

Saints Peter & Paul
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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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Our Faith and Christ's Action

Mahal-Ritzel Funeral Home

Minersville, PA 17954

Mark J. Mahal - Funeral Director

The liturgical service takes place on earth but it belongs to the realm of realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

Remember how Elijah was surrounded by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

December 4 – December 10, 2022

Saturday Vigil (at St. Mary)

4:00 p.m. +**Bertha Petrishko** req. by Theresa Lubinsky

Sunday

10:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Family of SS. Peter & Paul**
(Livestreamed)

Monday

8:00 a.m. +**John & +Anna Sinko** req. by Joanne, Gary & Nicole Killlian

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. +**Michael & +Elizabeth Kovich** req. by Marie Wanchick
4:00 p.m. **H&B Parishioners** (at St. Mary)

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. +**Helen Platko** req. by Paul Lohin

Thursday

9:00 a.m. **Maternity of St. Ann**
H&B Parishioners (at St. Mary)
4:00 p.m. +**Mary Lutz** req. by MM John Laychock (at SS Peter & Paul)

Friday

8:00 a.m. +**John Dukmen** req. by Mrs. Anna Pellish

Saturday Vigil (at St. Mary)

4:00 p.m. +**Frank & +Anne Honyara** req. by Kevin Maccarone

Epistle Readers: 12/4 – Madeline Dinich; 12/6 – Marie Wanchick; 12/8; Paulette Murphy; 12/11 – Jennifer Keer; 12/18 – Laura Mitchell; 12/25 – Beverly Kostishak.

Eastern Christian Formation: Class resumes today, Sunday, December 4 and next Sunday, December 11. The annual Breakfast unfortunately cannot be held this year since the kitchen is not yet completed.

Food for the Poor collection must continue especially during these difficult economic times. Mr. Ed Butler is requesting help at the Minersville Food Bank in our school building on Friday, December 16th.

Schedule for the Great Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ

Due to the Holy Day commemorating the Nativity of Jesus Christ falling on Sunday the usual Sunday Liturgy Schedule will be observed.

Saturday, December 24 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary
Sunday, December 25 9:00 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul

This allows for flexibility in meeting your celebrating Sunday and Holy Day precepts especially with the close proximity of our two parishes, (six miles port to port).

Divine Liturgy Intentions that were scheduled during the time of my convalescence have been rescheduled for the month of December. This, I think, is a reasonable solution given the unusual circumstance.

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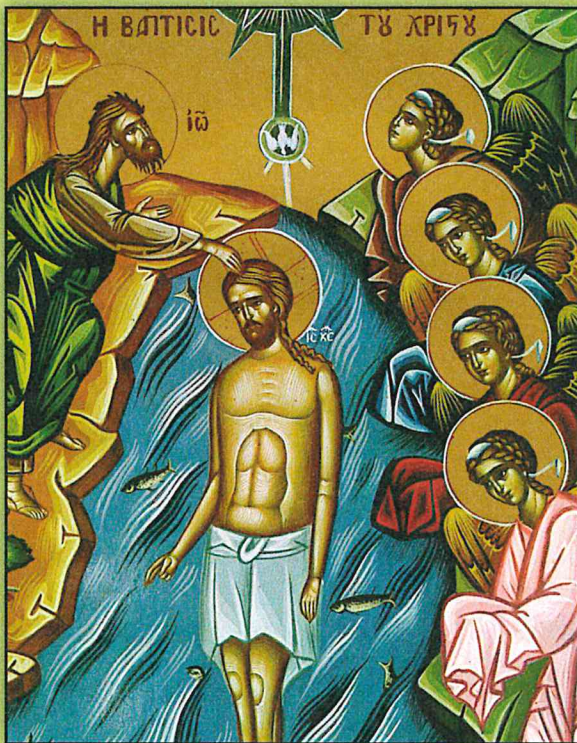
BLESS THE HELPER FOR BENEFITS RECEIVED. ATHANASIUS: Today, the Lord rebukes those who keep the Passover the way the Jews did, just as he rebuked certain lepers he had cleansed. You recall that he loved the one who was thankful, but he was angry with the ungrateful ones, because they did not acknowledge their Deliverer. They thought more highly of their cure from leprosy than of him who had healed them.... Actually, this one was given much more than the rest. Besides being healed of his leprosy, he was told by the Lord, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

You see, those who give thanks and those who glorify have the same kind of feelings. They bless their helper for the benefits they have received. That is why Paul urged everybody to "glorify God with your body." Isaiah also commanded, "Give glory to God." FESTAL LETTER 6.

*Theophany of Our Lord in the Jordan
January 6th*

When the Jordan received You, O Fountainhead, the Comforter descended in the form of a dove. Now behold the marvel: the One who bowed the heavens bows his head to the Forerunner, and the one made of clay cries out to his Maker: Why do you command me to perform what is beyond my power? It is I who need to be baptized by You. O Christ our God, O Sinless One, glory to You!

You have bowed your head before the Forerunner, and You have crushed the heads of the demons. You have descended into the waters and given light to all things that they may glorify You, O Savior, and Enlightenment of our souls.



