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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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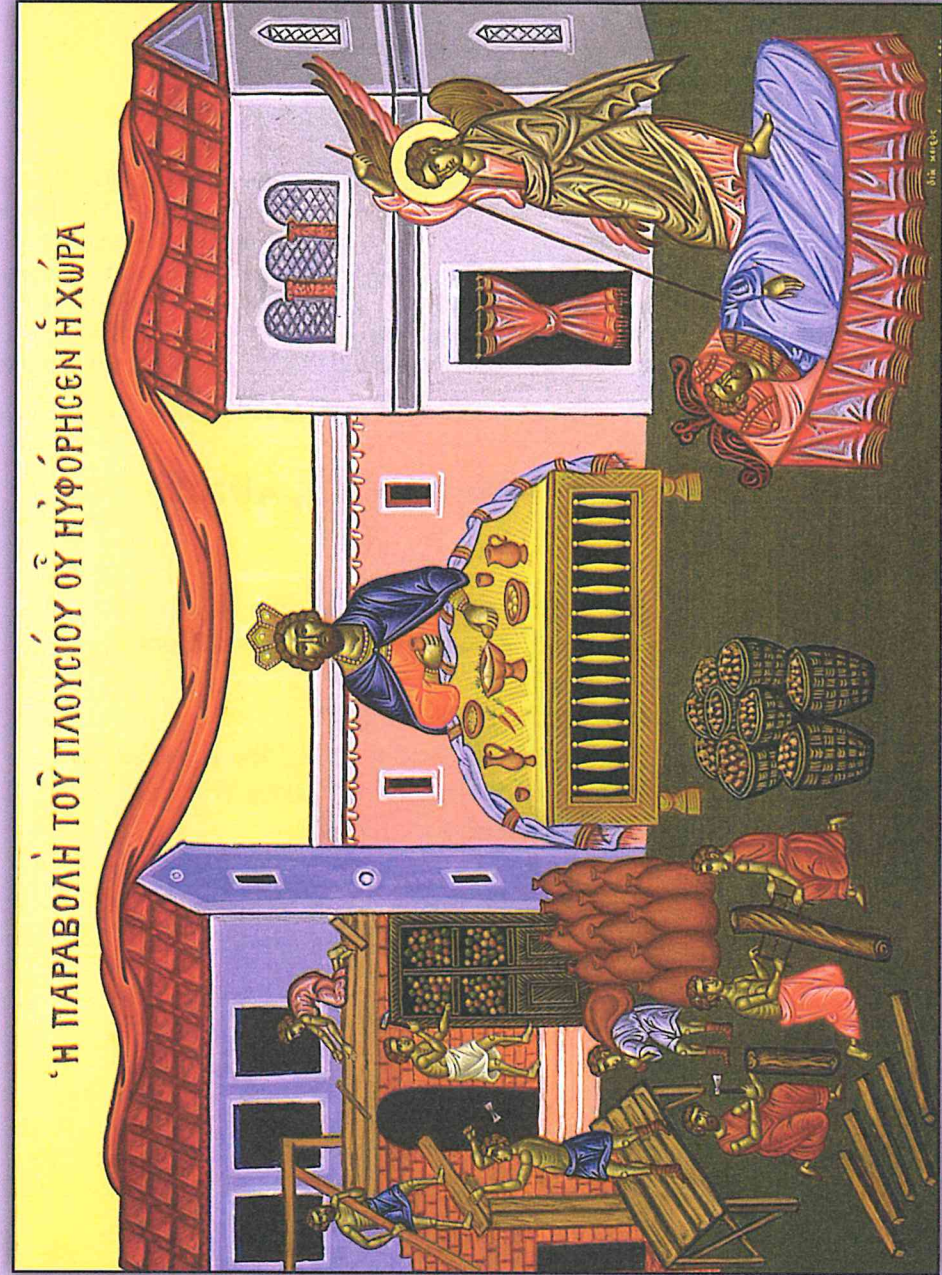
The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of God, whose kindness extends even to such people as this. He sends rain on both the just and the unjust, and makes the sun rise on the wicked and good alike. But what do we find in this man? A bitter disposition, hatred of other people, unwillingness to give. This is the return he made to his Benefactor. He forgot that we all share the same nature; he felt no obligation to distribute his surplus to the needy. His barns were full to bursting point, but still his miserly heart was not satisfied. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old. The result was a hopeless impasse: greed would not permit him to

part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest. And so he was incapable of making a decision and could find no escape from his anxiety. What am I to do?

