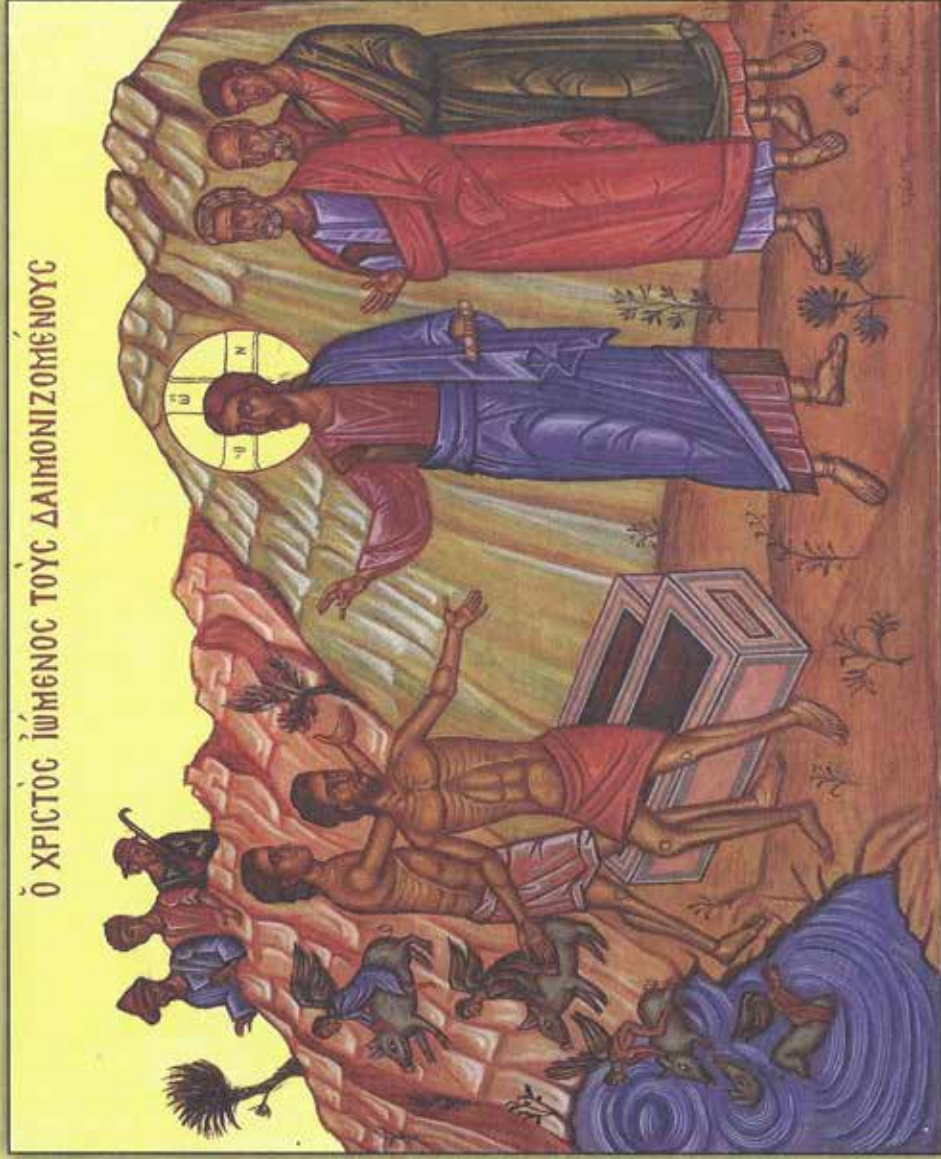


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ὁ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ἸΩΜΕΝΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΔΑΙΜΟΝΙΖΟΜΕΝΟΥΣ



