

## Liturgical Schedule Cheesefare Week February 4, 2024

### Sunday of Meatfare

#### Saturday February 3, 2024

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal by Reba Vasas & Family]

*Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

#### Sunday February 4, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

#### Tuesday, February 6

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Resconich, by Janet Buchinsky]

#### Saturday, February 10

Portage 2:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 3:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Sunday of Cheesefare

#### Saturday, February 10

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Valko by Lynne & Mike Blumenthal]

#### Sunday February 11, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

**Pastor's Notebook:** Today, the Sunday of Meatfare, is most identified with the dramatic and vivid Gospel scene of the final judgment. Here we encounter Christ, coming in glory, as the "King" who separates sheep from goats. In one respect, the scene is highly symbolic in details and references. Even so, it is clear and compelling in its message that we encounter Christ in these "least of my brethren". These are the hungry, thirsty, naked, strangers, the ill, and the prisoners who appear of no account, easily disregarded.

It is compassion and love shown to these which in reality is expressed to Christ. This awareness is to be especially important in our preparation for the season of the Great Fast which soon begins.

**Adult Education/Catechesis:** The Great Fast is an opportunity to build up and strengthen our faith by formation and instruction and other ways to deepen our faith. Reading, first and foremost the Scriptures and other spiritual reading are always valuable.

There can also be sessions for education and enrichment. Please let Father Jim know if you have suggestions and an interest in such opportunities for the Great Fast. This would be helpful in planning such opportunities.

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting:** There is a meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage this Thursday February 8 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting will be sent to members this week.

**Pre-Lenten Breakfast:** A note of thanks for your participation and presence, as well as to Kim Rocker and her family for the breakfast meal which was appreciated by all who attended.

**Prayer Partners:** The Great Fast is a time of prayer both as part of the daily disciplines of this season, as well as the Liturgical services during the week and on Sunday.

Prayer for others is especially valuable during these days. The names of **Prayer Partners** will be selected after the Divine Liturgy next week. If you wish to have a prayer partner, write your name on the sheet of paper that will be provided in the back of church, both for the Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy and the Sunday Divine Liturgy [February 10 and 11].

**Vigil Divine Liturgy Time Change:** The time of the **Vigil Divine Liturgy** which alternates between Beaverdale and Dunlop has been changed to **4:00 pm** rather than **5:00 pm**.

Also beginning **Saturday, February 3 Confessions** at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage will be at **2:00 pm**. Thank you for your cooperation with this schedule adjustment.

**Church Cleaning for February: Monday, February 6,** at 9:00 am.

Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**Statements of Parishioners' Offerings** for 2023 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available upon request. Call 814-736-9780; or send to **[james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net)**. The 2023 Offering Statements should be available by the middle of February.

**Pre-Cana Program:** For engaged couples, that was scheduled to take place at the Saints. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary; on Saturday March 9 & 16, 2024 has been cancelled due to a lack of response.

**Blessing of Homes:** Father Jim acknowledges the various requests for Blessing of Homes that have been received. These are being scheduled, within the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience.

**2024 Offering Envelopes...** for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage and available in the Ushers' room. *Please write your name and amount of offering* on front of the envelope. *Thank you.*

**Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday February 4** Candle: Easton Slanoc

**February 11**

Candle: Owen Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *For The Health of;* Mary Lou Perich Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; and all the ill, homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters. **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; William Prozialek [Dunlop];

**Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak.

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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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