

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers —Third Paschal Week — May 4, 2025

Third Paschal Sunday: The Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Saturday May 3,

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

Sunday May 4,

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Marilyn Grace Murphy, by Jack & Chris Krug]

Mysteries of Christian Initiation [Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist] for Malcolm Joseph Murphy

Monday May 5

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel, by Ed & Joanne Kanuch]

Friday May 9

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+David Spontak, by Irene & Jon Gindlesperger]

Saturday May 10 2025

Portage **1:00 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Beaverdale **3:30 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday May 10,

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy: **We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased**

Sunday May 11,

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: **We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased**

Mysteries of Christian Initiation: *Malcolm Joseph Murphy* receives the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist—today, Sunday, May 4. He is the son of Alex and Joan Murphy. ***Many happy years!***

“O Lord, our Master and God, call your servant to Your holy enlightenment, count him worthy of this great gift of Your holy baptism. Wash away his old self, and give him a new birth into everlasting life. Fill him with the power of Your Holy Spirit that he may be one with Your Christ...”

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen: Today and in the coming days we remember in our prayers the *Conclave for the election of a new Holy Father*. The Conclave and the voting for the new Pope begin on Wednesday, May 7, following the customary nine days of mourning for Pope Francis.

White bunting is hung above the entrance of the church to honor the memory of +Pope Francis.

ECF Classes”...Today--Sunday, May 4 is the final Day of ***ECF Classes***. Following Classes today there will be a *Meeting for Catechists* as we conclude the 2024-2025 Eastern Christian Formation classes and begin preparation for the coming year. Our thanks to our Catechists for their dedication in this service and to parents for their cooperation and support in our ECF classes.

Calendar: The next meeting in preparation for the ***Annual Festival/Church Picnic*** is Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

The next meeting in preparation for the ***Parish Advisory Council*** for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

Outdoor Maintenance--Grass Cutting: For a number of years, John Rocker has generously volunteered to cut the grass at the Church property in Portage. We thank John for his service and dedication over these past years. Because e is moving, John is not able to continue cutting the grass.

Beginning this week, Bob Crum of *Crum's Lawn Care* will do the grass cutting at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage. He continues to cut grass at the Portage Parish Cemetery.

Our thanks also to Paul Lenz and also Richard Rocker who volunteer for weed trimming at the Portage Parish Cemetery. Help is also needed for weed trimming at the parish grounds in Portage. If you are able to assist, please contact Father Jim. *Thank you.*

Annual Lecture—Byzantine Catholic Seminary: *“Nicaea as a Way of Life.”* The B.C.S. Annual Lecture will take place May 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm. . Fr. Khaled Anatalios, a priest of the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton (North America), will present this annual lecture.

Fr. Khaled plans to present to students and supporters of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary: an interpretation of the Council of Nicaea as a contestation about the lordship of Christ. This interpretation will lead to some recommendations for how the Nicene confession can help us to answer the question today of what it means to say that Jesus is Lord. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually via the Seminary website [bcs.edu]. The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. William Shee, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

20th Annual Women's Day Of Reflection: *“Do Whatever He Tells You”.* *Revisiting the Wedding Feast of Cana.”* Saturday, May 17 9:00 am--2:30 pm; *Keams Spirituality Center* on the Campus of LaRoche University) 900 Babcock Boulevard. Allison Park, PA 15101.

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Sanctuary Candle: is offered this week for **+June Nezeski**, by Kathy Sekerak.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday May 4 Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday, May 11

Candle: Easton Slanoc

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

For the Health of: *Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Steve Fleck; Susan O’Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; 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:** 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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