

**Liturgical Schedule Fourth Week of the Great Fast—March 23, 2025**

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

**Saturday March 22, 2025**

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy  
*Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

**Sunday March 22, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Marilyn Grace Murphy, by Bob, Holly, Abby & Bella Koban]

**Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos**

**Tuesday, March 25**

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)  
Portage **6:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, March 26**

*Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel—Leave-taking of Annunciation; Mid-Lent*  
**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
**6:00 PM** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday, March 28**

Portage 5:30 PM **Simple abstinence and fasting required**  
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
**6:00 PM** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Fourth Souls Saturday**

**Saturday March 29, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased  
Portage **1:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance  
Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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

**Saturday March 29, 2025**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy  
*Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

**Sunday March 30, 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Shawn Crum, by Ken & Connie Crum]

**The Great Fast: Fourth All Souls Saturday** is March 29; Divine Liturgy, Panachida at 9:00 am  
**The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is offered on Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast.  
**The Mystery of Repentance** [Confessions] is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm.; and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.; this Tuesday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.  
**Lenten Regulations.** The Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.  
**Prayer Partners:** Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner* during Lent.

**Mount Aloysius College Vox Nova** will lead a sung version of the Stations of the Cross; Holy Family Parish, Portage, Friday, March 28, 7:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken.

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Father Simeon Sibenik*, retired priest of the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, March 17.

**The Feast of the Annunciation** is Tuesday, March 25. We observe Annunciation with Vespers with the Divine Liturgy at **6:00 pm**. The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary heralds the descent of the Son of God into the virgin womb of Mary. The Word was made flesh and assumed the humanity of Jesus forever. Mary is Mother of God, Theotokos, and thus is honored with great devotion and love.

**Easter Bake Sale:** *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber: Nutroll [\$14]; Poppysseed Roll [\$14]; Apricot Roll [\$14]; and Pascha Bread [\$10]. To order, and for pick-up times, call Theresa [814-266-3717]; or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [814-467-7309]. **Deadline: Today--March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Saint Mary's, Cambria City:** Father Tim Fariss extends an invitation to:

Thursday April 3: Penitential Matins of Saint Andrew of Crete, 6:00 pm to-9:00 pm

**Eighteenth Egg Eggstravaganza:** Sunday, April 6, 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*).

**Dueling Pianos Show:** A performance to benefit the Portage Public Library on Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 pm (doors open at 5:30pm), Royal Ballroom, Main Street in Portage.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Please call Brittany at 814-553-0042 for tickets.

**Youth Ministry Event:** An *Archeparchial Youth and Young Adult* gathering, "*Believe in Hope*" is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. Divine Liturgy at 3:00 p.m., celebrated by Archbishop William will be followed by refreshments and creative talks for young adults, teens, and their parents. More information will be coming soon.

### **Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday March 23**

Candle: Owen Slanoc

**Sunday, March 30**

Candle: Easton Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.*

**For the Health of:** *Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & Daniel Zalznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.*

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** **SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko;

**NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple**

**Winds:** June Nezneski; Andrew & Linda Deskevich.

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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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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