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St. Mary's: Saturday 1:00 – 1:30 PM

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Jesus Casts Out the Demons

What have I to do with You... I beg You, do not torment me! This was the demonic spirit within the possessed man, not the man himself. The demon did not want to leave the body he inhabited.

1. Demonic possession is when a demonic spirit resides in a human body, and at times will exhibit its own personality through the personality of the host body. Demonic possession is a reality today, though we must guard against either ignoring demonic activity or over-emphasizing supposed demonic activity.

2. We are not told specifically how a person becomes demon possessed, other than the inference that it must be by some sort of invitation, whether offered knowingly or not.

3. Superstition, fortunetelling, so-called harmless occult games and practices, spiritism, New Age deception, magic, drug taking and other things open doors of deception to the believer, and real

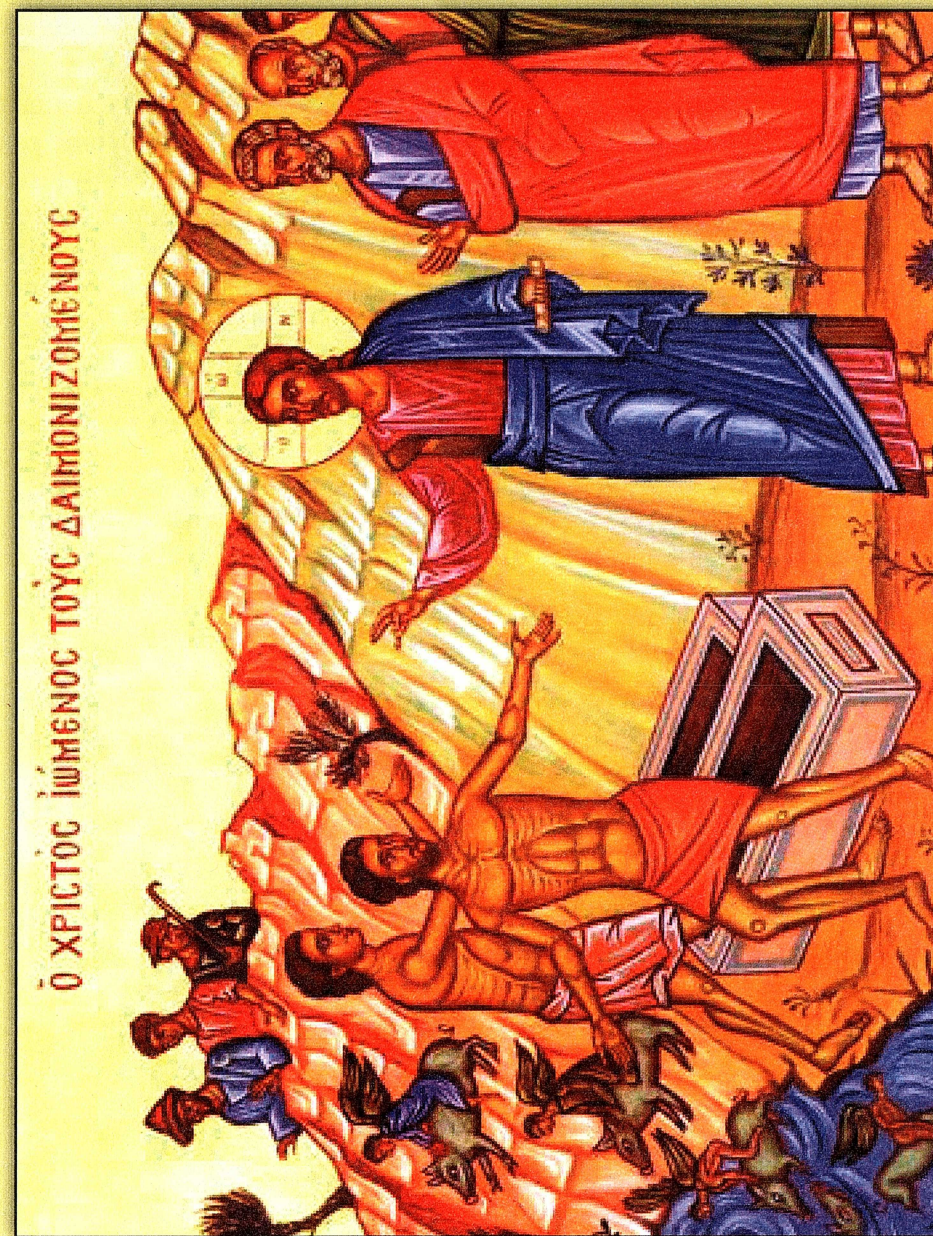
demonic danger to the unbeliever.

