

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of Ointment-Bearers —Third Paschal Week—April 14 2024

Third Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Saturday April 13 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Catherine McGough, by Jim Afton; & Marie & Marty Johnson]

Sunday April 14, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday April 16

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

[Special Intention of Tom and Mary Jane Goncher: Health of friends, family members]

Wednesday, April 17

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Maggie Ostheim, by Steven and Joann Ostheim]

Saturday April 20

Portage **2:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

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Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday April 20 2024

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 21, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Marilyn Grace Murphy, by Alex & Joan Murphy]

The Paschal Season

- 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].
- **Through the fifty days** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Arch eparchial Choir...invites faithful to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, at Saint Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Munhall, on Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 PM. The program will feature many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, "**Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!**"

A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall.

Members of the Archieparchial Choir and Father Vitalii Stashkevych, pastor of St. Elias Church, invite everyone to this joyous celebration on Sunday April 21. St. Elias Church is located at 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pennsylvania 15120.

ECF Class Schedule:

Sunday, April 28: Final day of ECF classes

Sunday, May 26: First Confession Celebration at Divine Liturgy

Windber April 16th, 1906 Strike Massacre: Windber Miner descendants to commemorate the victims of the *April 16th, 1906 Strike Massacre*, killed during the indiscriminate shooting of unarmed miners and citizens in Windber, on the 118th Anniversary, Tuesday, April 16. Divine Liturgy at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 8th & Somerset Avenue, Windber at 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 16; followed by Panachida. A Labor History Discussion will follow at Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber.

Offerings for March

	<u>Mar 3</u>	<u>Mar 10</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>Mar 31</u>
Portage:	\$1,587.00	\$1,323.00	\$1,771.00	\$1,373.00	\$6,165.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 299.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 354.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 1,417.00
Dunlo:	\$ 259.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 688.00

Women’s Day of Reflection: *“When you look for me, you will find me”* [Jeremiah 29:13] is the theme for the Women’s Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am-2:30 pm held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Munhall. Brochures are in the narthex; information, at: www.archpitt.org.

“Artos”: A word of grateful acknowledgment also to **Carol Goral** who was omitted from our note of thanks to those who baked the *Artos* at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Festival Meeting: A meeting for the *Annual Festival* was held Wednesday, April 10 to continue planning for the July 14, 2024 Festival. The next meeting will be in May [date to be announced].

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 April 14 **Candle:** Easton Slanoc April 21: **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 Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;

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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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