering, Christians have and continue to remain faithful because of our encounter with Jesus Christ. We experience and celebrate that encounter each Easter and every Divine Liturgy which strengthens the presence of the lifegiving spirit of our Lord and God Savior Jesus Christ in our lives.

This Easter Paschal celebration renews our belief in the eternal God who rose from the dead to show us the path to the eternal banquet in heaven. Our faith leads us to help others in need and to be able to spread the Good News. You are the agents of the Holy Spirit who is active in this world through your words and actions. You are the presence of the Holy Spirit in your family and work place where we tell all who will listen that "Christ is Risen."

We thank you for your prayer and service in the past year. We request your continued support and prayer in the coming year. May the Lord bless you and your families during this Paschal Season.

***Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D., Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh***

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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 to 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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