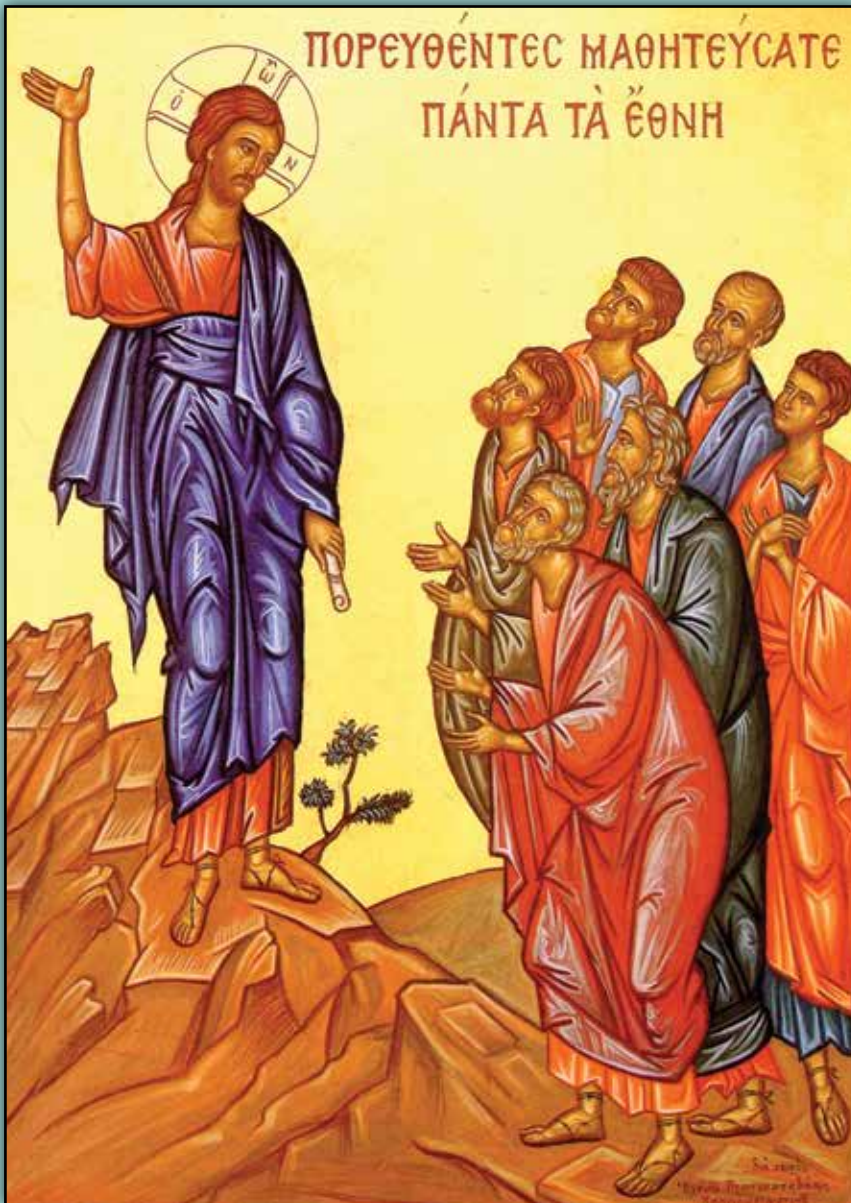


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Teaching on the Mount*

## June 14, 2026: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 5: 1-10

Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34

**This Weekend**      4:00 pm + Stephen & Amelia Malinchak (Jule Harris)  
10:30 For Our Parishioners

**Mon., June 15**      9:00 + Bill Brezinski (Howard Smith)  
6:00 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ

**Tues., June 16**      10:00 Funeral: + Romaine Barron

**Wed., June 17**      10:00 Funeral: + Joan Stecco

**Thurs., June 18**      9:00 + Gerald Oleary (Richard & Beverly Burkhart)

**Fri., June 19**      9:00 + Kutsop Family (Legate Liturgy)

**Sat., June 20**      **No Morning Divine Liturgy**  
2:00 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

**Sun., June 21**      10:30 For Our Fathers



*Flag Day*

### FLAG DAY

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag.

Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed

into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official ver-

sions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The original Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands -- One nation indivisible -- with liberty and justice for all," was written in September of 1892 by Francis Bellamy for "The Youth's Companion" magazine in Boston. The phrase was printed on leaflets and sent to schools throughout the United States.

The first organized use of the Pledge of Allegiance came on Oct. 12, 1892, when some 12 million American school children recited it to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

In 1923, the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C. voted

to change the words "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States of America."

Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942, but in 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students could not be forced to recite it.

The words "under God" were added in 1954 by then President Eisenhower, who stated at the time, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

## **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 some-

one 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.”

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

It's that time of year again—vacation time! Many of us take a break from our normal routines to rest and relax. Some stay close to home, while others travel to visit friends, explore new places, or enjoy new adventures. For a little while, we may even set aside our usual schedules.

Unfortunately, our bills and financial obligations never take a

vacation—including those of our Church. In fact, expenses often increase during the summer months.

As you prepare for your vacation, please remember your Church. You can always mail in your Sunday collection envelopes so that your support continues even while you are away.

Thank you for your continued

generosity and commitment!

