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St. Mary's: Saturday 3:00 PM

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### All Saints

God is wonderful in his saints. He will give strength and power to his people. Consider the meaning of these prophetic words and try to understand them. The psalm says that God gives strength and power to all his people, for with God there is no partiality; nevertheless it is only in his saints that he fills us with wonder.

The Church of Christ honors even after their death those who have lived a truly godly life. Every day of the year it commemorates the saints who departed hence on that day, leaving this mortal life. It sets the life of each of them before us for our benefit, and also shows us how each died, whether they fell asleep in peace or ended their lives in martyrdom. On this day, however, the Church gathers them all together and sends up a common hymn in their honor.

My brothers and sisters, let us too honor the saints of God. How shall we honor them? By imitating them, by purifying ourselves from every stain of body and spirit and by ceasing to sin until, by this abstinence, we are brought to a sanctity like theirs. On these festival days at least let us offer God bodies and souls that are acceptable to him, so that we too, by the prayers of the saints, may gain a share in their glory and eternal bliss. May we all attain to this by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with his eternal Father and the most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit belongs glory now and always and for endless ages. Amen.

*From a sermon by St. Gregory of Palamas*

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## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

**Sunday of All Saints  
Tone 8**

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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**June 4 – June 10, 2023**

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. **+ Bertha Petrishko** req. by Tracy Vasura  
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. **+Metro Cremo** req. by Paul Joseph Cremo  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **+William C. Laudenmen, Jr** req. by Joseph Leshko  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Lee & Deborah Ballenger** req. by Marie Wanchick  
Friday 9:00 a.m. **+John Lohin** req. by Elaine Lohin Kunze

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. **H&B Scarlett Eccker** req. by Suzanne Kostishak

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

**Epistle Readers:** 6/4 – Anna Keer; 6/11 – Judy Kostura; 6/18 – Marie Wanchick; 6/25 – Dolores Kramer; 6/29 – Beverly Kostishak; 7/2 – Ellen Sinkovich.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**FROM THE FATHERS**

“IN ADDITION to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.”

*St. Athanasius the Great, + 373 A.D.*

“THE FRIENDS of Christ love all truly, but are not themselves loved by all; the friends of the world neither love all nor are loved by all. The friends of Christ persevere in love to the end; the friends of the world persevere only until they fall out with each other over some worldly thing.”

*Saint Maximus the Confessor, 580-662 A.D.*

“BY STRIKING our bodily frame with sickness, the Lord crushes the old, sinful, carnal man, in order to give strength to the new man, whom we have weakened by works of the flesh: gluttony, slothfulness, amusements, and manifold sinful attachments and passions. *For when I am weak, then am I strong* (2 Cor. 12:10). Therefore we must accept every malady with gratitude.”

*Saint John of Kronstadt, 1829-1908 A.D.*

Mirror with which to See Inside Ourselves

Holy Scripture is presented to the mind's eye like a mirror in which the appearance of our inner being can be seen. In this mirror we can see both the ugliness and the beauty of our soul. We can tell what progress we are making or whether we are making any progress at all. Holy Scripture recounts the good deeds of the saints and encourages the hearts of the weak to imitate them. In recording the prowess of the saints, Scripture also underlines our weakness in the face of the onslaught of the vices. But its words ensure that the more the soul sees of the triumphs of so many heroes of the faith, the less it is alarmed in the midst of its own battle. Sometimes, however, Holy Scripture does not only record the victories of the saints but also mentions their defeats, so that we may see from their failures what we ought to be afraid of, besides learning from their triumphs what we ought to aim at. For example, Job is described in the Bible as being exalted by temptation, whereas David is represented as humiliated by it. By this means, our hopes may be nourished by the valor of people in the past, while because of their weakness we may gird on the protection of humility. The victories of the saints give our spirits wings through the joy they cause; their failures give us pause through fear. From Scripture the soul of the reader learns the confidence of hope and the humility of fear. Thanks to the weight of the fear, it does not have the temerity to be proud; but this fear does not cast it into utter despair, because the soul is fortified in the strength of hope by the examples of valor.

*St. Gregory the Great Commentary on the Book of Job, 2, 1 (SC32, P180)*