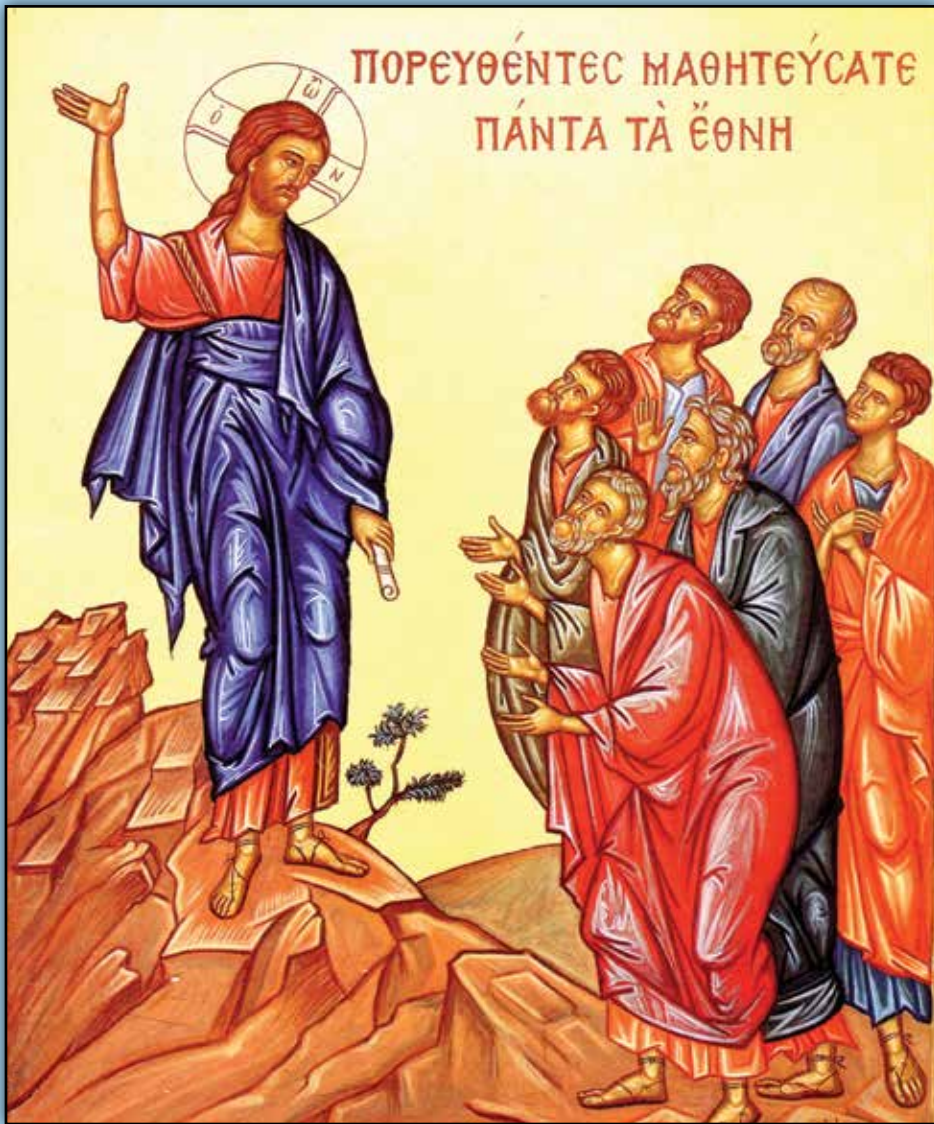


## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Preaching to the Apostles*

<b>June 18, 2023: Third Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Rom. 5: 1-10		Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34
<b>Mon., June 19</b>	9:00	+ Kutsop Family (Legate)
	6:00	Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Tues., June 20</b>	9:00	+ Romaine Strony (Howard Smith)
<b>Wed., June 21</b>	9:00	+ Roberta Kushner (Czaja Family)
<b>Thurs., June 22</b>	9:00	Private Intention (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky & Family)
<b>Fri. June 23</b>	9:00	+ Nancy Trygar (Marcella Gawron)
<b>Sat., June 24</b>	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day)</b>	
	9:00	+ Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)
<b>Sun., June 25</b>	10:30	For Our Fathers

## 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, in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities

## Happy Father's Day!



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!



## NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Celebrated on 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 as 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.”

## **BABA’S WISDOM**

When I asked Baba why she loved the Mother of God so much she would tell me this story. I never got tired of hearing it.

“One day, Our Lord was sitting at the gates of heaven on His Judgment Seat. He decided that he needed a day off, so He called St. Peter and asked him to cover for Him. Our Lord gave St. Peter a list of names of those He expected and after each name he had noted the eternal destination of the person coming. St. Peter said that he understood the directions and he took over the job. When Our Lord returned at the gates later in the day, He asked St. Peter how things had gone. St. Peter assured Him that everything had gone

very well. But when Our Lord took a look around, He noticed someone who was not destined for heaven on the list He had given St. Peter. He figured St. Peter had made a mistake. But as he looked further, He saw more and more people who were not supposed to be admitted to heaven. So Our Lord asked St. Peter for an explanation. St. Peter said: ‘Every so often when I told someone that they could not be admitted, they would go to the side door and Your Mother would let them in.’ Baba’s devotion to the Mother of God might seem naïve to many, but Baba knew that she needed help to get into heaven as we all do. She would say: “When you want something

important, you ask your friends to pray for and with you. Well, I figure

the best person to pray with and for me would be Jesus' Mother."

### **OLYPHANT RESIDENTS (AGE 65+) SAVINGS**

Olyphant Residents are paying \$12.00 per month fee for removal of their garbage and this fee is reflected on their Olyphant Electric Bill, a total of \$144.00 per year. The Olyphant Borough Council authorized a savings for Olyphant's Senior Citizens age 65 +.years old. You must meet the requirements to get the credit of \$72.00 on your RESIDENT/Home electric bill per year. You must register for this savings.

You need to show your Photo I.D./Pennsylvania Driver's license,

age 65+ years old, your name is on the Olyphant Electric Bill for the past 12 months and paid up to date, etc. (it is NOT BASED on your income for the credit of \$72.00 per year) You will be notified as your information is approved for this savings.

For additional information please contact the Olyphant Borough Building, Electric Department at 570-489-2135 and 570-489-3001 or stop by Olyphant Borough Building,113 Willow Street, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **LASAGNA DINNER**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold

a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in their school hall on

the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include; a generous portion of meat lasagna,

garden salad, bread and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

### **RESCUE & RESTORE CHURCH CARNIVAL**

The Rescue & Restore Church of Willow Street, Olyphant, PA will be sponsoring their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carnival Fundraiser. Starting on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bring the

family and kids of all ages to enjoy the food, games and rides. In the Parking lot across the Street from the Rescue and Restore Church on Willow Ave. (off of Lackawanna Ave.) Olyphant. Plenty of Free Parking! For more info contact Rev. Jack Munley at 570-483-4114.

### **ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY**

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds

raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 89 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 2023 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

**Sunday Collection for June 10 & 11, 2023: \$**



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### *Prove Your Faith by Your Trust*

‘Look at the birds of the air,’ says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an unfailing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits 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, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. ‘Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass

which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!’ Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*

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