You who have wealth, recognize who has given you the gifts you have received. Consider yourself, who you are, what has been committed to your charge, from whom you have received it, why you have been preferred to most other people. You are the servant of the good God, a steward on behalf of your fellow servants. Do not imagine that everything has been provided for your own stomach. Make decisions regarding your property as though it belonged to another. Possessions give you pleasure for a short time, but then they will slip through your fingers and be gone, and you will be required to give an exact account of them.

St. Basil the Great

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool

26th Sunday after Pentecost
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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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November 17 – November 23, AD2024

Vigil of Sunday

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Anna Benzulak req. by Martha Babilya *
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing of the Parishioners*
Monday	9:00 a.m.	No Divine Liturgy Today*
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+Michael Sinko req. by MM John Kiselica *
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	+Michael Kovich req. by Maries Wanchick.*
	6:00 p.m.	Nativity Moleben*
		Entrance of the Theotokos Holy Day
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Health & Blessings of the Parishioners*
	6:00 p.m.	Private Intention*
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+George Sinko req. by MM Metro Cremo *
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Andrew & +Margaret Gerchak req. by Estate *

*St. Mary
*SS Peter & Paul

Epistle Readers: 11/3 – Ellen Sinkovich; 11/8 – Laura Mitchell; 11/10 – Jennifer Keer; 11/17- Anna Keer; 11/21 – Beverly Kostishak; 11/24 – Judy Kostura; 12/1 – Paulette Murphy.

Breakfast with Father: Today after Divine Liturgy. Today's subject will be: What does it take to become a Cantor?

Candles Request: The candles in front of the Icons of the Mother of God and Christ the Teacher and on the Sacramental Table are burning for +**Frank and +Anne Honyara** req. by Kevin Maccarone.

This past Thursday we began the spiritual preparation for the glorious feast of the **Nativity of Jesus Christ**. The traditional way of preparation was observing the *Strict Fast* on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a lesser fast, *abstinence from meat* on the other days of the week. In the 1970's the bishops of our Pittsburgh Metropolia, modified this fast from December 10 to December 24, rather than from November 15 to December 24.

In 1996 the Council of Hierarchs (bishops) again modified this fast to an optional activity for the sake of the elderly parishioners who are on medications or other ill health issues instead concentrating on a more Spiritual practice, i.e., prayer and voluntary fasting according to one's circumstances. Looking on the church calendar you will see the days on which simple fasting is to be observed where a fish is superimposed on the day. However, do not sell yourself short on preparation of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, by not observing some sort of physical preparation for the Nativity.

To assist in prayerful preparation, the Nativity Moleben will be celebrated on the Wednesdays, and where noted, beginning with this week.

Pastoral Note: Kindly mark your calendar: Church cleaning on Friday, November 29 at 9 a.m.

No Liturgy for the week of November 25 – 29. In case of emergency call Father Jim Carroll at 570-773-2631.

ARIUS, THE NON-BELIEVER SAYS:

The priest expects too much when he says to come early and pray. Its different when you go to a store opening and the first customers get special prizes.



RULE OF THREE

- Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.
- Three things to cultivate—godliness, courage and gentleness.
- Three things to commend—thrift, industry and promptness.
- Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.
- Three things to admire—dignity, intellectual power and grace.
- Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.



God, Donkeys and Us

If God is for us, who can be against us
Romans 8: 31?

Years ago, a traveling evangelist, a monastic priest was riding a donkey as he traveled from village to village in the Middle East to preach the gospel. On one such trip the traveling evangelist fell asleep in the saddle on his return to the monastery after a tiring day. A few hours later he was rudely awakened by the roughness of the ride. His donkey had left the trail and was walking through a rocky field. At first the monk was disturbed and angry, but he calmed down when he saw they were almost back to their destination.

