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Conquering Demons

The divine nature of the only begotten Son was already scorching the demons in unspeakable flames. Christ was shutting up the fiercest demons in blocked roads. He was undoing the devil's tyranny. "You have come before the time," they cried out. They knew from the Scriptures that Christ was going to come and would judge them. Treating the incarnation as if it had happened at the wrong time, they pleaded that he had come in an untimely way. This misrepresentation is not surprising. In their deceptiveness, they did not hesitate to say even this. Yet, although they know that vengeance is to fall upon them, they still say haughtily, "What have you to do with us?" They know that the final Judge in fact has a

score to settle with them, inasmuch as they had broken his commandments.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Make an effort, then, to meet more frequently to celebrate God's Eucharist and to offer praise. For, when you meet frequently in the same place, the forces of Satan are overthrown, and his baneful influence is neutralized by the unanimity of your faith. Peace is a precious thing: it puts an end to every war waged by heavenly or earthly enemies.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Gadarenes

**5th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 4**

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.

July 2– July 8, 2023

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + **Bertha Petrushko** req. by Jerry & Joe Lubi
Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners**

Monday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. +**John Lohin** req. by Elaine L. Kunze
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. +**Thomas M. Davis** req. by Francis Hutta
Thursday 9:00 a.m. +**Bertha Petrishko** req. by Dianne Paukovits
Friday 9:00 a.m. +**Michael Bailey** req. by William McGann

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. +**Joseph & +Julia Gera** req. by Joseph & Cheryl Gera

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners**

Epistle Readers: 7/2 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/9 – Paulette Murphy; 7/16 – Laura Mitchell; 7/23 – Gail Burgess; 7/30 – Anna Keer; 8/6 – Marie Wanchick.

We are in Prime Vacation Time; don't forget that electric and fuel bills do not take a vacation. Kindly remember your weekly offering for the up keep of God's House and His many blessings bestowed on you.

**5th Sunday After Pentecost
Patristics:**

CHRYS; Because there were those who thought Christ to be a man, therefore the demons came to proclaim His divinity, that they who had not seen the sea raging and again still, might hear the demons crying; And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there meet him two men having demons.

RABAN; Gerasa is a town of Arabia beyond Jordan, chose to Mount Gilead, which was in the possession of the tribe of Manasseh, not far from the lake of Tiberias, into which the swine were precipitated.

AUG; Whereas Matthew relates that there were two who were afflicted with demons, but Mark and Luke mention only one, you must understand that one of them was a person of note, for whom all that country was in grief, and about whose recovery there was much care, when the fame of this miracle was the more noised abroad.

CHRYS; Or; Luke and Mark chose to speak of one who was more grievously afflicted; whence also they add a further description of his calamity; Luke saying that he broke his bonds and was driven into the desert; Mark telling that he often cut himself with stones. But they neither of them say that there was only one, which would be to contradict Matthew. What is added respecting them that they came from among the tombs, alludes to a mischievous opinion, that the souls of the dead become demons. Thus many soothsayers use to kill children, that they may have their souls to cooperate with them; and demoniacs also often cry out, I am the spirit of such an one. But it is not the soul of the dead man that then cries out, the demon assumes his voice to deceive the hearers. For if the soul of a dead man has power to enter the body of another, much more might it enter its own. And it is more unreasonable to suppose that a soul that has suffered cruelty should cooperate with him that injured it, or that a man should have power to change an incorporeal being into a different kind of substance, such as a human soul into the substance of a demon. For even in material body, this is beyond human power; as, for example, no man can change the body of a man into that of an ass. And it is not reasonable to think that a disembodied spirit should wander to and fro on the earth. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, therefore those of young children must be so, seeing they are not evil. And the souls of sinners are at once conveyed away from hence, as is clear from Lazarus, and the rich man. Because none dared to bring them to Christ because of their fierceness therefore Christ goes to them. This fierceness is intimated when it is added, Exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass that way. So they who hindered all others from passing that way, found one now standing in their way. For they were tortured in an unseen manner, suffering intolerable things from the mere presence of Christ. And, lo they cried out, saying, What have we to do with you, Jesus, you son of David?