

## Liturgical Schedule Thomas Sunday—Second Paschal Week --April 7 2024

### Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

**Saturday April 6, 2024**

Dunlo                      **4:00 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**

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**Thursday April 11**

Portage                      7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by Anonymous]

**Friday, April 12**

Portage                      7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Raptosh, by George Pyo, Jr.]

**Saturday April 13**

Portage                      **2:30 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Beaverdale                      **3:30 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

### 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**

### 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.

**“Troitsja” Candle:** A new *“Troitsja” [three-branch] Candle* will be blessed today at the beginning of 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.

Our thanks also to the weekly volunteers who hold the candle at the Gospel and Nicene Creed, *Easton Slanoc* and *Owen Slanoc*.

**Blessing and Breaking of the “Artos”:** Today,

**Thomas Sunday**, Sunday, April 7, the “Artos” loaf of bread will be blessed and broken and distributed following the Divine Liturgy.

A note of thanks to those who baked the *Artos*: **Sharon Bolvin**, and **Sandy Lenz** at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage; and **Irene Gindlesperger** for Beaverdale and Dunlo

**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.

**Church Cleaning:** 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*.

**Many, Happy Years!:** Archbishop William will ordain *Deacon Timothy Farris* and *Deacon John Welch* to the Holy Priesthood today Sunday, April 7, at St. Michael Church, Hermitage, Pennsylvania.

**Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial 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 Archeparchial 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 7: Thomas Sunday—classes resume.

Sunday, April 28: Final day of ECF classes

Sunday, May 26: First Confession Celebration at Divine Liturgy

**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:**

April 7: **Candle: Owen Slanoc**

Sunday April 14 **Candle: Easton Slanoc**

**Remember in Prayer:** *For The Health of: Connie Crum; Daniel Zalitzock; 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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