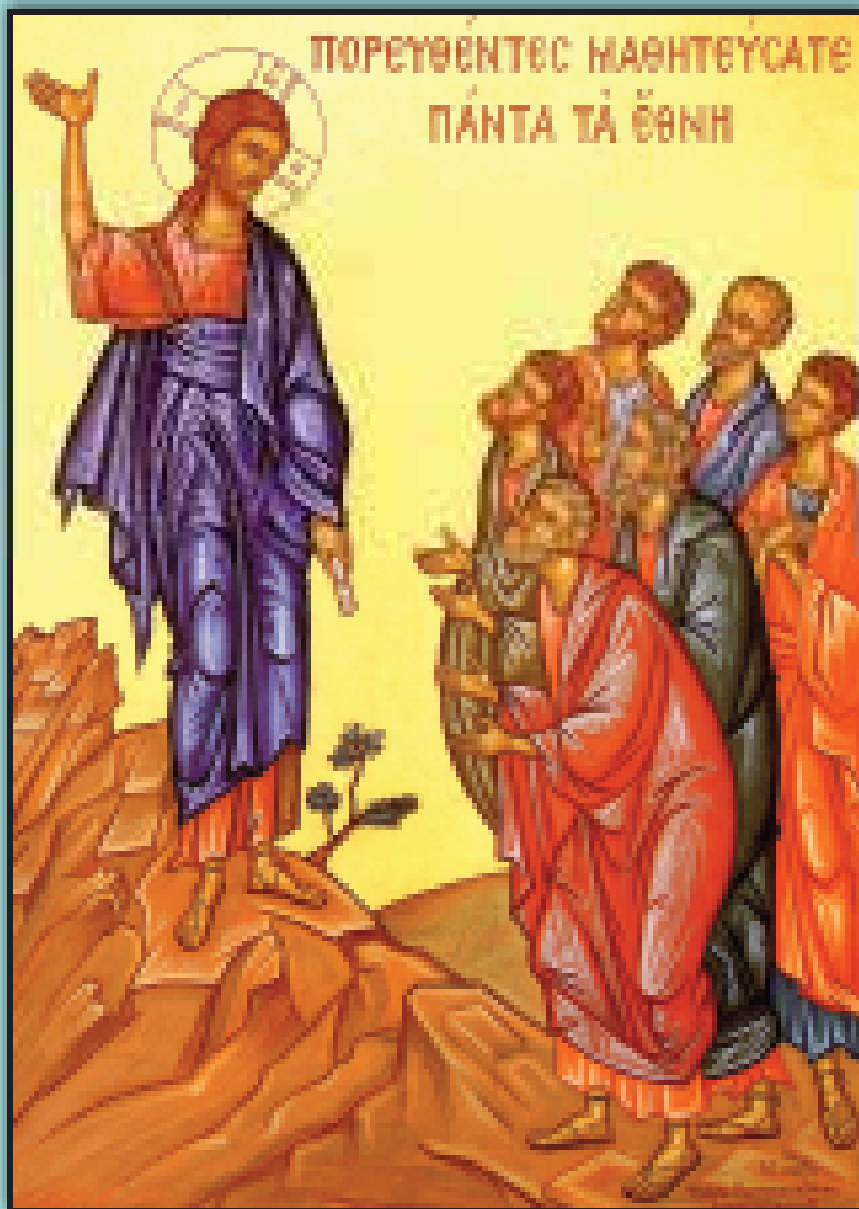


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Christ Teaching on the Mount

June 21, 2020: Third Sunday After Pentecost		
	Epistle: Rom. 5: 1-10	Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34
Mon., June 22	9:00	+ Ruth Ann Covalesky (Matt Beckage)
Tues., June 23	9:00	+ Dorothy Chezik (Joseph Nasevich Family)
Wed., June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Jeff Marcinko (Thomas & Dawn Littman)
Thurs. June 25	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Mary Ann Spryn)
Fri., June 26	9:00	+ Joseph & Helen Sembrat (Sharon, Joseph & Jeanne)
Sat., June 27	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	For Our Parishioners
Sun., June 28	10:00	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

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 you 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

Happy Father's Day!



President Calvin Coolidge threw his support behind the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd 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!



NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST *Celebrated on June 24th*

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.”

GUIDELINES FROM THE ARCHBISHOP...

For the safety of everyone, we remind our Parishioners about the Guidelines that were issued by our Archbishop:



1.

Everybody entering the Church **MUST** wear a face mask.

2.

Social Distancing is to be kept between non-family people when in the pews, approaching to

receive Holy Communion, or when moving around in the Church.

3. If you are sick, or do not feel well, **PLEASE STAY HOME!**

4. Everyone is reminded to open their mouth wide and not bite down on the spoon when receiving Holy Communion. The spoon will be disinfected between Communicants.

5. For those of you who are still not comfortable coming Church, or at high risk, the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Church on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect.

6. We will continue to **LIVESTREAM** our services on Facebook and

7. YouTube for a little while longer.
We ask that you make your Sunday Collection donation by placing your offering into one of the boxes in front of the Church by the

candles. At this time, there will be no one collecting.
We are all in this battle with the Coronavirus. Together, if we do our part, we can defeat it!

Q AND A: WHAT IS THE UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH (UGCC)?

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the largest of the Eastern Catholic Churches. According to recent statistics (Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Annuario Pontificio 2011), it is comprised of 4,360,335 members... or 26% of all Eastern Catholics.

This particular Eastern Church traces its immediate origin to the Kyivan (or Kievan) tradition, and its wider origin to the Constantinopolitan (Greek, or Byzantine) tradition.

Kyiv is the capitol of modern Ukraine, and the ancient capital of Kievan Rus, and so our Church takes its name 'Ukrainian.' In 988, Kievan Rus accepted Christian baptism under the leadership of St. Vladimir (Volodymyr) the Great. Therefore, our Church is one of the descendants of the Church of Kiev (now Kyiv), since many Slavic Churches trace their origins to Kievan Rus. It has even been called the Kyivan (Kievan) Catholic Church.

As one of the Eastern Churches stemming from the Greek Christian missionaries (especially Ss. Cyril and Methodius, the great patrons and evangelizers of the Slavs), our Church takes the name 'Greek' or 'Byzantine.' Up until the middle of the second millennium, the Metropolitans of Kiev answered directly to the Patriarch of Constantinople. Therefore, our Church is Greek or Byzantine in origin and life.

In the middle of the second millennium, the Orthodox Christians in those lands found themselves under the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. They were oppressed by the Catholic majority, considered second-class and having very few rights. In 1595/96, mostly for political reasons, some hierarchs of the Kievan Metropolia signed the Union of Brest. This, in effect, broke their communion with Constantinople and united them to Rome.

This, not mentioning many other historical factors, is the origin of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

SUMMER RAFFLE

The drawing for the Summer Raffle will be on Sunday, July 5 instead of June 28 in order to give an extra week for raffle returns. So for those who have not yet made your returns, Please do so this week or next week so we will have your tickets in the drawing on July 5, which will take place immediately after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

BAKED FISH DINNER REFUNDS

Anyone who purchased a “Baked Fish Dinner ticket, and desires to get a refund, is asked to see the person who sold them the ticket. The money will be returned.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

During June, our Archeparchy will takes 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.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2020 is Team Shumek.
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Sunday Collection for June 13 & 14, 2020: \$3,4211.00

THANK YOU to all the Parishioners who supported our Parish during the recent COVID-19 Quarantine. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. May God Bless all of you!

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

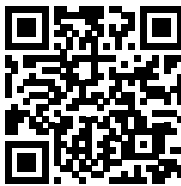
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Prove Your Faith by Your Trust

“To what the birds of the air do” says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence provides an unending supply of food to the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the same for people’s supply resulting about in human greed. The birds of the earth were given to feed all without distinction, and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, seeking to have these goods into private property. The birds do not know hunger because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. Consider the birds of the field and your behavior in all his glory was

inspired the son of man. If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow in making the sun, tomorrow more will be clothes you of you? Listen to these simple, direct and enlightening words. With the people wherever and give the Lord signs or to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more powerful than a glimpse of another’s unshakable love, which each beautiful day from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they submit themselves completely to God and live themselves of all their working, will not lack anything.

St. Ambrose of Milan