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prior to Divine Liturgy. Saturday 1pm to 2pm

St. Mary's Saturday 3:00 PM

SICK CALLS : As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or
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The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

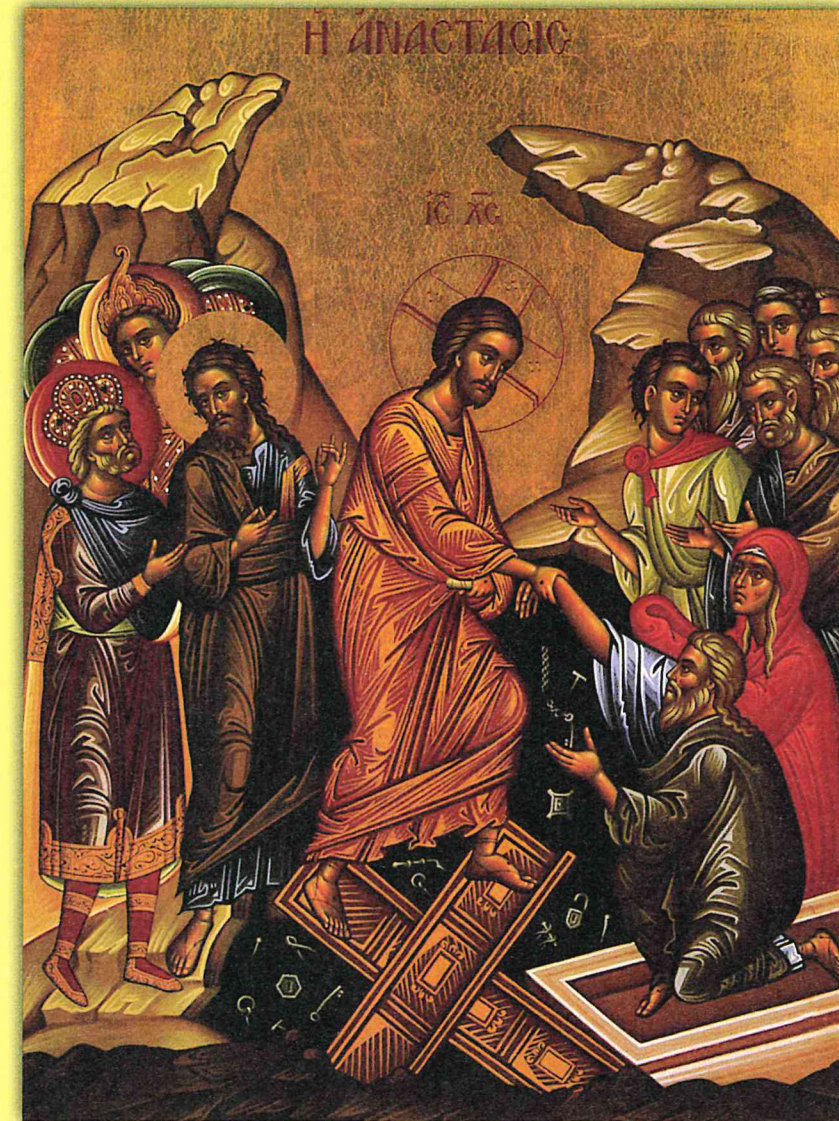
ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

St. Melito of Sardis

PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Descent into Hades

Resurrection Sunday

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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April 20 – April 26, AD2025

Vigil of Resurrection – Holy Pascha

Saturday 7:00 p.m. **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners***

Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners***

Bright Monday 6:00 p.m. **+Sean Brandon Killian req. by Joanne, Nicole & ***

Bright Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **+Charles Sinko req. by Mrs. Mary Simodyka ***

Bright Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **+Andrew & +Margaret Gerchak req. by Estate***

Bright Thursday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy***

Bright Friday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy***

Bright Saturday 4:00 p.m. **+Hnatishion/Demko Families req. by Theresa Wagner**

*St. Mary

*SS Peter & Paul

Epistle Readers: 4/2 – Laura Mitchell; 4/6 – Marie Wanchick; 4/13 – Judy Kostura; 4/15 – Gail Burgess; 4/16 – Paulette Murphy; 4/17 – Dolores Kramer; 4/18 – Beverly Kostishak; 4/19 – Jennifer Keer; 4/27 – Ellen Sinkovich.

The candles in front of the Icons of Christ, the Theotokos and on the Sacramental Table are offered in memory of the deceased members of the **Zelinsky and Pavelko Families** requested by Colleen and Jack Zelinsky and Family

Breakfast with Father: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is no one among us that is without troubles in this life. Those of us who believe in Jesus Christ often refer to those troubles as crosses. Unbelievers refer to their burdens in a variety of ways: bad luck, a curse, and unfortunate decision. All humans' lives have illnesses, family problems, lack of success or suffering the barbs of envy and jealousy. Teenagers suffer boredom while the aged find loneliness challenging.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we know of His Cross and the scornful challenge, "come down from that cross if you are God's Son." Mt. 27:40. We heard those words this past holy week. Even as God-Man He did not escape the judgement of mindless idiots.

"Whoever wishes to be my disciple must take up his cross and follow me."
"Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple."

But here is the key that unlocks our ability to carry our cross: "Come to me all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Take my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

For the followers of Christ, crosses are the way to victory over this life and for eternity. For unbelievers, burdens lead to crushing defeat here and eternal death.

"You know that while all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win. Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable. (1 Cor. 9:24-25)