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They Marveled and Glorified God

Do you see how He is shown to be Creator of both souls and bodies? He heals the paralysis in both soul and body. The healing of the soul is made evident through the healing of the body, even while the body still remains a creature crawling on the ground. The crowds were slow to recognize who He was: "When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to humans." ... He proceeded by His daily actions to arouse them and lift up their thinking. It would have been no small thing for Him to be thought greater than all others, as having come from God. If they had established this adequately in their own minds, they would have known in due order that He was indeed the Son of God.

But they did not grasp these things clearly. Because of this they did not come close to recognizing who He was. For again they were saying, "This man is not from God! How can this man be from God?" Their minds churned over these statements continuously. Which thing many now also do; and thinking to avenge God, fulfill their own passions, when they ought to go about all with moderation. For even the God of all, having power to launch His thunderbolt against them that blaspheme Him, makes the sun to rise, and sends forth the showers, and affords them all other things in abundance; whom we ought to imitate, and so to entreat, advise, admonish, with meekness, not angry, not making ourselves wild beasts.

St. John Chrysostom

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

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Christ is among us!
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He is and will

**Sixth 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 Clair, 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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**July 4 – July 10, 2021
All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted**

Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **Larry Burgess** req. by Marie Wanchick

Sunday
8:00 a.m. +**Mary Surmay** req. by MM Ronald Adley (at St. Mary)
10:00 am **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
Livestreamed

Tuesday
8:00 a.m. +**Joseph Andrachick** req. by MM Larry Walsh & Family

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. +**Mary Kovich** req. by Marie Wanchick

Thursday
8:00 a.m. +**Mary Marencin** req. by Joseph Hydock

Friday
8:00 a.m. +**George Kaanish** req. by MM Samuel Kanish & Family

Saturday **Vigil Divine Liturgy** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. +**Mary Ihnatola** req. by Attny & Mrs Joseph Holochuck

Epistle Readers 7/3 – Marie Wanchick; 7/4 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/10 – Angela Frank; 7/11 – Jennifer Keer; 7/17 – Madeline Dinich; 7/18 – Anna Keer

The Council of Hierarchs of our Byzantine Metropolia of Pittsburgh, set a common policy for all Eparchies within the Metropolia regarding stipends for Divine Liturgies. Effective immediately the stipend for a requested Divine Liturgy is \$20.00 (or more if offered) and the stipend for the five All Souls Liturgies is \$50.00 total. This change is not retroactive, but applies to all requests as of today.

Note of Thanks: It is my pleasure to thank all who shopped, prepared, cooked, served and donated to the Roast Beef Dinner this Sunday past. It was exceptional work. Kudos to the clean up personnel. The next dinner is scheduled for August 21; more on that later.

Spiritual Renewal: Every now and again it is good to evaluate our relationship with God. In the gospel for the feast of our patrons, SS. Peter & Paul we heard Jesus ask, "Who do they say I am?" And, to Peter, "and you, who do you say I am?" Peter, of course, answers that Jesus is the Son of God.

It is not enough to acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God; we need to have a real, steadfast relationship with Him. To facilitate such a relationship beginning in August the church will be open from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. every Friday afternoon for private prayer. Confession will be available from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in addition to the regular scheduled time of 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The pandemic shut-down has enabled a laxity to settle in our spiritual lives and it is seen in the number of attendees at the Sunday observance. Perhaps this simple offering of time and the Mystery of Confession may become the spring-board for more regular participation in the faith life of individuals and the parish.

9:1-8 Power over sin (see Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26). Matthew's story of the healing of the paralytic and the forgiveness of his sins omits Mark's descriptions of the crowd and the difficulty that the friends encounter in bringing the sick man to Jesus. The effect of this compression is to keep the theme of the forgiveness of sins in the spotlight. The faith of the friends is noted (v. 2), and the conversation between the scribes and Jesus serves to establish his authority both to forgive sins and to bring about physical healing. The healing itself (vv. 6-7) is offered as a visible proof of the Son of Man's power to work wonders even in the realm of the invisible or the spiritual (the forgiveness of sins). The statement in verse 8 that the crowd praised God for giving such authority to human beings suggests that in Matthew's community Jesus' authority to forgive sins was viewed as having been transmitted to members of the church (see 18:15-20).