

**Liturgical Schedule Sixth Week of the Great Fast—April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast— Memory of Saint Mary of Egypt**

**Saturday April 5, 2025**

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

**Sunday April 6 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Paulette Fedorko, by Pauline Yetsko]

**Wednesday, April 9**

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

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

**Friday, April 11**

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

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

**Saturday April 12 2025**

**Saturday of Lazarus**

Portage **1:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance  
Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

**Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem**

**Saturday April 12, 2025**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy [  
[+Suzanne Kirk Nicolaysen, by Jim Afton and Marie & Marty Johnson]

**Sunday April 13 2025**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

**The Great Fast:** *The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* is offered on Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast. **Lenten Regulations.** The Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. **Prayer Partners:** Please remember daily your *Prayer Partner* during Lent.

**Mystery of Repentance—Confessions:** On Thursday, **April 10** at 7:00 pm. .  
The *Mystery of Repentance* is available Wednesday and Friday prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm.; Saturday at 1:00 p. and in Beaverdale or Dunlo at **3:30 p.m.**  
Also, you may call to schedule an appointment

**Church Cleaning:** Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m.

*Our thanks to our volunteers for the Work Party and Church cleaning.*

**PASKA Baking for ECF Students:** **This Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am.** Our students learn about baking *Paska*—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. ***Please sign-up*** on the list in the narthex.

A note of thanks to the volunteers who prepare and bake the paskas, and to the parents of the students for your support and cooperation in this

**TODAY-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*).

**Decorative Candles:** For the *Blessing of Paschal foods* are available from the ushers at each church. An offering of \$10 is requested for these candles.

**Chrism:** Metropolitan William will consecrate Chrism Holy Thursday, April 17, at the Divine Liturgy at 11 a.m. The faithful from our parishes are invited to attend and participate in this Divine Liturgy.

**A Note from Father Jim:** Thank you for your cards, offering of the Divine Liturgy and other expressions of sympathy on the recent *falling asleep in the Lord* of my brother +David Michael.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated by his wife Sandy and all of our family.

**“Great Lent”:** Copies of classic book by Father Alexander Schmemmann are available in the rectory for \$15. It examines the meaning of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the Prayer of Saint Ephraem the Syrian, and other treasures of Lenten worship, to show the meaning of “Lent in our life”.

**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.

**Assembly 2025: July 16-20:** Hosted by the Eparchy of Parma at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana, July 16-20. All people of the Metropolia of Pittsburgh, are invited to attend this time to explore our faith, worship together with our Metropolitan and bishops. This an opportunity to learn from one another, and grow in our mission to spread the Good News. Early bird registration discount! Visit [byzantineassembly.org](http://byzantineassembly.org) to register or ask Father Jim for a paper registration form.

### **Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:**

Sunday April 6

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday, April 13 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; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & Daniel Zaliznock; 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 Nezeski; 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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