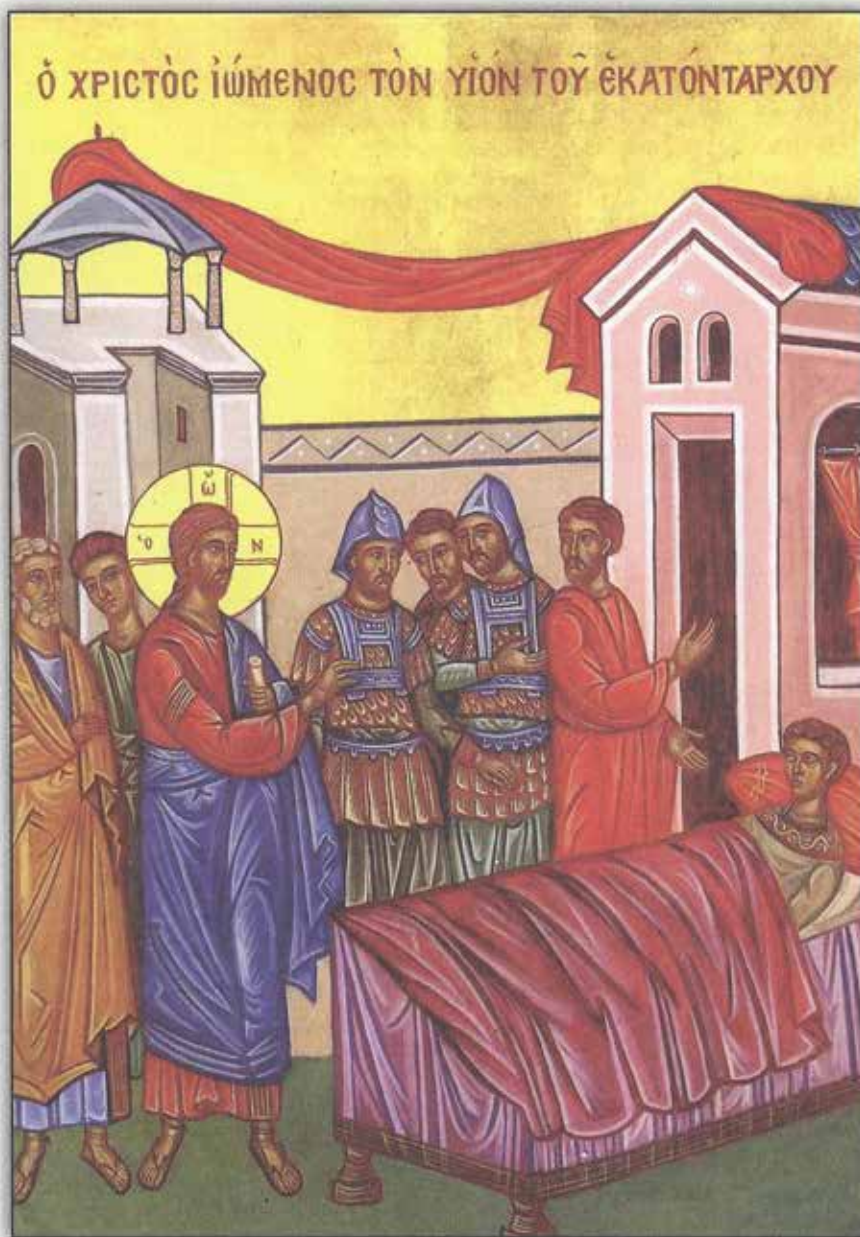


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

July 7, 2019: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 6: 18-23

Gospel: Mt. 8: 5-13

Mon., July 8	8:00	+ Joseph & Wanda Ganchura (Michal Bak)
Tues., July 9	8:00	+ Helen & Bernard Palfrey (Family)
Wed., July 10	8:00	+ Robert Kearney (Steve & Vick Harris & Max)
Thurs., Jul 11	8:00	+ Evelyn Trently (Lauren, John & Brian Telep)
Fri., July 12	8:00	+ Gloria Hughes (Gary Bzruchalski)
Sat., July 13	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Alexandra Westington (Helen Siconolfi)	
Sun., July 14	9:00	For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Mary Ann (Frank)

WHY DO CATHOLICS CONFESS THEIR SINS TO A PRIEST, RATHER THAN GOING DIRECTLY TO GOD?

Well, the quick answer is because that's the way God wants us to do it. In James 5:16, God, through Sacred Scripture, commands us to "confess our sins to one another." Notice, Scripture does not say confess your sins straight to God and only to God — it says confess your sins to one another.

In Matthew, chapter 9, verse 6, Jesus tells us that He was given authority on earth to forgive sins. And then Scripture proceeds to tell us, in verse 8, that this authority was given to "men"... plural.

