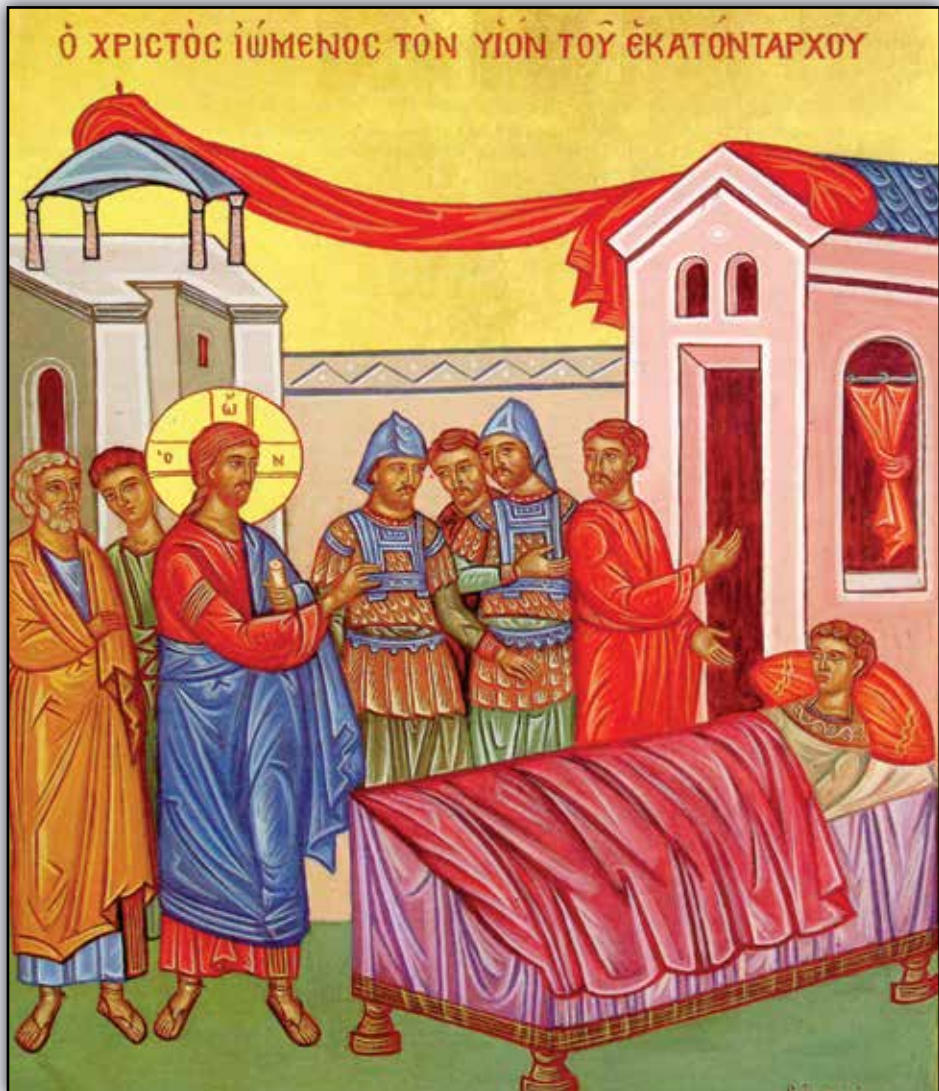


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

June 25, 2023: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 5: 1-10		Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34
Mon., June 26	9:00	+ Nancy Trygar (Howard Smith)
	6:00	Moleben to Jesus Christ
Tues., June 27	9:00	+ Howard & Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Wed., June 28	9:00	+ Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
Thurs., June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	9:00	For Our Parishioners
Fri. June 30	9:00	+ Andrew & Julia Evanina & Children (Grandson, Howard)
Sat., July 1	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., July 2	10:30	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Commemorated on June 29th

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the “Leaders of the Apostles” in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Gali-

lee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4: 19). After Jesus’ Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ’s divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the gospel in Asia at Antioch (Ga. 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most

probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the



form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to represent the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, as pillars of the Church and

Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which

teachers of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the “rock of faith” and Paul “pride of the universe.” Together they are celebrated as “luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun and pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ.”

