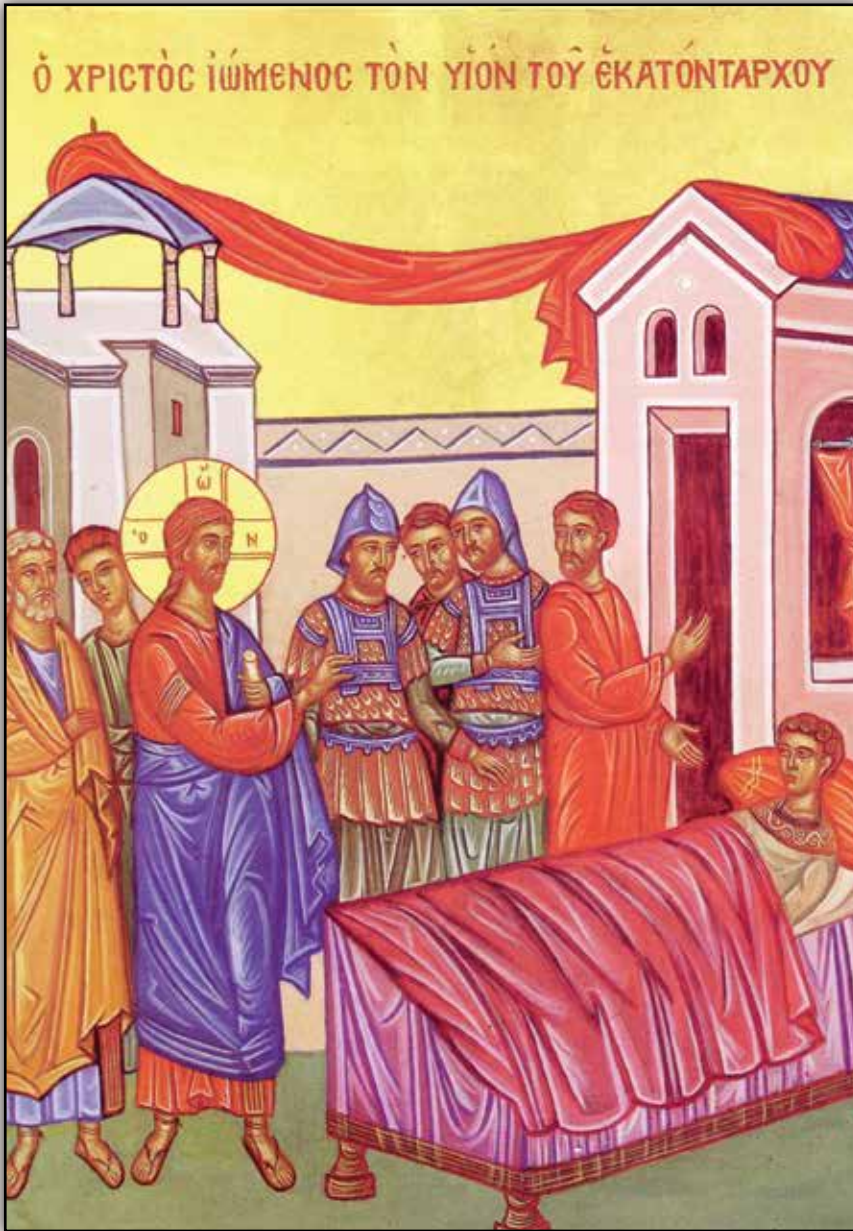


## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant*

<b>June 20, 2021: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Rom. 6: 18-23		Gospel: Mt. 8: 5-13
<b>Mon., June 21</b>	9:00	+ Andrew Chezik & + George Tehensky (Chezik Children)
<b>Tues., June 22</b>	9:00	+ Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
<b>Wed., June 23</b>	9:00	+ Andy Marcinko (St. Cyril's Holy Name Society)
<b>Thurs. June 24</b>	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>	
	9:00	+ Josephine Kulesa (Dolly Daniels)
	6:00 pm	Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Fri., June 25</b>	9:00	+ Thomas Walsh (Jule Harris)
<b>Sat., June 26</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Daughter, Gloria)
<b>Sun., June 27</b>	10:00	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

## **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.”

## HONORING TWO FATHERS ON FATHER’S DAY

### Happy 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 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 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!

### ARCHIEPARCHIAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES ARE STILL IN EFFECT

In the Ten Commandments, the Fourth Commandment states: "Honor your father and mother." Not only does this Commandment address our parents, but it also instructs us to regard those in authority (both civil and religious) "as representatives of God, who has made them stewards of his gifts." From this flows the duty for us to contribute to the good of society "in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom"; to willingly serve our country out of gratitude;

and to submit to legitimate authority and service to the common good.

At a recent meeting, our Archbishop Borys said that he thinks that the faithful should still continue to wear a mask in Church until further notice. **In compliance with the Archbishop's instructions, please continue to wear your masks while in Church.** Also, we will continue to disinfect the communion spoon after each communicant.

### OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember the souls of the following Parishioners who were buried from St. Cyril's this past week.

+ **Frank Cole's** funeral took place on

Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

+ **Margaret Reilly's** funeral took place on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

May their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

### 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.



## **‘ST. PETER’ MOVIE STARRING OMAR SHARIF**



trod the same road as the Master. Peter comes to understand he must be willing to suffer and die, but not exactly as Jesus did, because Peter did not deem himself worthy of such a death. He would choose instead to be crucified upside down.

Imagine being in Jerusalem after the crucifixion of Christ. Imagine the confusion and disarray as well as the fear of the Early Christians who were being hunted down by the Romans. Imagine being the man chosen by Christ to keep His Church alive in the face of certain persecution and death.

Imagine no longer. EWTN is proud to present “St. Peter,” a sweeping drama starring Omar Sharif, which takes viewers from the foot of the Cross to the death of St. Peter. The film covers such events as the arrest and death of St. Paul, Peter’s struggle to discern whether he should stay in Rome or go somewhere safer; and his realization that he must

View Part 1 (2 hours) at 8 p.m. ET, Saturday, June 19 or 1:30 a.m. ET, Monday, June 21. View Part 2 (2 hours) at 8 p.m. ET, Saturday, June 26 or 1:30 a.m., Monday, June 28. (As always, check EWTN’s website for dates and times in case of unforeseen changes, [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).)

If you sometimes feel like despairing when you see the persecution against Christians, which exists in our own time, take heart! The Early Christians faced huge obstacles and overcame them. Always remember Our Lord’s words to His successor on earth: “Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church and the gates of

hell shall not prevail against it.” (MT 16:18) But, oh, how they will try!

*-- By Michelle Laque Johnson*

## **Church Raffle**

The CHURCH RAFFLE will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are asking Parishioners to make their raffle returns as soon as

possible. Ideally, all returns should be made by June 27<sup>th</sup> for the drawing on the following Sunday, July 4, 2021.

## **THE 11TH ANNUAL ST. CYRIL'S RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

The next Rummage Sale Set-up will Monday, June 21st, and Tuesday, June 22nd (two shifts) from 9:30 a.m. - Noon, and then in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Cyrils School gym.

Can you spare some time to help out for the benefit of your church, St. Cyril's? When you are sitting at home on Monday or Tuesday in the morning or evening, perhaps you can come down to the School gym? You can be sitting at the table, putting stickers on items, or help in other areas. All are welcome to volunteer, all parishioners, and friends. (Teenagers and adults) after 10 years, you know what is involved. Every hour you volunteer helps in the final outcome, the financial help to St. Cyrils. It's comfortable working in the school gym, it is not too hot and not too cold. Come and socialize with your fellow parishioners and friends and do some shopping too!!! There are a variety of areas, where you can lend a helping hand.

Monday, June 28th, and Tuesday, June 29th, will have the same time schedule, (2 shifts) as listed above.

The dates have been set for Friday, September 24th, and Saturday, September 25, for St. Cyril's Rummage Sale/Furniture Sale for the 11th year. Any questions, call Lauren at cell 646-241-9443 or 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor 570-291-4451. During this time, your donations will be accepted.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2021 is Team #2: Eugene

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

**Sunday Collection for June 5 & 6, 2021: \$**

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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*