

Liturgical Schedule—Fourth Paschal Week-- May 7, 2023

Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday May 6

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday May 7

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Barry Krisko, by Carol Goral & Diane Kinback

Tuesday, May 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Alick Prudhoe by Mark & Larry Sasek

Friday, May 12

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Raptosh, by Mike & Kathy Havrilla]

Saturday May 13

Portage 3:30pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
Dunlo 4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 13

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday May 14

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgyk
We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

A Note from Deacon Dan: Christ is Risen!

First of all, I want to thank you for the many cards and gifts that I have received since my recent surgery. I especially want to thank you all for your prayers and support. My shoulder is coming along very well and I am guessing that I may be able to return to serving as deacon in a few short weeks. You are all in my prayers daily.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm.*, in the Conference Room of the rectory. Minutes of the February 28 meeting will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

Women's Day of Reflection: "*Consider the Lilies of the Field*" is the theme for this event on Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am-2:30 pm held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Munhall.

The program will offer insights on Pope Francis' Encyclical, "*Laudate Si: On Care for our Common Home*". There will also be a presentation on plants and herbs in Scripture and how they contribute to our health. Speakers include Kat Doyle of the Archdiocese of Atlanta; and Dr. Sandra Collins on the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Brochures with registration information are in the narthex.

The Paschal Season

- 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](#)].
- **Through the fifty days** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

GCU Fraternal Benefit Society: Effective January 1, 2023, the **GCU Fraternal Benefit Society** announced a change in its fraternal structure and community outreach. This reorganized structure allows for continued support of our Byzantine Catholic Parishes. It will also expand this support to all Byzantine Catholic Parishes throughout the United States.

The following financial benefits will be offered

- A donation in the amount of \$2,000 to each Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Parish (no requirement).

A **Parish Coordinator** must be named by each Parish to receive the following additional support:

- A Matching Funds donation of up to \$3,000 for fundraising events conducted for the benefit of the Parish.
- A \$500 donation (debit card) for events held within the Parish, i.e. Children's Easter Egg Hunt, St. Nicholas Dinner, Children's Halloween Party or similar events

On April 26, 2023 we received Fraternal Benefit Donations of \$2,000 to each of our parishes: Suits Peter and Paul, Portage; Saint Mary, Beaverdale; and. Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo. Our sincere thanks to the **GCU** and it's over 50,000 members for this generous donations to each of our parishes

“Making the City Church” is the 23rd Annual Lecture of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM E.D.T. via the Seminary website: www.bcs.edu.

Camp Harmony The **Camp Harmony Day Camp** in Portae June 19-23 2023, 9:00 am-4:40 pm. at Crichton McCormick Park. .Registration cost is \$50 [\$25 nonrefundable Deposit. Camp will be. Games; Lunch and Snacks; Bible Lessons; Water Games; and more. Registration: www.campharmony.org/summercamp. Information: 814-798-5883p iendall@campharmony.org.

“Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

May 7	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
May 14	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
May 21	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & 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.

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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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