

Liturgical Schedule *Bright Week*—March 31 2024

Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday March 30

Portage

7:00 PM

Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social

Sunday March 31

Beaverdale

8:00 AM

Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church

Portage

10:30 AM

Paschal Divine Liturgy

Monday April 1

Portage

Bright Monday

6:00 PM

Divine Liturgy & Procession with the Resurrection Gospels

Tuesday April 2

Portage

Bright Tuesday

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday April 3

Portage

Bright Wednesday

10:00 AM

Bright Week Funeral Service: +Shawn Crum

Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

Saturday April 6, 2024

Dunlo

5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Michael D. Prozialeck, by Pauline and Rich Barelick]

Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread

Sunday April 7, 2024

Portage

9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen

Prayerful best wishes for a joyful celebration of Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord.

- 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].
- ***During Bright Week*** there is no fasting. ***Through the fifty days*** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.
- On ***Bright Monday***, there is a procession which stops at the four sides of the church, and at each side we read the accounts of the resurrection from each of the four Gospels.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of ***+Shawn Crum*** who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, March 28. We extend our prayerful support and sympathy to his wife Becky, his children; his parents Ken and Connie; his sisters Jennifer and Sarah; and to all of his family.

Blessing and Breaking of the “Artos”: On ***Thomas Sunday***, next Sunday, April 7, the “Artos” loaf of bread will be blessed and broken and distributed following the Divine Liturgy in Dunlo [Saturday evening] and Portage.

Bright Week: *“This is the week of joy, for Christ has destroyed the kingdom of death and the power of sin, and has established the Kingdom of God. Death no longer reigns over human life, and paradise is re-opened to all, symbolized by the Holy Doors (also called Royal or Beautiful Doors) of the Iconostasis remaining open throughout the week. Through the power of the Spirit, all of humankind and the whole cosmos are renewed. In the ancient tradition, the newly-baptized, having entered into a new life in the hope of Resurrection, wore their white garments of joy and purity throughout the week. For the faithful departed, the service for Bright Week expresses our faith that Christ has destroyed the power of death.”* [Father David Petras Typicon, p. 32]

Church Cleaning & Work Party for April: The **Work Party** is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 am; the **Church Cleaning** is scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 9:00 am. .

A note of thanks to the volunteers to the monthly The **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

“Troitsja” Candle: A new “Troitsja” Candle will be blessed and used at the Divine Liturgy. The Troitsja Candles is in memory of +*Paulette Fedorko*, donated by Bob and Holly Koban. We thank Bob and Holly for this gracious and generous donation for the Troitsja.

ECF Classes”...will resume next Sunday, April 7, Thomas Sunday.

Festival Meeting: A meeting for the *Annual Festival* is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. The meeting agenda concerns our planning and preparation for the July 14, 2024 Festival.

Annual Spring Basket Auction at *St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church*, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Saturday, April 27 5:00 to 6:30 pm; Sunday, April 28, 11:00 am to 3:00pm. Drawing at 3:00pm on Sunday. Tickets: \$5.00 for 26 tickets.

All tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. Take--out food is also available for purchase. Our basket auction will benefit the Development Fund at St. John's.

National Eucharistic Congress: The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] has been preparing for the **National Eucharistic Congress** July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For details or more details, consult the USCCB website.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday March 31

Candle: Easton Slanoc

April 7: Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* *Connie Crum; Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David Spontak, Fr. Jim’s brother; 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; **Joanne Stewart**; 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 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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