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**CONFESSIONS:** Sts. Peter & Paul: Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM

St. Mary's: Saturday 1:00 – 1:30 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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### *The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles*

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

*St. Chromatius*

## SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



*Christ the Teacher - Pantocrator of Hagia Sophia*



Volume 2022  
Christ is among us!

Number 2  
He is and will be!

**Sunday after Theophany**  
**Tone 8**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, 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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**January 9 – January 15, 2022**  
**All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted**

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. **+Anna Benzulak** req. by MM Andrew Hutsko

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **+Demko & +Hnatsihion Families** req. by Theresa Wagner (at St. Mary)

10:00 a.m. **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)

Livestreamed

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. **+John Holige** req. by MM Peter Kuncio

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. **+Irene Tkachyk** req. by Hillcrest Kitchen Staff

Thursday

8:00 a.m. **+Peter Dembinsky** req. by MM Edward Willis

Friday

8:00 a.m. **+Charles Kostura** req. by William S. Farley

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

**+Michael Popovich** req. by MM Joseph DeConcini

**Epistle Readers:** 12/26 – Ellen Sinkovich; 12/27 – Marie Wanchick; 1/1 a.m. – Dolores Kramer; 1/1 p.m. – Laura Mitchell; 1/2 – Gail Burgess; 1/6 – Marie Wanchick; 1/8 – Beverly Kostishak; 1/9 – Jennifer Keer; 1/15 – Laura Mitchell; 1/16 – Gail Burgess; 1/22 – Dolores Kramer; 1/23 – Ellen Sinkovich; 1/29 – Marie Wanchick; 1/30 – Beverly Kostishak.

**Candles** in front of the Icons and on the Sacramental Table are offered for: Paul & Mary K. Gretskey and George & Joseph R. Gretskey requested by Cheryl Mason & Donald Gretskey

**Jesus Withdraws to Galilee**

**AVOIDING PERSECUTION.** CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: It was not out of fear that he withdrew. By doing the things he did, he taught us to escape from persecutors. He "withdrew" from Judea to the Gentiles. This showed that God removes himself to a remote part of the land of the Jews when they sin against the holy prophets and insult his deity. FRAGMENT 34.'

**Living in Capernaum**

**Do NOT LOOK FOR TEMPTATIONS.** CHRYSOSTOM: Why did he withdraw? He was serving as a pattern for us in instructing us not to seek out temptation but to withdraw ourselves from its sphere of influence. It is not a matter of reproach that one does not intentionally put oneself in danger. Yet one must stand nobly when one inadvertently falls into danger. So, to teach us this and to soothe the ire of the Jewish leaders, he withdrew to Capernaum, and in doing so he fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 14:1

**Light on the People Who Sat in Darkness**

**THE GOSPEL A GREAT LIGHT.** CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: And the "great light" is Christ our Lord **and** the brightness of the gospel preaching. It is not, in fact, the law, which was likened to a lamp. For this reason a lamp always burned in the tabernacle, on account of the shortness of the law's rays, which had strength to extend their light only within the confines of the Jewish territories. Therefore the Gentiles were "in darkness," not having this lamplight. FRAGMENT 34.

**Reminder:** Every Friday from 12 Noon until 3:00 p.m. the SS Peter & Paul church is open for private prayer. The Mystery of Forgiveness is offered from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Come, spend some time with our Saviour each week in addition to Sunday Worship for the many blessings He provides each day.

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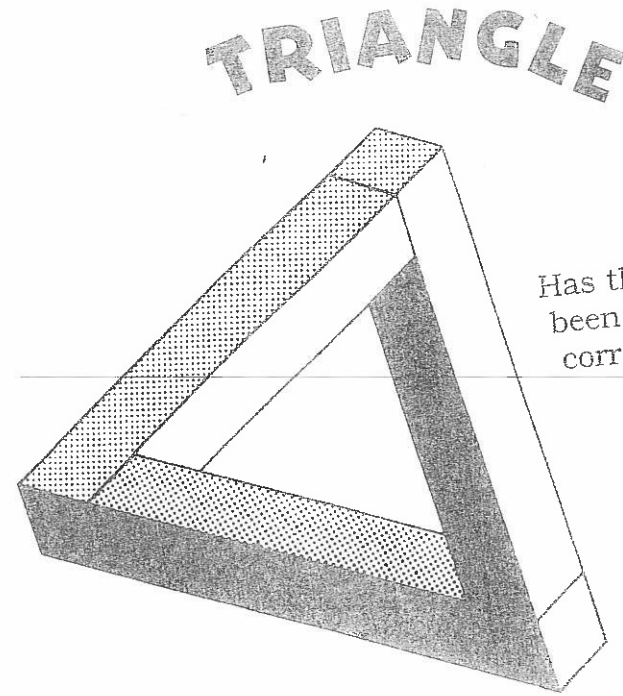
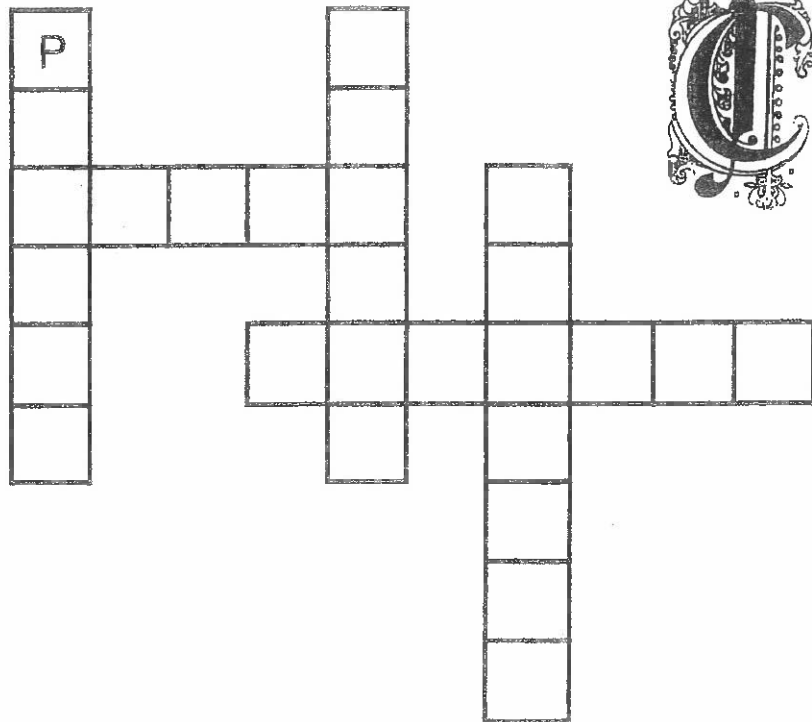
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# CHRIST'S BAPTISM

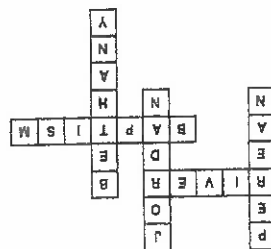
Read Matthew 3:13-17 and find words that go in these blocks.



Has this triangle been drawn correctly?

Hint: Here are the first letters of the words that go in the blocks:

R B P J B



It has been drawn correctly at each corner, but the over all perspective is impossible. It looks as though you could make it with wood, but just try it! It cannot be done, just as no matter how long you contemplate the Trinity of our God, you will never understand it!