When he finally returned to the monastery church, he found that friends had gathered to pray for his safety. One of the enemies of Christ and the gospel message had sent some men to attack him at a bend in the trail he ordinarily traveled. The gathered group thanked God for causing the donkey to take a shortcut home.

Centuries ago, our heavenly Father used another donkey to serve his purpose of loving salvation. This one miraculously spoke and saved the life of Balaam, a disobedient, money-hungry prophet (Numbers 22: 21 – 35). God finally got his attention and Balaam took the message of the Lord to Moab.

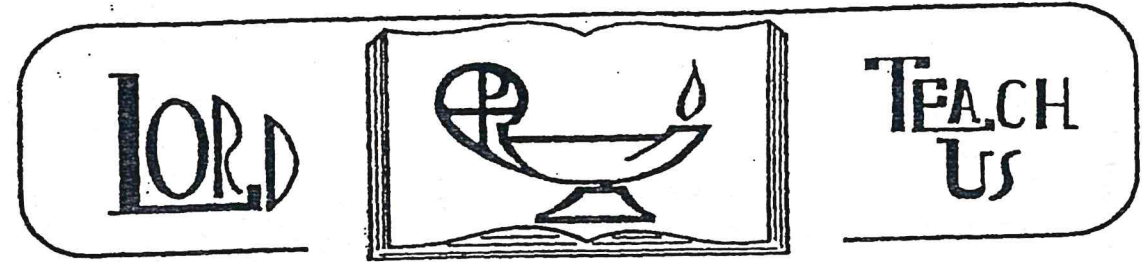
Because our God cares for us and will carry out his good plans for us, even if He has to use animals and rebellious people to do so, we quickly learn we are the principle object of his living devotion. How has our God spoken to you or shown care for you through unusual circumstances? What reasons do you have to praise him for his protection, inspiring and poking, prodding and leading? There is very little our God will not do to save us from the flames of perdition. He speaks in all languages and activities to divert us from the road to hell.

My times are in the Father's hand;
how could I wish or ask for more?
For He who has my pathway planned
will guide me until my journey is o'er!

Because God is with us, we need not fear what is ahead of us.

Did You Know That ...

- ...a change in behavior begins with a change of heart?
- ...if we do not hate evil, we cannot love good?
- ...those who depend on the Lord will renew their strength?
- ...to keep from denying Christ, we must rely on Christ?
- ...if you want to fly like an eagle, you must not hang around with turkeys?
- ...Christian believers realize the only reason to be alive is to enjoy life in Christ?
- ...when God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart, not the head?
- ...the way each day will look to you all starts with who you are looking to?
- ...it is better to live the truth than to simply say you believe in it?
- ...impossibilities vanish when man and God confront a mountain?
- ...we too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people?
- ...honor is far better than hours?
- ...it is not what a man that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it?
- ...character is what you are in the dark?
- ...the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy?
- ...if you tell the truth, you do not have to remember anything?
- ...if trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment?
- ...if you trust in money, you may have it all taken away from you?



Gifts From God

Come to me and I will give you rest, all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke
Matthew 11: 28.

But you should not be so concerned about perishable things like food. No, spend your energy seeking the eternal life that I, the Messiah can give you. For God the Father has sent me for this very purpose John 6: 27.

At that time you won't need to ask me for anything, for you can go directly to the Father and ask him and he will give you what you ask for because you ask in my name. You have not tried this before, but begin now. Ask using my name and you will receive and your cup of joy will overflow John 16: 23.

I have given them the glory you gave me, the glorious unity of being one, as we are one
John 17: 22.

The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
Romans 6: 23.

Since he did not spare even his own son for us all, won't he also surely give us everything else? Romans 8: 32.

For God's gifts and his promise can never be withdrawn; he can never go back on his promise Romans 11: 29.

But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of a husband and wife and others he give the gift of being able to stay happily unmarried 1` Corinthians 7: 7.