

Liturgical Schedule Fourth Week of the Great Fast--March 3 2024

Third Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saturday, March 2

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 3, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Charles & +Madge Marino, by John and Barbara Havrilla]

Wednesday, March 6

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Mid-Lent Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 8

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 9

Portage 9:00 AM

Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste

Divine Liturgy,

Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased—Fourth All Souls Saturday

Portage 2:00 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 3:30 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast--Memory of our Holy Father John Climacus

Saturday, March 9

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased--Fourth All Souls Saturday

Sunday March 10, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Krisko, by Carol Goral & Diane Kinback]

The Great Fast: The *Mid-point* of Lent is on Wednesday of this ***Fourth Week of the Great Fast.***

During this week we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation.

The cross and what it signifies for us may be called the “*law of Lent*”. We find a concise express of this in today’s Gospel: “*If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me*” [Mark 8:34]

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts each Wednesday and Friday at **6:00 pm.**

The Feast of the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste is Saturday, March 9, Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. They are venerated for their heroic courage, made to pass the night naked on a frozen swamp and martyred with crucifixion the next day. *The Fourth All Souls Saturday* will be observed with Panachida following Liturgy.

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.

Prayer Partners: Prayer for others is especially valuable during the Great Fast. Please include a remembrance daily of your Prayer Partner

PASKA Baking for ECF Students: will be Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am. Our students learn about baking *Paska*—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. There will be a *sign-up list* in the narthex.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March:

- The *Church Cleaning* is Monday, March 4, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

Seventeenth Egg Eggstravaganza: Sunday, March 17, 12 Noon-4 p.m. St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown. Egg artists displaying decorated eggs. Sales tables with supplies for decorating eggs; opportunity for "pysanky" decorating. Easter basket covers, lamb butter molds, egg wraps, cookbooks, for sale. Bake Sale nut, apricot, poppy seed, cottage cheese rolls; Paskas; cookies. Lenten lunch menu. Information: 724-438-1382 M-F (Leave message).

"Easter Sunday Best"—BCW Easter Edition: This year's *Byzantine Catholic World* Pascha issue will feature your "*Easter Sunday Best*" your Easter traditions and memories of dressing up: favorite Easter clothes that made you feel special. Send photos and stories [identify those in the photo and your parish church] by Friday, March 15, to bcw@archpitt.org; or: Byzantine Catholic World 66 Riverview Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15214 *David Mayernik Jr.* Editor.

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: *Nutroll* [\$13]; *Poppyseed 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 3rd**.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2023 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available. Call 814-736-9780; or send to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

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 March 3 Candle: Easton Slanoc March 10 Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* *Connie Crum; Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou 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, Beavertdale:* 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 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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