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CONFESSIONS: SS. Peter & Paul: Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. prior to Divine Liturgy and Daily prior to Divine Liturgy

St. Mary's: Saturday 3:00 PM

SICK CALLS: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or hospitalized, please call the rectory (544-2074)

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Celebrate and Be Glad

Let us strive to comprehend the mystery. The reason God is in the flesh is to kill the death that lurks there. As diseases are cured by medicines and assimilated by the body, and as darkness in a house is dispelled by the coming of light, so death, which held sway over human nature, is done away with by the coming of God. And as ice formed on water covers its surface as long as night and darkness last but melts under the warmth of the sun, so death reigned until the coming of Christ; but when the grace of God our Savior appeared and the Sun of Justice rose, death was swallowed up in victory, unable to bear the presence of true life. How great is God's goodness, how deep his love for us!

Let us join the shepherds in giving glory to God, let us dance with the angels and sing: Today a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us, not as God, which would have been terrifying for our weakness, but as a slave so as to free those who live in slavery. Who could be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join all here present in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy? This feast belongs to the whole of creation. Let everyone join in and be grateful. Let our voices too ring out in songs of jubilation!

St. Basil the Great

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SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
 SUNDAY OF KING DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES



Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord

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Christ is born!

Number 51
Glorify Him!

Sunday after the Nativity of Jesus Christ
Tone 6

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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December 31, 2023

Vigil of Sunday at St. Mary

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

+ **Christopher Black** req. by MM ted Babilya

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Health and Blessing of the Parishioners
(livestreamed)

Volume 2024

Christ is among us!

Number 1

He is and will be!

Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ
Saint Basil the Great

Monday 9:00 a.m.

H&B The Dinich Family req. by Madeline Dinich

4:00 p.m.

H&B Parishioners at St. Mary

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

+**Mary Nagg** req. by Mary Pedro

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

No Divine Liturgy Today

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

+**George Sinko** req. by MM Joseph Petulich

Vigil of Theophany at St. Mary

Friday 4:00 p.m.

+**Demko & Hnatishion Families** req. by Theresa Wagner

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

H&B Parishioners

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

+**Earl Kostura** req. by MM Metro Cremona at St. Mary

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parishioners (at SS Peter & Paul)

Epistle Readers:; 12/31 – Judy Kostura; 1/1 – Jennifer Keer; 1/6 – Dolores Kramer; 1/7 – Judy Kostura; 1/14 – Jennifer Keer; 1/21 – Beverly Kostishak; 1/28 – Gail Burgess; 2/4 – Marie Wanchick.

Candle Offering:

Breakfast with Father

Sunday, January 14, 2024 following the Divine Liturgy. ECF Class will participate in place of the regular class time. All are welcome to attend.

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SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – SYNAXARION

Sunday After the Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ: Memory of Saint Joseph, the Spouse and the Guardian of the Virgin, of the holy apostle James, brother of the Lord, and of David, the Prophet and King (Tenth century B.C.)

Certain Churches of the East rather soon acquired the habit to commemorate certain personages of the New Testament with the feast of Theophany (and later with the Nativity). In Syria, on December 26 and 28, Saint Stephen, the sons of Zebedee, and the two princes of the Apostles, were commemorated. Likewise in Cappadocia, in the epoch of Saint Gregory of Nyssa. In Jerusalem, these same feasts were combined with a feast that the Jews celebrated in Hebron on December 25 or 26 in honor of the patriarch Jacob for whom the Christians substituted Apostle James, the Lord's brother. Then the memory of this relative of Jesus was tied to that of his ancestor, King David.

Third Class Feast.

St. John Chrysostom – Even as He came in swaddling clothes we see a tyrant raging, a flight ensuing and a departure beyond the border. For it was because of no crime that his family was exiled into the land of Egypt. So do not be troubled if you are suffering countless dangers. Do not expect to be celebrated or crowned promptly for your troubles. Instead you may keep in mind the long-suffering example of the mother of the Child, bearing all things nobly, knowing that such a fugitive life is consistent with the ordering of spiritual things. You are sharing the kind of labor Mary herself shared. So did the Magi. They both were willing to retire secretly in the humiliating role of fugitive