*Synaxis of John the Baptist
January 7th*

The Forerunner said to the Creator: For my part I am held back, and I do not know where to flee. O generous One, You are the river of delight. How is it, therefore, that the streams of the river receive You as You enter them? To all those who venerate your holy manifestation, You pour out salvation, O Word!

O luminary in the flesh and Forerunner of the Savior, O offspring of the barren one, O friend, by leaping in the womb you adored the One who is born of the Virgin; and you baptized Him in the waters of the Jordan. O prophet, we pray to you: Implore Him that we may escape the future torments.

All text from Vesper Stichera of each feastday, The Festal Menaion, Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA

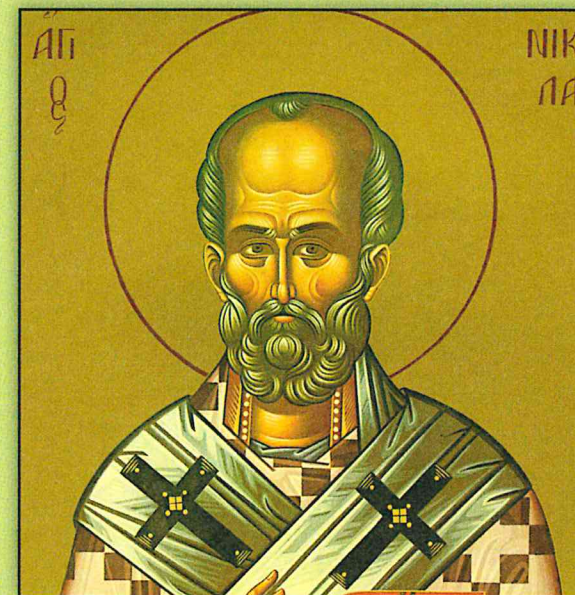


CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY

*Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker
December 6th*

When you appeared in a dream to Constantine the King, you gave him this warning: Release at once from prison those you have unjustly confined, for they are innocent; no murder did they commit as you claim. O King, listen to me, or else I shall call upon the Lord.

O holy Nicholas, holy preacher of Christ, always ready to help all on land or at sea. Whether they be near or far, you have compassion for all. You are a precious helper; therefore, we who gather here ask you to pray to the Lord that we be delivered from all distress and sorrow.



Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs

Today we commemorate the ancestors of Christ. Sing with fervor a hymn of praise to Christ the Savior who exalted them among all nations. He is the Lord who does wondrous deeds because He is powerful and mighty. From them He brought forth a royal scepter, the immaculate maiden of God and virgin Mary. From her, Christ our God came forth to give life and eternal salvation for all.

The three holy youths were refreshed by the Holy Spirit when they walked in the fire as in a cool place. In them the Trinity and the Incarnation of Christ were prefigured in a mystical manner. By their wisdom and faith they overcame the power of fire. As for the just Daniel, he stopped the mouths of lions. Through their intercession, we beseech You: O Savior and Lover of Mankind, protect us from eternal fire and make us worthy of your heavenly kingdom.



Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The commemoration of the Holy Fathers is manifested to the ends of the world. It is truly of splendor, and it glistens with the rays of grace; for Christ the splendrous Sun has shone forth on high from afar. He forms the assembly of stars which glisten with Him, and the star reveals that the nativity of the God-man will be in Bethlehem. Therefore, we piously and faithfully clap our hands and leap for joy at this nativity, and we give praise before the feast.

The Holy Fathers are adorned by the glory of the divine sharing of our nature. Adam rejoices today, since he is the foundation and the strength of the wise Forefathers; Abel leaps for joy as well. Enoch is glad; Seth and Noah dance together. The praiseworthy Abraham sings with the Patriarchs. Melchisedek now sees from on high the birth without a father.



*Nativity of Our Lord
December 25th*

O Christ our God, your kingdom is eternal, and your reign is from generation to generation. You became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and became man from the ever-virgin Mary. Your coming, O Christ, has shed a great light upon us. You are the Light of Light and the radiance of the Father. You have illumined the whole creation. Therefore, everything that breathes sings a hymn of praise to You. You are the image of the Father's glory. You are the eternal God, existing before all ages, who shone forth from the Virgin. O Lord our God, have mercy on us.



*Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God
December 26th*

O Christ, what shall we offer You for your coming on earth in our humanity for our sake? Every creature that has its being from You gives thanks to You: the angels offer hymns of praise, the heavens give a star; the Magi present their gifts and the shepherds, their wonder; the earth provides a cave and the desert, a manger. As for us, we offer a Virgin Mother. O God who are from all eternity, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth. Today Bethlehem receives the One who at all times sits with the Father. Today the angels sing the praises of the newborn infant. Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to all.



*Saint Basil the Great
January 1st*

You have been called by the name of Basil, after the kingdom. In your kingly rank you led the people of Christ to wisdom and knowledge. Then the Lord of all and King of Kings adorned you with the crown of the kingdom, O Basil. He is the everlasting and co-eternal Son who was united to her that bore Him. Therefore, intercede with Him that He may enlighten and save our souls.

Adorned with the vestments of a bishop, O Basil, you gladly proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and poured out the teachings of the true faith for the Church. Now enlightened by them, we confess and glorify the one Godhead, indivisible in three Persons; namely the Almighty Father, the only-begotten Word of God, and the Divine Spirit. Intercede with Him that He may enlighten and save our souls.

