

## Liturgical Schedule Second Week of the Great Fast--February 18, 2024

### First Sunday of the Great Fast

#### Saturday, February 17

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Robert Roxby by Marty and Marie Johnson]

#### Sunday February 18, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

#### Wednesday, February 21

Portage 5:30 PM

#### Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**6:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### Friday, February 23

Portage 5:30 PM

#### Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**6:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

### Second All Souls Saturday

#### Saturday, February 24

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Portage **2:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

### Second Sunday of the Great Fast

#### Saturday, February 24

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Walter Prozialeck, by William Krumenacker Family]

*followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

#### Sunday February 25, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

**The Great Fast:** On the First Sunday of the Great Fast in 843, icons were triumphantly restored to the churches. The Second Council of Nicaea provided for this historic restoration. *On the cover of today's bulletin is a reflection from Saint Pope Joh Paul II, on the significance of holy images in our church and in our homes and their importance to Eastern Christians.*

**The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is offered each Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast. **Please note** that *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* is now scheduled for **6:00 pm**.

**The Second All Souls Saturday** is February 24, with Divine Liturgy and Panachida at 9:00 am.

**The Mystery of Repentance** [Confessions] is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at **5:30 pm.**; and Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

**Lenten Regulations:** Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

**Stations of the Cross with "Vox Nova":** Friday, February 23, 7:00 PM, at Holy Family parish, Portage. **Vox Nova** (new voice) is a mixed vocal ensemble which provides its own concert Series at Mount Aloysius College as well as special performances on and off Campus. They provide a musical depiction of the Stations of the Cross and are under the direction of Nancy Way.

All are welcome! There will be a free will offering taken at the end of the performance.

**Prayer Partners:** The Great Fast is a time of prayer both daily disciplines of Lent, and the Liturgical services during the week and on Sunday. Prayer for others is especially valuable during these days. Please include a remembrance daily of your **Prayer Partner**.

**Easter Bake Sale:** *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll [\$13]; Poppysseed 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**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. At the present time, no sessions for adult education are scheduled. Today enclosed in the bulletin is an informative pamphlet on the observances of the **All Souls Saturdays**.

| <b>Offerings for January</b> | <b>Jan 7</b> | <b>Jan 14</b> | <b>Jan 21</b> | <b>Jan 28</b> |
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| <b>Portage:</b>              | \$1,156.00   | \$1,190.00    | \$1,405.00    | \$1,555.00    |
| <b>Beaverdale:</b>           | \$ 256.00    | \$ 293.00     | \$ 180.00     | \$ 313.00     |
| <b>Dunlo:</b>                | \$ 20.00     | \$ 26.00      | \$ 200.00     | \$ 58.00      |

**Men's Conference:** The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown ***Strength In Christ*** Men's Conference is Sunday, March 3, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is J2J (Journey to Jesus). Nationally recognized speaker and musician Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. The day will include lunch and Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. There is no cost, but registration [by February 23] is required. Contact Father Jim for information.

**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 this week.

**Pre-Cana Program:** The ***2024 Pre-Cana Program*** is being offered as a one day only program on **Saturday March 16, 2024**, at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Please contact Father Jim for.

**Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

Sunday February 18 Candle: Easton Slanoc      February 25 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, Catchy 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 [Dunlo];

**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: 2:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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