4. People often get involved in the occult or demonic things because there is something there that seems to work. Unfortunately it is not something at work, but a someone at work – a demonic spirit.

5. We can say that demons want to inhabit bodies for the same reason why the vandal wants a spray can, or a violent man wants a gun – a body is a weapon that they can use in their attack against God. Demons also attack men because they hate the image of God in man, so they try to mar that image, by debasing man and making him grotesque.

6. Demons have the same goal in Christians (to wreck the image of God) but their tactics are restricted; in regard to Christians, demonic spirits were disarmed by Jesus' work on the cross (Colossians 2:15), though they can both deceive and intimidate Christians, binding them with fear and unbelief.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

23rd 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 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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October 31 – November 6, 2021
All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

- Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **John & Anna Sinko** req. by JoAnne, Gary & Nicole Killian
- Sunday
8:00 a.m. + **William Halcovage, Jr.** req. by Verna Polny & Mary Anne (at St. Mary)
10:00 am **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
Livestreamed
- Tuesday
8:00 a.m. + **George Konkus** req. by Mrs. William Petrocy
- Wednesday
8:00 a.m. + **John Malusky** req. by Frank & Sophie Slivka
- Thursday
8:00 a.m. + **Paul Platko** req. by Mrs. Lawrence Ryan
- Friday
8:00 a.m. + **Joseph Andrachick** MM Michael Hardock
2:00 p.m. Confession (outside Confessor)
3:00 p.m. Supplication to Jesus Christ
- Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS. Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **George Shomper** req. by a parishioner

Epistle Readers: 10/30 – Dolores Kramer; 10/31 – Angela Frank;
11/6 – Marie Wanchick; 11/7 – Anna Keer; 11/8 – Ellen Sinkovich; 11/13 – Dolores Kramer; 11/14 – Jennifer Keer; 11/20 – Madeline Dinich; 11/21 – Beverly Kostishak; 11/27 – Angela Frank; 11/28 – Marie Wanchick.

The Mystery of Forgiveness (Confession) is available from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. each Friday, again on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary and 3:00 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul

Candles in front of Jesus Christ, the Mother of God and the Sacramental Table are offered this week in memory of Julie and Anthony Vasura by their Children. Last week the candles on the Tetrapod were offered for a Special Intention. This latter offering was received after publication of the bulletin.

Saint Mary News:

Soup Sale
Saturday, November 6, 2021
9 AM – 1 PM
Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
131 South Morris St., St. Clair

Vegetable Beef
Cream of Broccoli
Italian Wedding
Stuffed Pepper
Cheddar Potato Chicken
Halupki
Chicken Pot Pie
Bean w/Ham
Split Pea
Sausage

\$7.00 per Quart

\$4.00 per Pint



Wisdom Of
The

Byzantine
Fathers

The bread in your box belongs to the hungry; the cloak in your closet belongs to the naked; the shoes that you do not wear belong to the barefooted; the money under your bed belongs to the penniless St. Basil the Great.

For the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord St. John Chrysostom.

For in nothing do we draw so close to God as in doing good to man St. John Chrysostom.

What the Gook of Gospels explains by means of words, the iconographer shows by means of image St. Basil the Great.

In the cross is joy of spirit St. Gregory of Nyssa.

The Spirit of God can be found in Icons St John Damascene.

Life Insurance

For what does it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Mark 8: 36

Is your life insured? We mean your life because what the world calls "life insurance" is really "death insurance." Real life insurance, however is actually life insurance for it guarantees eternal life now and even after you die. What a commentary on the depravities of human nature that people will insure everything except their soul. Men take out life insurance, fire insurance, health and old age insurance, accident and sickness insurance and pay high premiums for it, but sadly neglect insurance for eternity.