*Icon of Christ Casting Out the Gadarene Demons*

<b>June 19, 2016: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
Epistle: Rom. 10: 1-10	Gospel: Mt. 8 28 - 9:3
<b>Mon., June 20</b>	8:00 + Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
<b>Tues., June 21</b>	8:00 + Helen & Joseph Beckage (Ed & Joan Stecco)
<b>Wed., June 22</b>	8:00 + John Boland (Dorothy Zinsky)
<b>Thurs., June 23</b>	8:00 + Elaine Jablonski (Husband Jim)
<b>Fri., June 24</b>	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b> 9:00 + Philip Duick (Elayne Eberhart & Family) 6:30 Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Sat., June 25</b>	<b>No Morning Liturgy Today</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Christopher James Kanuik (Grandmother)
<b>Sun., June 26</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie Maslar (Family)

## **Honoring Two Fathers on Father's Day**

On the third Sunday of June, fathers throughout the nation will receive gifts and well wishes as children and grandchildren shower Happy Father's Day greetings upon them. Since moms are honored in May, it is only proper to honor dads on their special day, although it always seemed Father's Day takes a backseat to Mother's Day.

This June as you remember your own dad, think of all he did for you throughout your life. Traditionally, fathers were the bread winners of the

family, although in this day and age with both parents working that terminology may no longer be appropriate. To an older generation, they were the disciplinarians. How many recall the dreaded phrase "*Wait until your father gets home?*"

They were the mechanics and the Mr. Fix-its, whom we approached with the request "*Daddy, fix this*" when we sprung the chain drive on our two-wheelers or needed help assembling a model airplane or classic roadster.

They may have taken us fishing or taught us to pitch, swing a bat, kick a football or shoot some hoops. And as we approached 16, we may have given them ulcers or near heart failure, as they tried to teach us to drive, especially if we were learning on a stick and we had a penchant for burning up the clutch.

And they were part of a generation that served our country with honor and bravery, especially during World War II, the Korean War and more recently the Viet Nam conflict. Younger men of today's generation of dads have seen tours of duty in Desert Storm, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

In our youth, when we were threatened or in trouble, we sought our father's help and protection. When we were confronted with making choices in life, we often sought their advice, and sometimes regretted not following it.

Father's Day is really not that old of an observance. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, 95 years ago in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." By 1924 President Calvin Coolidge threw his

## Happy Father's Day!



support behind the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June as Father's Day.

As we remember our dads and pops on this special day, let us also remember our Heavenly Father.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He gave them and us *The Our Father*, a prayer that is simply eloquent and profound.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Blessed and holy be your name. Just as we strive to honor our natural father's name, our family name, may we always honor our Heavenly Father's name and never use it in vain.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* Just as we strive to honor our fathers, and listen to them, so we should also strive to follow the will of our Heavenly Father and accept His will in our lives.

*Give us this day, our daily bread.* Remember our dads, the breadwinners. Ultimately, even what they provide for us, comes to us through the Divine Providence of our Heavenly Father.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as*

*we forgive those who trespass against us.* This is the only conditional clause in entire prayer, which reminds us that we will receive forgiveness from our Heavenly Father, only if we ourselves forgive those who offend us.

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.* Just as we ask

our natural fathers to protect us and keep us from all harm, so we also ask God the Father to properly guide us in our lives, shielding us from all evil.

This Father's Day, take time to remember your two fathers, your natural father and your Heavenly Father.

## Happy Father's Day!

### Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

*Commemorated June 24<sup>th</sup>*

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name.

Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation.

Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yahweh is gracious."

## Invite a Friend to Church

Here are some of the most common excuses you may encounter when you invite someone to come to Church, as well as what YOU can say to answer them.

**What THEY might say: “*I CAN PRAY AT HOME.*”**

- What YOU reply: “We can and should say prayers at home, but we don’t come to Church just to pray! We come to Church to be with God in ways that we cannot experience anywhere else. The Church is GOD’S home and God is with us in the Church through the Holy Icons, in Holy Scripture and in Holy Communion. It is not possible to experience so much of God’s presence ANYWHERE else like this, except in the Church!

**What THEY might say: *THE DIVINE LITURGY LASTS TOO LONG!*”**

- What YOU might say: “Is an hour too much to give to God who watches

over us 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Jesus said to His own Apostles: ‘Can you not stay with me for just one hour?’

