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**CONFESSIONS:** SS. Peter & Paul: Sunday One half hour prior to Divine Liturgy and Daily prior to Divine Liturgy

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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### Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a

most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as "unmercenaries" – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniac (Luke 8:26-39)

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Tone 6**

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.

**October 27 – November 2, AD2024**

Vigil of Sunday

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Florence Gretskey req. by Cheryl Mason *
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.	+John & +Anna Sinko req. by Joanne, Gary & Nicoe Killian*
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	+Earl Kostura req. by MM Lester King *
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	+Nicholas Babilya req. by Ronald Frank Melusky *
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+Charles Kostura, Sr. req. by MM Robert Dudash *
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Michael Sinko req. by George Mehalko*

\*St. Mary  
\*SS Peter & Paul

**Epistle Readers:** 10/6 – Dolores Kramer; 10/13 – Jennifer Keer; 10/20 – Gail Burgess; 10/27 – Marie Wanchick; 11/3 – Ellen Sinkovich.

**Breakfast with Father:** November 17 after Divine Liturgy.

**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 the Health and Blessing of **Father Gregory** from a Parishioner.

The parish is serving its annual Baba's Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 3, from 11 AM until 1 PM. Dinner includes oven-roasted turkey w/gravy, homemade filling, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, roll w/butter, and dessert. Cost per adult is \$15; children (6-12) \$7. Dinner may be eaten in the parish dining room or take-out. To reserve dinners, please call Dolores at 570-544-5398 by Monday, October 28 (tomorrow). Your support of this fund-raiser is greatly appreciated.

**The Devil will not repent**

The devil also transfigures himself into an angel of light[2]; not that he may reascend to where he was, for having made his heart hard as an anvil[3], he has henceforth a will that cannot repent; but in order that he may envelope those who are living an Angelic life in a mist of blindness, and a pestilent condition of unbelief. - *Catechetical Lectures Of Our Holy Father, Cyril, Archbishop Of Jerusalem - Lecture Iv: On The Ten[1] Points Of Doctrine*

A man ... wrestles with many ... demons; and often the demon, whom many men could not master with iron bands, has been mastered by the man himself with words of prayer which is in him of the Holy Spirit; and the mere breathing of the Exorcist becomes as fire to that unseen foe. A mighty ally and protector, therefore, have we from God; a great Teacher of the Church, a mighty Champion on our behalf. Let us not be afraid of the demons, nor of the devil; for mightier is He who fights for us. - *St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Catechetical Lectures: Lecture 16 no. 19)*

After our renunciation of the world, the demons suggest to us that we should envy those living in the world who are merciful and compassionate, and be sorry for ourselves as deprived of these virtues. The aim of our foes is, by false humility, either to make us return to the world, or, if we remain monks, to plunge into despair. It is impossible to belittle those living in the world out of conceit; and it is also possible to disparage them behind their backs in order to avoid despair and to obtain hope. - *St John Climacus, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent", Step 2: On Detachment (Boston: Holy Transfiguration Monastery, 1978)*

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**1 State of being complete**

**2 Soundness**

**3 Honesty**

Perhaps there is no better word that describes us as believers in and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and strive earnestly to resound and reverberate the inner working of the third Person of the Holy Trinity. In other words, we are what we claim to be!

We are committed to offer the most complete comprehensive fulfilling lifestyle of faith commitment as an impelling example to others around us in our family, neighborhood and workplace. Our goal is to affirm those whom we encounter and come in contact with us daily with the challenging values of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world. We wish to share the soundness of Christian fidelity with all around us.

The soundness and reliability of faith in God is determined by the grace imparted from heaven and our responsive cooperation with its inner working in our soul. The bottom line is that we must be witnesses to its trustworthiness. Being a devoted follower of the Lord shows not only good judgment...it makes good sense.

Professing faith without the continuing assurance and reflective good works means nothing without honesty! We always advance our faith cause by providing proof of the working of the Holy Spirit within us. We wish to stir up God's grace imparted and sustained by a fervent sacramental life. We believe Christians need to demonstrate fastidious allegiance to the standards of their baptism; we respond by meeting genuine need and providing service in a spirit of responsibility and trust. Following the Saviour in authentic faith commitment is not an important part of our life, it is our life!



## ABC's of Life

ACCEPT DIFFERENCES...**BE** KIND...**COUNT**

YOUR BLESSINGS...**DREAM**...

**EXPRESS** THANKS...**FORGIVE**...**GIVE**

**FREELY**...**HARM** NO ONE...**IMAGINE**

**MORE**...**JETTISON** ANGER...**KEEP**

**CONFIDENCES**...**LOVE** TRULY...**MASTER**

**SOMETHING**...**NURTURE** HOPE...**OPEN** YOUR

**MIND**...**PRAY** ALWAYS...

**QUELL** RUMORS...**RECIPROCATE**...**SEEK**

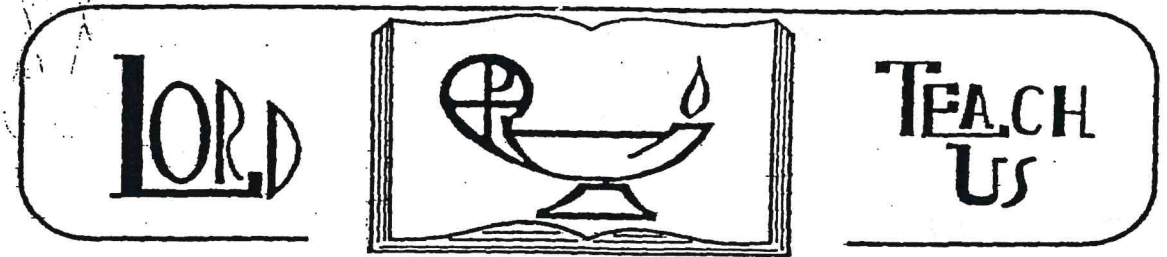
**WISDOM**...**TOUCH** HEARTS...

**UNDERSTAND**...**VALUE** TRUTH...**WIN**

**GRACIOUSLY**...**XERISCAPE**...

**YEARN** FOR PEACE...**ZEALOUSLY** SUPPORT

THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.



### Happiness

*Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore, despise not correction from the Almighty Job 5: 17.*

*A good man shall be satisfied with himself Proverbs 14: 14.*

*A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken Proverbs 15: 13.*

*All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast Proverbs 15: 15.*

*A happy heart is just like medicine Proverbs 17: 22.*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are those who hunger for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who mourn for you shall be comforted. Blessed shall you be when men hate you, when they ostracize you and insult you and proscribe your name as evil because of the Son of Man. On the day they do so, rejoice and exult, for your reward is great in heaven. Thus it was that their fathers treated the prophets. But woe to you rich, for your consolation is now. Woe to you who are full, you shall go hungry. Woe to you who celebrate now, you shall weep in your grief. Woe to you when all speak well of you. Their fathers treated the false prophets in just this way Luke 6: 20 – 26.*

*Happy the man who finds wisdom, who finds understanding Proverbs 3: 13.*

*Be glad and rejoice for great is your reward in heaven Matthew 5: 12.*

*Those who have endured we call blessed. You heard of the steadfastness of Job and have seen what the Lord who is compassionate and merciful did in the end James 5: 11.*