In John 20, verses 21-23, what is the first thing Jesus says to the gathered disciples on the night of His resurrection? "Jesus said to them, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.'" How did the Father send Jesus? Well, we just saw in Matthew 9 that the Father sent Jesus with the authority on earth to forgive sins. Now, Jesus sends out His disciples as the Father has sent Him...so, what authority must Jesus be sending His disciples out with? The authority on earth to forgive sins. And, just in case they didn't get

it, verses 22-23 say this, “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

Why would Jesus give the Apostles the power to forgive or to retain sins if He wasn't expecting folks to confess their sins to them? And how could they forgive or retain sins if no one was confessing their sins to them?

The Bible tells us to confess our sins to one another. It also tells us that God gave men the authority on Earth to forgive sins. Jesus sends out His disciples with the authority on earth to forgive sins. When Catholics confess our sins to a priest, we are simply following the plan laid down by Jesus Christ. He forgives sins through the priest...it is God's power, but He exercises that power through the ministry of the priest.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LITURGICAL COLORS?

Anyone who has at least once attended our church service, has most likely noticed the beauty and festivity of the vestments. The diversity of colors is an inalienable part of the liturgical-church symbolism, a way of affecting those praying. Bright and radiant vestments convey the joy and exultation of God's beauty and greatness, while dark vestments instill within us a sense of repentance and the need to return to God. Since ancient times, the liturgical books have offered flexibility in liturgical color, only specifying whether the vestments worn for a particular feast or season should be light or dark. This has led to various local practices over the years. In the contemporary practice common to many parishes in America,

there are six basic color groups.

1. **WHITE** is used for Pascha, Nativity, Theophany, Ascension, and Transfiguration.

2. **PURPLE** is used for Great Lent (in some places black is used for Clean Week and Holy Week).

3. **GREEN** for Palm Sunday, Pentecost, and monastic saints.

4. **BLUE** for feasts of the Mother of God.

5. **RED** for feasts of the Holy Cross, St. John the Baptist, martyrs, and for every day of the Nativity Fast, Apostles' Fast and Dormition Fast (except during one of the Great Feasts of the Lord or Theotokos).

6. **GOLD** is used when no other color is called for as it conveys the riches

and glory of God's Kingdom.

Finally, special services like marriages, and baptisms are usually served

either in white, gold, or the color of the lenten or festal season.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

There is a meeting of St. Cyril's Holy Name Society scheduled for Sunday, July 14th following the 9:00 Divine Lit-

urgy. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 85th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Semi-

nary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 85 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

IT'S VACATION TIME... (BUT NOT FOR CHURCH BILLS)

It's that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and finan-

cial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US DURING YOUR VACATION AT THE JERSEY SHORE!

For all who are vacationing during the Summer months in Wildwood Crest, NJ, the Ukrainian Catholic Summer Mission in Wildwood Crest invites you to come and worship with us! We celebrate the

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Ukrainian (homily in English and Ukrainian) every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm from Sunday, July 7th, through Sunday, September 1st, 2019, located at:

Crest Community Church
5901 Pacific Ave.
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Crest Community Church is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Crocus Road.

For more information, please contact Father Roman Sverdán at 856-482-0938 or Marusha Cyhan at 609-522-2811. We look forward to having you and your family spiritually refresh yourselves with us during your vacation at the Jersey Shore in Wildwood Crest!

FUND RAISER FOR ALLIED SERVICES

There is a fund-raiser scheduled for "Ryan's Run." Cafe Soriano is holding a Pasta Dinner. 100% of the monies raised goes toward Allied Services. This Dinner is July 19th from 5 - 7 pm with take-out only. Dinner includes

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Bean Salad and Bread. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Allied in Dickson City. For any questions or to purchase tickets call: 570-489-5107/

*** * SPECIAL SUMMER SCHEDULE * ***

During a Parish Meeting, the topic of having **ONLY ONE** Sunday Divine Liturgy, when the Choir is on vacation, was discussed. The general consensus was that this is a good idea, especially with a

low attendance. Therefore, there will be only **ONE SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY** at 10:00 am from August 4th - September 1st. The Saturday 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy will not be affected.

STREET FAIR IN OLYPHANT JULY 27, 2019 SATURDAY ON DELAWARE STREET.

A "Celebration" in HONOR OF OLYPHANT HOMETOWN HERO Banners and the Benefit/Fundraiser for Olyphant Borough FREEDOM FIGHTER statue to be held Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. On DELAWARE STREET, Olyphant (between Lackawanna Ave. and West Grant Street) sponsored by "O-Town Bar and Grill", 400 Lackawanna St. is the Sponsor along with Olyphant Borough. Mark Zinsky is the designer of the Statue.

