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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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### *Taking Up the Cross*

Whatever is commanded through evangelical precepts is undoubtedly related to the cross, as the Lord Himself proclaims: "Whoever will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." To be sure, this cross is rightly called "holy to the Lord," because the world, which until then had been profaned, is blessed by it ....

Paint this sign of your life ... as if on your forehead; also imprint it no less on the threshold to your heart, so that when the avenging angel perceives this he will not delay to pass over without causing you injury. Let these phylacteries hang before your eyes without ceasing, let these marks brand your body on every side, just as the Apostle testified concerning himself: "I," he said, "bear

the marks of Jesus in my body."

Break the body with fasts, abstain from your own desires, submit yourself in very prompt devotion to the command of another's order, let the modest judgment of silence check the impudent remarks of an insolent tongue, let the charms of droll speech not break out, let the rigor of severe continence tear out the illicit motions of the carnal passions, so that for you who die now with Christ of your free will, the heavier His cross is observed to be in your ... life, the more fully the glory of his Resurrection will accrue to you.

*St. Peter Damian*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast / Veneration of the Holy Cross  
Festal Tone 7**

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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**March 12 – March 18, 2023**

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Families of SS. Peter & Paul and St Mary's** (Livestreamed)

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the pre-Sanctified Gifts** (St Mary's)

**Friday**

6:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the pre-Sanctified Gifts** (SS Peter & Paul)

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Families of St Mary's** (Mahanoy City)

**Epistle Readers:** 3/12 – Dolores Kramer; 3/19 – Marie Wanchick; 3/26 – Paulette Murphy; 4/2 – Anna Keer

**Candle Offering:**

Mother of God – Health & Blessing for parishioners

Jesus Christ - Health & Blessing for parishioners

On Sacramental Table - Health & Blessing for parishioners

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh:

With this letter I emphasize my call to each of you to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church 2023. You are encouraged to come and participate with representatives from each of our eparchies and our exarchate in Toronto, Canada at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey this coming autumn.

The clergy will meet on Thursday, November 2 through Friday evening of November 3. Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5 will be especially for the laity.

The chosen themes have emerged from Archieparchial and Eparchial synod reports, and thus as a Church, we will remember our historical past, consider the reality of our present, and explore the vision and dreams of our going forward into the future. In addition, we will celebrate our cultural heritage of art and music as expressed through the lived experience of "Our People."

Whenever we gather like this our sharing of insights becomes not only an enriching personal experience, but it also gives and receives new approaches in how to spread the good news of the Gospel.

Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider attending and supporting this historic Assembly 2023. Watch for more information as it is disseminated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William C Skurla, DD  
*Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh*