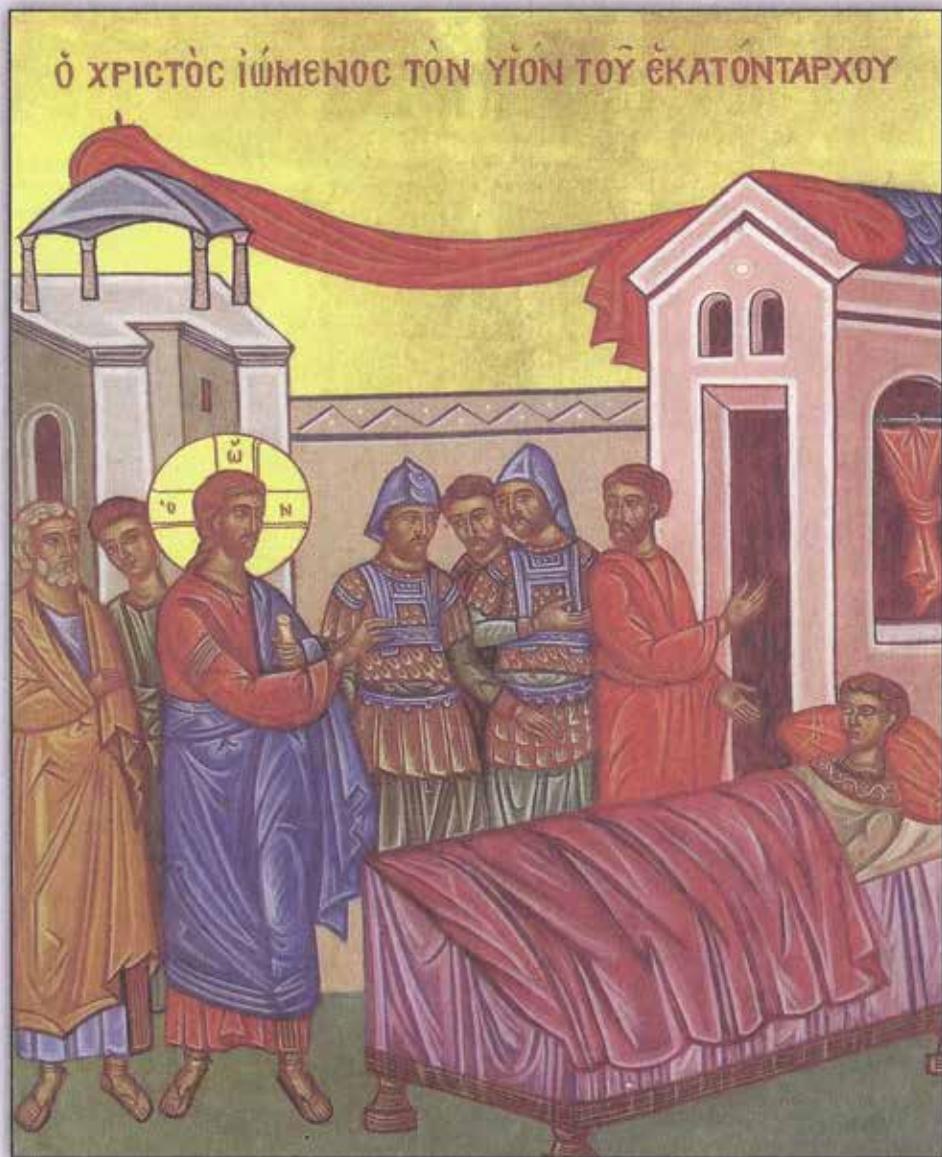


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

June 12, 2016: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 6: 18-23

Gospel: Mt. 8: 5-13

Mon., June 13 8:00 + Eugene, Gary & Lance Vadella (Rosalie Namiak)

Tues., June 14 8:00 Health of Stacey (Gawron Family)

Wed., June 15 8:00 + Peter Ciaravella (Lauren Telep)

Thurs., June 16 8:00 + Gabriel Beckage (Ron & Marlene Roberts)

Fri., June 17 8:00 + Anna & John Stecco (Ed & Joan Stecco)
6:30 Moleben to Jesus Christ

Sat., June 18 **No Morning Liturgy Today**

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sun., June 19 9:00 For Our Fathers

11:30 + Anna Chaykosky (Sandy & Ray Lill)

Flag Day



On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag.

Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating June 14 as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date

as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official ver-

sions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

Brief History of the Pledge of Allegiance

By Robert Longley, About.com Guide

The original Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands -- One nation indivisible -- with liberty and justice for all," was written in September of 1892 by Francis Bellamy for "The Youth's Companion" magazine in Boston. The phrase was printed on leaflets and sent to schools throughout the United States.

The first organized use of the Pledge of Allegiance came on Oct. 12, 1892, when some 12 million American school children recited it to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

In 1923, the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C. voted

to change the words "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States of America."

Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942, but in 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students could not be forced to recite it.

The words "under God" were added in 1954 by then President Eisenhower, who stated at the time, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

The Sanctuary

The sanctuary is the most sacred part of the church. It occupies the place of honor. It is on the eastern side of the building and it faces east where the sun rises and light floods over the earth. The east symbolizes Christ who is “the Light of the world” and the “Sun of justice”. It is in the east where God is thought to be residing. The east is the place where the angels, and the saints of heaven, and the just assemble, and where Christ awaits us, whence he comes to sanctify and sustain us in his grace and salvation. Right in the middle of the sanctuary stands the holy table, altar, the throne, where the God of our prayer and adoration reposes. To conduct our prayers we face the east, and we look up to God who resides there. On the holy table, as on the throne of glory, is the Holy Gospel book. The Gospel book is for us Christians the living Christ, the Word of God himself present in the word of man. Finally, it is on this same altar that the Son of God offers himself and the universe in the most awesome and most mysterious sacrifice of the Divine Liturgy. The Altar is generally covered by three cloths. The first stands for the swaddling clothes at Christ’s Nativity; the second symbolizes the linen that wrapped the body

of the Lord taken from the cross and laid in the grave; the third represents the robe of glory of the risen Lord.

On the altar is the tabernacle which contains the Body and Blood of our Lord in the consecrated Bread. In front of the tabernacle, whatever shape it might be, there is always a lamp, flickering and alive, to indicate this special presence of Christ.

The Doors

Along the length of the icon screen there are three openings, or doors: the one in the middle is called the Royal Doors (Tsarski Vorota) and one on each side called Deacons Doors. The Royal Doors open in two directions, one wing to the left and one wing to the right. The Royal Doors are the passageway from the earth to heaven, from this world to the world of the Kingdom of God; and in return movement, from God to earth.

Through the Royal Doors we have access to divine realities, to the Body and Blood of the Lord, whence divine realities come to nourish and save us. The Royal Doors are the sign of the Incarnation through which the Son of God came down to the earth to dwell among us. It is a symbol of the invitation of God to the Kingdom.

Only the Bishop, and priest in full liturgical vestments, are allowed to pass through the Royal Doors. The upper half of the Royal Doors are, usually, painted with the Icon of the Annunciation, and the bottom half with the four Evangelists.

So, in front of our eyes, it is significant to notify the triple real presence of God in a physical form. The first in the miracle of the Incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of Mary, the Mother of God. Often over the Royal Doors

there is the scene of communion, this constitutes the second real presence of God in a physical form, when at the Last Supper, Christ gives his Apostles the Bread of His Body and the Chalice of His Blood. The third real presence of the Lord is in the scene where the Word of God becomes word of man, a Book - the Gospel Book. Each of the three, is no less than another, is a real presence, no less precious reality or God among us.

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!

Thank You Altar Servers

The annual trip to Dorney Park for our Altar Servers is scheduled for Monday, June 20th. We turn to our Parishioners now seeking financial support for this "Activity of Thanks." Show your gratitude to our Altar Servers for their hours and hours of dedication and service at God's Holy Altar. All con-

tributions will be greatly appreciated.

The cost for Altar Boys is FREE. The cost for guests and everyone else is \$54.00. This includes the bus and admission to Dorney Park. To reserve your seat contact either Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 or Howard Smith at 570-766-5607.

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 accepting applications for Senior Citizens, Handicapped, or Disabled In-

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

Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 82nd 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 75th Anniversary of St. Josephat 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!

St. Cyril's Rummage Sale 2016

The Grade school is in the process of being sold. We still have the time and plan to have our 6th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale in September 2016 in the school gym. Last year, we reached a profit of \$16,000.00 which was far beyond our expectations. In summary, furniture was the largest area of interest along with antiques and new items. We will gladly accept the items, with our discretion (mainly furniture) anytime over the next 6 months from estate sales, moving, re-decoration or downsizing a home. We can store the

furniture (in good condition for re-sale) in the school gym. (no TV's, no old computers, no baby cribs, no mattresses, because they don't sell, and then we are responsible for getting them to the recycle area or garbage) Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for additional information. As stated in the past years, other donated items (no clothes or shoes) will be accepted 4-6 weeks before the sale in September 2016.

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 4 & 5, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 18 & 19, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Michael Roberts	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Such Faith

The Savior had now set out upon His way to restore the sick man; but the centurion said to him, trouble not yourself, but speak with a word, and my child will be healed. Consider, then, that these elders of the Jews begged Jesus to go to the house of him who requested His aid, as not being able in any other way to raise him up who was lying ill, except by going to his side. Whereas the other believed that he could do it even at a distance, and effect it by the inclination of His will. He asked for the saving word, the loving assent, the all mighty utterance; and justly, therefore, did he win a sentence of surpassing worth; for Jesus said, "Verily I say to you, that not even in Israel have I found so great faith." The proof then, and demonstration, follows closely and immediately from what we have now said. Finally, He delivered that same hour from his sickness him who a little before

had been the prey of death; for he who willed the undoing of what had happened was God ...

The heathen were called and admitted, as having a heart better prepared for that faith in him, which justly is required. ... They went quickly to the faith, that is, they were not slow in accepting the commands of Christ, but very readily embraced the faith. For that they were to be caught in Christ's net, He teaches you where He says by one of the holy prophets, "For this wait for me," says the Lord, "until the day of my rising up to bear witness, because my judgment is for the congregations of the heathen." For when Christ rose from the dead, He bestowed on those that were in error that judgment which is for their happiness and salvation.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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