## IT IS SUMMER TIME!!!

Summer is here and I'm sure we're all thinking about vacations, relaxing, lots of sunshine (very important for us NEPA), a slower lifestyle, ball games, visits to amusement parks, short trips to places of interest, working around the house, gardening, summer sports leagues, and more...

It seems that regardless of the time of year, we all have much for which to thank God, and as His creations, therefore we need to worship our Creator. As you begin to fill the calendar with activities, try not to let Sunday Divine Worship fall by the wayside! For all of us summer should be less stressful which should, in turn, enhance our participation in the Divine Liturgy.

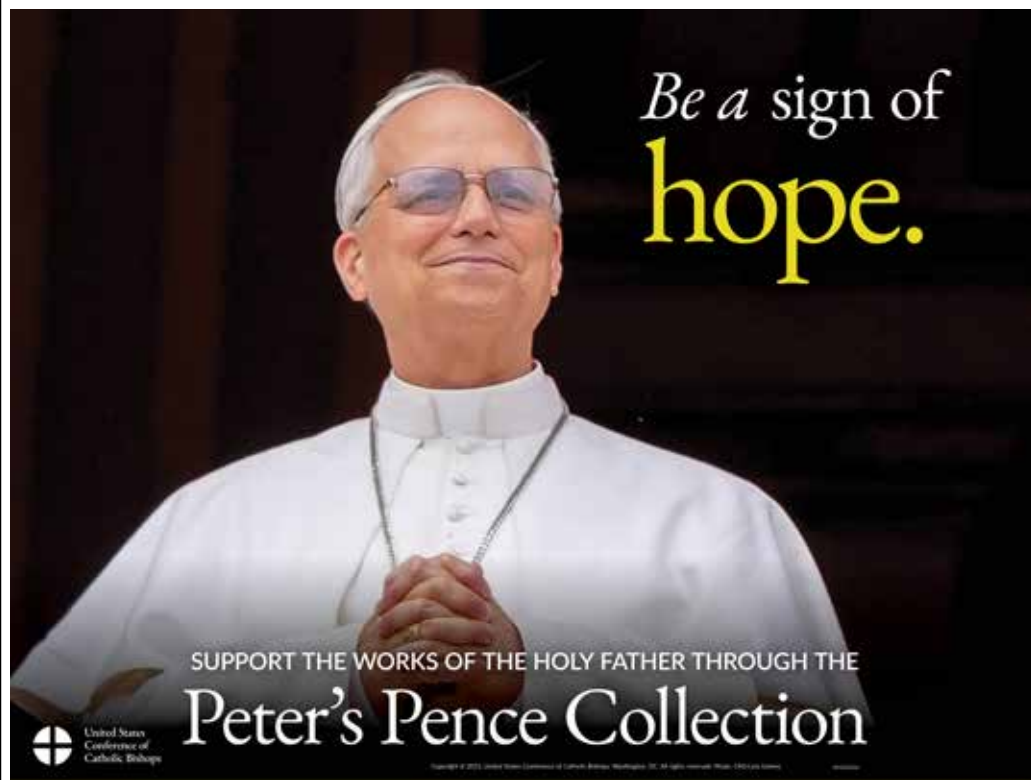
What we see happening in our parishes is that summer means for some "a vacation from God". This is a strange concept for me, which you would probably expect me to say, given my priestly ministry in the Church. I like to think of my summer vacations as an adventure, and visiting different Ukrainian Catholic or Eastern Catholic Churches can be

part of this adventure. The different types of architecture, icons, music, vestments, etc. still point to a Church with the same beliefs. Our Divine Worship is timeless, regardless of the time zone, continent, or jurisdiction in which it is offered. When you plan to travel remember to visit the following websites: Ukrainian Catholic Parishes around the world can be found on this website: [map.ugcc.ua](http://map.ugcc.ua), or [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com); to find lists of all parishes, regardless of jurisdiction.

Finally, here is a prayer that you can offer before you begin your travels: *Lord Jesus Christ my God, be my Companion, guide and protector during my journey. Keep me from all danger, misfortune and temptation. By Your divine power grant me a peaceful and successful journey and safe arrival. In You I place my hope and trust and You I praise, honor and glorify, together with Your Father and Holy Spirit now and forever and ever. Amen.*

-- [saintgeorgepittsburgh.org](http://saintgeorgepittsburgh.org)

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



During June, our Archeparchy takes up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Leo 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 to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

### REMEMBERING SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Our Parish has been serving Ukrainian Greek Catholics and so many others for over one hundred

years now. By including Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Olyphant as one of the beneficiaries in your Last Will

and Testament, you will help our parish continue its sacred duty of serving the needs of present and future generations of its parishioners. There is no amount that is too small - it all helps! And remember, whatever your own financial situation may be, you should prepare a Last Will and Testament, to be sure that your estate and possessions will



be handled according to your wishes. When making a bequest to our parish, please make sure you use the full name and address: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435. Thank you, and may God bless and repay you!

## UAPortal.org

Ukraine needs our voices in Congress now. In under 2 minutes you can help support military aid for Ukraine, stronger sanctions on Russia and Green Cards for Ukrainian refugees. Visit [UAPortal.org](http://UAPortal.org), enter your

ZIP code, and send a letter to your Congressman or Senator. Ask them to support Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913) and Ukrainian Adjustment Act (H.R. 3104).

## COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2026 is Team

#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., and Michael Shumek.

## Sunday Collection for June 6 & 7, 2026: \$

*Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.*

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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*