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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

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Healer of Infirmities

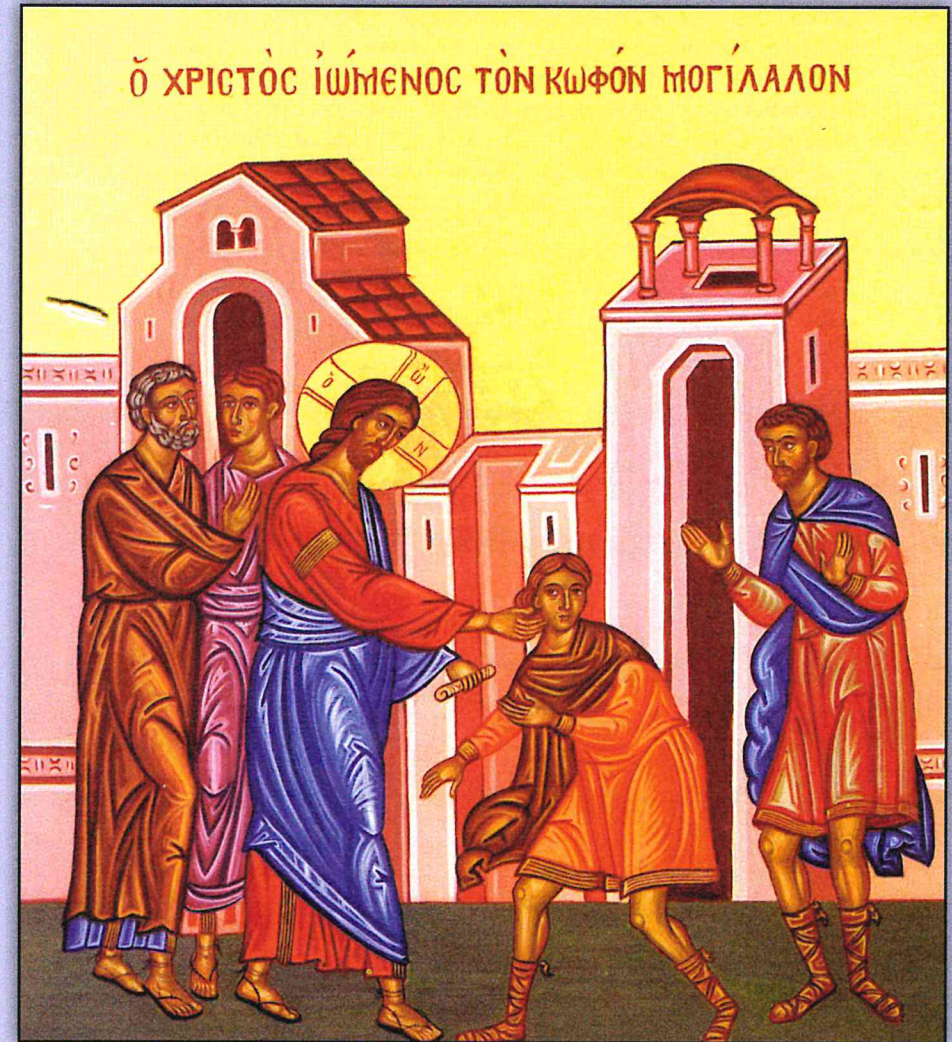
The deaf-mute, of whose marvelous cure by our Lord we have heard, represents those members of the human race who merit being freed by divine grace from the error brought on by the devil's deceit. Man became deaf, unable to hear the word of life after, puffed up as he was against God, he listened to the serpent's deadly words; he was made mute and unable to declare the praises of his Maker from the time when he presumed to have a conversation with his seducer. Rightly did God close man's ears from hearing the praises of his Creator along with the angels – those ears which the unsuspected enemy by his speech had opened to hearing denunciation of this same Creator. Rightly did God close man's mouth from proclaiming the praises of his Creator along with the angels – that mouth which the proud deceiver had filled with his lies about the forbidden food, in order, as the devil said, to improve upon the work of

this same Creator. And alas, the unfortunate rebellion of the human race, which sprouted in a corrupt manner at the root, began to spread in a much more corrupt way in shoots from the branches, so that when our Lord came in the flesh, with the exception of a few of the faithful from among the Jews, almost the entire world, now deaf and mute, was wandering away from recognition and confession of the truth. But where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more. Our Lord came to the Sea of Galilee, where He knew that there was a disabled person whom He would heal. He came by his benevolent grace to the proud, disordered, and inconstant hearts of the nations, since He knew that among them were some who would be receptive to His grace.

St. Bede the Venerable

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of the Healing of the Deaf Mute -- Mark 9:17-31

**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
Festal Tone 8**

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 19 – March 25, 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: 3/19 – 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

A note from Father Gregory

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am pleased to announce I will return from my Sick Leave on Friday, March 31 in time to celebrate with you the Entry into Jerusalem of our Saviour Jesus Christ. I ask your indulgence in allowing me to enter into the great Mystery of these days of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection more slowly than usual. Although my Rehab has gone well, my cardiologist suggested I go slowly and not jump right in. Therefore, all Divine Services will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Church for Great and Holy Week rather than duplicating each Divine Service.

I propose the following schedule:

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 1	4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy at St. Mary
Palm Sunday April 2	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul
Holy Monday	9:00 a.m.	1st Lenten Canonical Hour
Holy Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	3rd Lenten Canonical Hour
Holy Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Holy Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil
Good Friday	4:00 p.m.	Vespers w/Entombment of the Shroud
Holy Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Resurrection Matins w/Divine Liturgy

Confessions will be available one hour before Divine Services on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods at 2:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday

Solemn Blessing of Paschal Foods following Resurrection Matins/Divine Liturgy on Pascha (Easter)