(adapted from God With Us Icon Series)

WHY DO WE TOUCH OUR RIGHT SHOULDERS FIRST, BEFORE OUR LEFT WHEN WE MAKE A SIGN OF THE CROSS?

Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father. God separated

the sheep from the goats, putting the faithful sheep on His right side and the

goats on the left. Because of this precedence, the Church has always treated the right side as the preferred side.

Censing of the holy table, the iconostas, the congregation, and of the church itself always begins with the right side. The priest always gives communion with his right hand, even if he is left handed. We only cross ourselves with our right hand. The priest, when blessing a person, first touches or points to their right side then their left. When parents makes the Sign of the Cross over their children, they cross from left to right, just as the priest blesses. When they make the Sign of

the Cross over themselves, they do it the other way in order to touch their own right shoulders first.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ Roman Catholics prayed the Sign of the Cross this way until the 15th or 16th century. Around that time, they started mimicking the priest's movement, following him first to the left, apparently unaware that when he went to the left it was with the intention of first blessing on their right. The apostolic tradition of moving from the belly to the right shoulder was never lost in the Christian East and we maintain that tradition to this day.

LADYBUGS: A SIGN OF OUR LADY

Have you heard the enduring story about how the ladybug earned its name?

Ladybugs are associated with various symbols, including luck and good fortune. However, did you know there is a symbol from a Catholic perspective?

The story goes that in Europe during the Middle Ages, swarms of pesky insects (probably aphids) destroyed crops and threatened faithful farming communities with starvation.

In desperation, the farmers, who had a devotion to the Blessed Mother,

turned to the Virgin Mary for help!

Soon after, a cloud of black-spotted, red-orange insects came and devoured the plant-destroying pests, saving the crops!

The farmers considered this an answer to their prayers and a sign of Our Lady's intercession. They began referring to these life-saving, beautiful insects as "Our Lady's Bugs."

Variations of this name, including "The Beetles of Our Lady" and "Lady Beetles" came about. In Germany, the term "Marienkäfer" means "Marybeetle."

The bug's red-orange wings symbolize her joys and sorrows.
represent the mantle of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, while the black spots

-- by *Caroline Perkins*

FUNDRAISER REPORT

Our May Fundraisers were quite successful. Here are the totals we earned for our parish:

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way!

A SPECIAL REQUEST

At the conclusion of our Sunday Divine Liturgy please close all Liturgy books and/or hymn books/brochures and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or other reading material in the pews. Also, don't forget to take

your water bottles with you. Let us all do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the pews clean and neat. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

RESCUE & RESTORE CHURCH CARNIVAL

The Rescue & Restore Church of Willow Street, Olyphant, PA will be sponsoring their 2nd Annual Carnival Fundraiser. Starting on Wednesday, June 28th to Saturday July 1st. Everyday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 1st, 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 89th 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!

12 YEARS OF THANKS!

The Ss. Cyril and Methodius "Rummage Sale" Fundraiser has ended. We want to

thank all the volunteers, within the Parish Family, and the friends who gave so much because of their love and support for St. Cyril's Church. As Father Nestor stated The Rummage Sale donations to the Church "helped pay the bills and keep the doors open"

The donations from the community of endless household items and furniture made the Rummage sales successful. We want to thank the media with PSAs/Photos: The Scranton Times, The Valley Advantage, (Church bulletins, plus newspapers, radio, and TV stations), The American Legion, (Olyphant) that donated their hall (4 years), and the VFW, (Peckville), helped with the publicity signs. Special thanks to the variety of businesses, local merchants, and food establishments, that gladly donated items, and raffle baskets, fed the volunteers, offered discounts, posted flyers and so much more. etc... for so many years.

We were able to "pay it forward" to many organizations and individuals over the years. Thank you for supporting St. Cyril's Rummage Sale and supporting future fundraisers.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2023 is Team Shumek.

#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Sunday Collection for June 17 & 18, 2023: \$

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their birthday in June:

Michaelene Davis

Susan Sakson

Carol Zadarosni

James Matuszewski, Jr.

John Sakson, Jr.

Paul Mizerak

Sarah Sakson

Happy Anniversary and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary during June:

Cindy & Jim Creavey

Joey & Debbie Turko

John & Marie Martin

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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

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