**What THEY might say: “*I WORK HARD ALL WEEK, I NEED TO RELAX ON SUNDAY.*”**

- What YOU reply: “We are nothing without God. Our ability to work all week long and to enjoy the things that our hard work buys is really a gift from God who deserves our thanks, which we give most especially in Church!

**What THEY might say: *THE CHURCH IS FULL OF HYPOCRITES.*”**

- What YOU reply: “That is correct. Christ founded His Church not for saints but for sinners! However, aren’t WE the real hypocrites, when we judge other people, when Jesus said all just judgment belongs to Him?

## We Need Your Help

The two Bingo Sessions and the Summer Raffle are our only Fund-Raising Events during these Summer months. Any one wishing to volunteer at Bingo is asked to contact Sandra Berta. Also please return

your Summer Raffle tickets as soon as possible. Remember, you can’t win if you don’t return your tickets. Please help keep our Parish open by supporting our Fund Raisers!

## Altar Boy Trip Canceled

Due to the poor response, the Altar Boy trip to Dorney Park this year has been

CANCELLED. Only 21 people signed up for the trip. (This is not even half a bus).

## **Roof Repair**

All of our roofs have been repaired and so far we are dry. At this time we wish to thank all those who donated in order

to help us with this unexpected expense. Thank You and may God Bless you!

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

During June, our Archeparchy will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy

Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the special "Peter's Pence" envelope in your donation envelope packet box to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

## **God's Mercy Given through Care for the Elderly**

Compassionate and quality care of our elderly parents and family members is offered by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate at St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg, NY. The need for such facilities among our elderly parents, family members, and within our Ukrainian American community is great. The addition of a new wing and the upgrading of the existing facilities will enable the sisters Servants to offer elevated medical care and service for the elderly. There will be increased capacity to admit more people needing care. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have historically offered such

quality and compassionate care throughout our history in America (75 years in 2017). We need to help them continue to fulfill this mission and to enable a much needed expansion of St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg. Please help by providing your generous donation to enable the building of the expanded facility to care for our elderly. Please choose to be an instrument of God's mercy for those who are in need of His care. Thank You!

Kindly send your tax deductible donation to: St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, Inc., P.O. Box 8, Sloatsburg, NY 10974.

## **McDade-Chichilla Apartments**

The McDade-Chichilla Apartments located in downtown Olyphant is now ac-

cepting applications for Senior Citizens, Handicapped, or Disabled Individuals.

Apartments are available. For more information, please call 570-489-4756.

## The Way

Did you know *The Way*, our archiepiscopal newspaper is available for FREE through the internet? Our newspaper is published twice a month in both an English language version and a Ukrainian language version. To receive this online newspaper, simply send your email ad-

dress to: [theway@ukrarcheparchy.us](mailto:theway@ukrarcheparchy.us). You may also share *The Way* with family and friends by sending their email addresses as well. All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read *The Way*, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

## Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. The theme for this year's event is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and the celebration of all who have discerned their vocation to

the Priesthood through the years in the seminary. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 82 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2016 is Team #2: Eugene

Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

## Sunday Collection for June 11 & 12, 2016: \$

## Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 25 & 26, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Daniel Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Nicholas Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Lighting Our Lamp*

God is fire and He is so called by all the inspired Scripture (cf Heb 12:29). The soul of each of us is a lamp. Now a lamp is wholly in darkness, even though it be filled with oil or tow or other combustible matter, until it receives fire and is kindled. So too the soul, though it may seem to be adorned with all virtues, yet does not receive the fire – in other words, has not received the divine nature and light – and is still unkindled and dark and its works are uncertain. All things must be tested and manifested by the light (cf. Eph 5:13). The man whose soul's lamp is still in darkness, that is, untouched by the divine fire, stands the more in need of a guide with a shining torch, who will discern his actions. As he has compassion for the faults

he reveals in confession he will straightway straighten out whatever is crooked in his actions. Just as he who walks in the night cannot avoid stumbling, so he who has not yet seen the divine light cannot avoid falling into sin. As Christ says, "If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees this light. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because he has not the light in him" (Jn 11:9-10). When He said "in him," he meant the divine and immaterial light, for no one can possess the physical light in himself.

*St. Symeon the New Theologian*

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