A little boy climbed up into his father's lap one day and surprised him with the question, "Dad, is your soul insured?" "Why do you ask this question, son," the father asked. "Daddy, I heard uncle George say that you had your house, your barns, the cattle all the farm machinery insured, but he was afraid you neglected to have your soul insured and would someday lose it. Won't you get it insured, please daddy?" He did and it was very simple and inexpensive.

God's revelation to us reveals this insurance policy. It is all plain and simple with no confusing fine print. It takes care of the present, provides in addition for the future and all eternity. The benefits are described "...as a birth to hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance, incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you, who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days" 1 Peter 1: 4.

In living an upright and honest life of faith response to the first shown love of Jesus Christ, eternally life is ours. Doing what the Lord asks of us is assurance of salvation. "There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen him, you love him, and without seeing you now believe in him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation. This is the salvation which the prophets carefully searched out and examined. They prophesied the divine favor that was destined to be yours" 1 Peter 6 - 10. Salvation is a spiritual life insurance policy; Jesus paid all the premiums and you receive all the benefits. He who puts his faith in it shall not be shaken" 1 Peter 2: 6.

Did You Know That ...

...the way to be happy is to take pleasure in what you do and how you do it, not in imagining that fulfillment and happiness is some place at the end of the road?

...he who practices sloppiness will become a perfect slob?

...many people are like whales when they get to the top they start to bloat?

...of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important?

...a good example of give and take is to take pains to give pleasure?

...salvation is a life-long process, the result of cooperating with God's grace?

...only those who persevere to the very end will inherit the eternal kingdom?

...when not in church to worship every Sunday and holyday, we miss out on God's presence, his saving message and his blessed grace?

...only those who believe in God want to know him?

...purity of heart enables us to see God in everything?

...you may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving?

...the only limit to God's grace is the imagined limit we put on it?

...you can be confident about tomorrow if you have faith today?

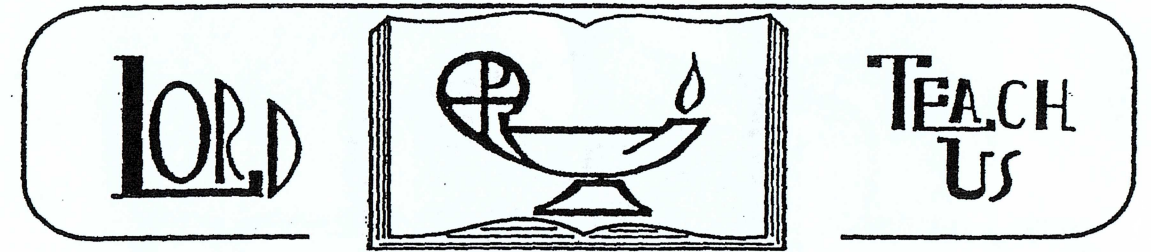
...man crowns success; but God crowns faithfulness?

...you should never substitute your views for God's News?

...work becomes worship when we work for the Lord?

...God's word should fill our mind, rule our heart and guide our tongue?

...hardening our hearts is far more serious than hardening of the arteries?



Jealousy

Jealously is the rage of man; therefore he will not be spared on the day of vengeance
Proverbs 6: 34.

A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy is rottenness of the bones Proverbs 14: 30.

Anger is cruel and destructive, but it is nothing compared to jealousy Proverbs 27: 4.

Love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave Song of Solomon 8: 6.

You shall not have any other gods beside me; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation..." Exodus 20: 3, 5,

They turned back and were faithless like their fathers; they recoiled like a treacherous bow. They angered him with their high places and their idols roused his jealousy. God heard and was enraged and utterly rejected Israel Psalms 78: 57- 59.

I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God himself, since I have given you in marriage to one husband, presenting you as a chaste virgin to Christ 2 Corinthians 11: 2.

Thus says the Lord of hosts "I am deeply jealous for the sake of Jerusalem and Sion and I am exceedingly angry with the complacent Zechariah 1: 15.