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**The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt**, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served in the Kotyaeion region of Phrygia under the centurion Firmilian during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer.

Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the prefect Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. The prefect was angered and had Menas arrested.

Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, then he was beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria.

The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Epistle - Luke 8:26-39 Gospel - Ephesians 2:4-10

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**VISITS:** Dayana Milich - at home Mary Ulinski, Mary Loverich, Bob Sparcie - Beaver Meadows/Debra Mrkich/Baby Girl Paich -Heritage Valley Beaver

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**Thank you to those of you who attended the Cupola Dedication and banquet last Sunday...it was a beautiful occasion. The Committee wishes to thank all of you for your generous donations to the Cupola Fund.**



**Upcoming Services:** Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Service 9:30am  
Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Vesper Service 5:30 pm

**Advent Begins Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Vespers Services** will be held every Saturday during Advent followed by an adult bible study lecture/discussion.

**Confessions** - available by appointment.

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Today we will host our **Children's Annual Thanksgiving Play and Pancake Breakfast** followed by **Nominations** for the St. Elijah Church School Congregation Executive Board for 2020 Mother's Club will have their annual Thanksgiving Pumpkin Rolls for sale today

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**St. Elijah-Harvest for the Hungry. The Fellowship and Ministry Committee**, as part of their outreach, is organizing a **Food Drive** to benefit the *Faith Restoration Food Bank* in Monaca. Please bring your donated non-perishable item(s) to the designated table in the basement of the church between the dates on *October 27<sup>th</sup> ~ November 24<sup>th</sup>*. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for information regarding donated items needed. Thank you!

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**BEAVER COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES:** As in the past, the Advent trees will be adorned with ornaments, with a child's name and wishes, in the basement of the church. Please look over the tree and select a child that you would like to sponsor this year. Please ensure to keep the tag with the child's wishes and complete the other tag and leave it under the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at [georgette.osman@comcast.net](mailto:georgette.osman@comcast.net). **All gifts must be wrapped and in the church by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** so that we can deliver them to CYS for distribution.

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**St Elijah Choir News:** There are only a few **Christmas Ornaments** left to purchase and we are selling **ANDERSON CANDY** please see Diane Knapp for the ornaments and Cheryl Leydig to place a candy order. You may also order your **Psenica kits** see Marlene Volitich.

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**SAVE THE DATES:** St Nicholas Party - Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly - Dec 22nd

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**Next Sunday the Cornerstone Men's Club will have their annual Parastos in loving memory of all their deceased members following Divine Liturgy.**