

Liturgical Schedule Third Week of the Great Fast--February 25 2024

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

Wednesday, February 28

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 1

Portage 5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 2

Portage **9:00 AM**

Portage **2:00 pm**

Beaverdale **3:30 pm**

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

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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]

The Great Fast: As we enter the **Third Week of the Great Fast**, do continue or renew your efforts to participate in the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts [Wednesday and Friday] to be nourished with the Eucharist amidst our Lenten Fast.

“This week, the lessons from Genesis include the story of the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark. This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.” [Typicon, Father David Petras, p. 18]

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 Third All Souls Saturday is March 2, 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.

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**.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March:

- The **Work Party** is **Saturday, March 2** at 10:30 am. Please note this adjustment in beginning time because of the All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida.
- The **Church Cleaning** is **Monday, March 4**, at 9:00 am.

Seventeenth Egg Eggstravaganza: Sunday, March 17, 12 Noon-4 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown. There will be egg artists displaying and selling unique styles of decorated eggs. Sales tables: supplies, kits, books for decorating eggs, opportunity to try out "pysanky" decorating. Information, items for traditional Easter basket blessing, such as embroidered basket covers, lamb butter molds, decorated candles, egg wraps, cookbooks, etc. available for sale. Bake Sale includes long rolls [nut, apricot, poppyseed, cottage cheese]; paskas; cookies. Lenten lunch menu will be served. Handicapped accessibility. Come and experience the tradition! Information, please call 724-438-1382 M-F (Leave message).

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**.

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 *Journey to Jesus*; nationally recognized speaker and musician Cooper Ray is the keynote presenter. Includes lunch; Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. For registration contact Father Jim.

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:

February 25 **Candle:** Owen Slanoc **Sunday March 3** **Candle:** Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: **For The Health of:** 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, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; William Prozialek [Dunlo];

Maple Winds: June Nezneski; **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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