Come for the "Battle of the Bands", "Salute to Veterans", "Wing Fest Eating

Contest" and plenty of food, beverages, raffles, (to purchase) "Olyphant Sidewalk Sales Days", the "Mobile Veterans Unit Van", "The Marine Corps League Color Guard", Nashville singer "Dani-Elle", plus Children activities, the Olyphant American Legion Post #327 and the trophy and title contest for the "King and Queen of the Queen City" (Olyphant), ETC...in Olyphant on July 27, 2019 starting at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this Public Event!

Contact Kim Onda Atkinson, Coordinator

of the fundraiser for the OLYPHANT Event at 570-383-9552.
BOROUGH FREEDOM FIGHTER STATUE

“FURNITURE SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019”

The success of the Furniture Sale 2018 and the amount of furniture we have received so far, we are going forward with a FURNITURE SALE, One Day Only, Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Variety of furniture: couches, assortment of tables, lamps, chairs, cabinets ETC... (for the Living room, kitchen, bedroom) couch paintings, (wall hangings) records and books will be available to purchase at this time only. This is time for College-bound students to get great buys on furniture for the school year.

We will need volunteers to set up the school gym. Starting Monday, July 29, 2019, Tuesday, July 30 and if needed Wednesday, July 31, starting at 9:15 a.m. until noon (call Lauren's cell phone number at 646-241-9443 to be sure we are still working, if you plan to come down to the school gym at a later time or on Tuesday and Wednesday) to get ready for the August 3rd Sale. We already have furniture (couches, hutches, wall units inside Father Nestor's Garage) plus 4 rows of furniture items lined up in the school gym. We need the help to organize the gym and cover 'the Pile' of boxes, shelves, and racks on the rest of the items, slated to sell in September. The School gym has to be ready for the public to attend this event, and only purchase the items listed above.

Any school student who needs "Community Service" we welcome you to help out these few days, contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren. All men, woman, teenagers, altar boys, non-parishioners are always needed in this pre-furniture setup and helping out on the actual Furniture Sale on Saturday, August 3, 2019. The following week, Starting Monday, August 5th, we will begin the process of PRE-RUMMAGE preparation for the Big RUMMAGE SALE ON September 20, 21, 22, 2019 (The schedule will be in later bulletins). You have 8 weeks to make some time to volunteer for this major fundraiser for YOUR Church.

Any ESTATE, YARD SALE, DOWNSIZING, REMOLDING, etc... this a good time to get the furniture to the School gym before July 30th for this early sale. Call Father Nestor or Lauren to coordinate times, if needed, for furniture to be picked up if you cannot deliver it to the school, yourself. Yes, we will still accept furniture etc... until September 10th for the Fall Rummage SALE.

ALSO: Check your jewelry boxes and donate items you are not using, ASAP. Anna Mae Krisanda prices these items as soon as they are dropped off to her during the summer. Jewelry

has always been a great seller at the rummage sale. We will continue with our “Baskets of Cheer” for the raffle, and welcome wines, vodka, whiskey, special beer, etc... Individual donated baskets are always an added plus for this event.

It is never too late to take the “Donation Letter” to your favorite restaurant, pizza place, florist, retail store etc... and ask for a donation to our raffle. We have received Gift Cards donations from ‘Mainline Hoagie and Pizza’ in Dickson City, “O-Town Bar and Grill”, \$25.00 Olyphant, “Soriano’s Cafe” \$25.00 Peckville, “St, Georges Restaurant” \$20.00 Jessup, “Dominick’s Pizza” One Large Pizza, “:Longworth Restaurant” \$20.00, Jermyn, “Church Street Cafe” \$20.00 Jessu[p. We have dropped off “Donation Letters” at Montdale Country Club, Walmart, Bingham’s, Amenties, Creative Cakes, Sheetz in Throop, Homegoods, Cangianos, Penn State Football, Sprint Store, Aldi’s, Burlington, Jack William Tires, Giant Carpets by Cheryl, Glenda and Lauren. It is always good “public relations” to support the business and let them know you are from St. Cyril’s, that gives us donations to our Rummage Sale for our Raffle etc...

You can all help in this endeavor. All you have to do is hand them the “ Donation Letter” as is explains about our fundraiser and raffle. Just follow through with the manager! Copies are in the vestibule of the Church. There are so many businesses that can be contacted, and if everyone took one letter and handed it to their favorite business, or take an area and do 5 business, what a great help to the raffle and rummage sale.

We thank “Olyphant Bottling” for donating a blank banner to be printed and set up at the Anchor in Blakely for the Rummage Sale.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zin-month of July 2019 is Team #3: Helen sky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for June 29 & 30, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 13 & 14, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Szczesniak	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

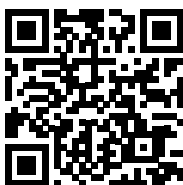
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Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion's house to cure his servant, but he replied: *I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.* In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? *I am under authority myself*, he said, *and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go,*

and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

St. Augustine of Hippo