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Christ is Among us! He is and will be!

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Tone 7**

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 23– July 29, 2023**

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. **+ Francis Steranko** req. by Michael & John Gera

Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners** (livestreamed)

Monday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**

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

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

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** (livestreamed)

**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.

**Candle Offering:** The candles are burning in front of the Icons of the Theotokos and Christ and the Sacramental Table for the Intention of the Health and Blessing of the Buffington Family.

##### **Breakfast with Father:**

Our next breakfast will be on August 13, 2023 following the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

August 1 begins the Dormition Fast in preparation for the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the Holy Mother of God’s Falling Asleep through prayer and fasting and almsgiving.

**8th Sunday After Pentecost**

*Commentary: St. Augustine*

The miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ are truly divine works, which lead the human mind through visible things to a perception of the Godhead. God is not the kind of being that can be seen with the eyes, and small account is taken of the miracles by which he rules the entire universe and governs all creation because they recur so regularly. Scarcely anyone bothers to consider God's marvelous, his amazing artistry in every tiny seed. And so certain works are excluded from the ordinary course of nature, works which God in his mercy has reserved for himself, so as to perform them at appropriate times. People who hold cheap what they see every day are dumb­founded at the sight of extraordinary works even though they are no more wonderful than the others.

Governing the entire universe is a greater miracle than feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread, yet no one marvels at it. People marvel at the feeding of the five thousand not because this miracle is greater, but because it is out of the ordinary.

Who is even now providing nourishment for the whole world if not the God who creates a field of wheat from a few seeds? Christ did what God does. Just as God multiplies a few seeds into a whole field of wheat, so Christ multiplied the five loaves in his hands. For there was power in the hands of Christ. Those five loaves were like seeds, not because they were cast on the earth but because they were multiplied by the one who made the earth.

This miracle was presented to our senses in order to stimulate our minds; it was put before our eyes in order to engage our understanding.

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**SS. Peter & Paul Cantor: Mr. Paul Konkus St. Mary Cantor: Dr. Peter Yasenchak**

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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 5:00 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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