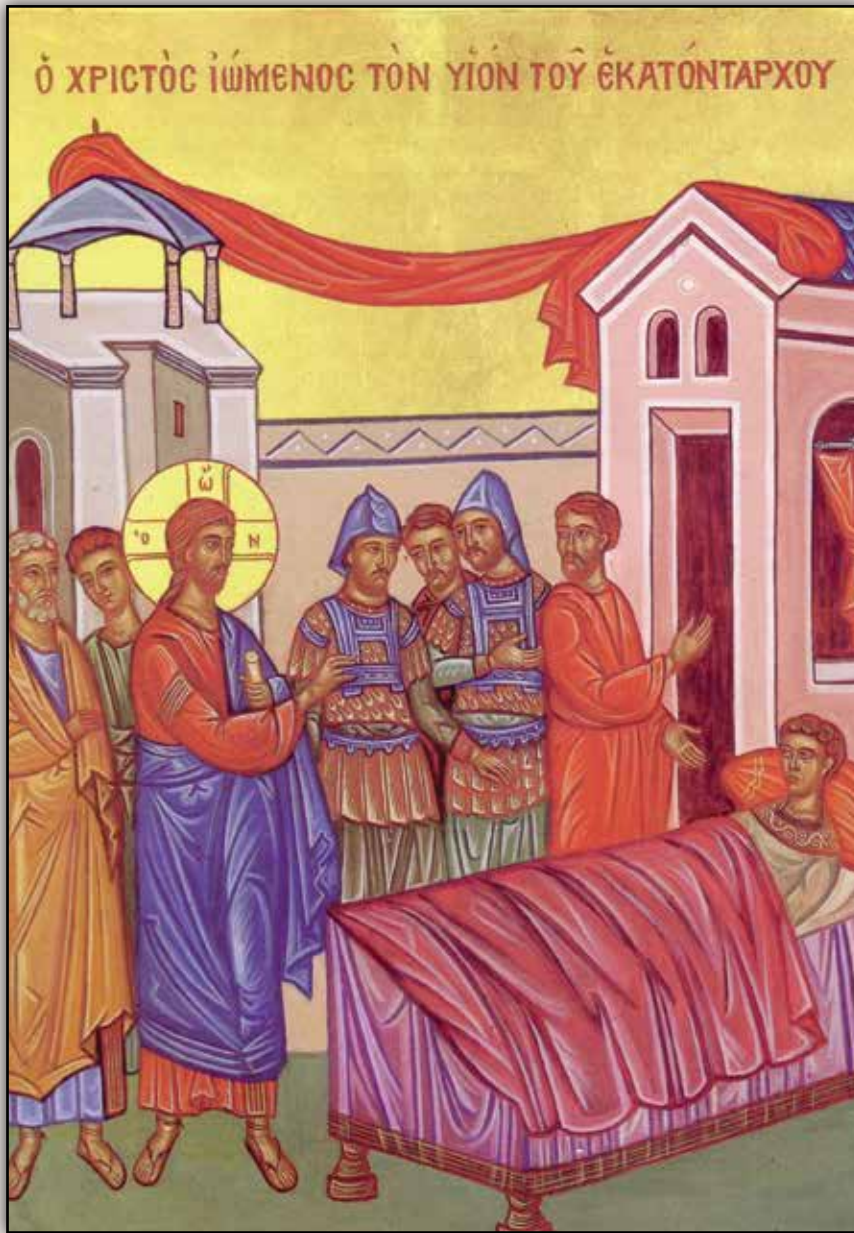


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

June 21, 2026: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 6: 18-23

Gospel: Mt. 8: 5-13

This Weekend 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
10:30 For Our Fathers

Mon., June 22 9:00 + George & Marie Chmil (Paul & Rosemary)
6:00 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ

Tues., June 23 9:00 + Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

Wed., June 24 **Birth of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day)**
9:00 + Dolores & Andrew Kuzmick (Sons, Andrew & Michael Kuzmick)

Thurs., June 25 9:00 + Olga Smith (Son, Howard)

Fri., June 26 9:00 + Charlie Kirk (Lauren Telep)

Sat., June 27 11:00 Funeral: + Ronald Frekey
2:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sun., June 28 10:30 + Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)

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 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."

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 your 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 Vietnam 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 across America 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 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 earthly 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 earthly 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 earthly father and your Heavenly Father.

Happy Father’s Day!

CHURCH TRADITIONS & ETIQUETTE

Modern culture is rather casual in its approach to worship and sacred

space. In our Church we adhere to long-standing traditions that express

the reverence which is due to God, to each other, and to ourselves. Respect for God and His house translates to respect for all of His creation. The following guidelines are customs and traditions of etiquette that we need to be aware of as Catholic faithful. Please read the following information prayerfully and with an understanding for the Church's obligation to shepherd with love and compassion for all the faithful.

Entering the Church. Arrive on Time - The time to arrive at church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has begun, try to enter the church quietly and at the appropriate moment. We must not be walking in or around the church when the Gospel is being read, when a procession is taking place, or at any time that the priest is facing the congregation.

Fast before the Liturgy. It is a Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose

is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the church – it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk - do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Sssshhhhh.

Cell phones should never be used in Divine Liturgy for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. Also, if you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is appropriate, but try to be discreet.

Proper Church Attire. Church is a sacred place with its traditions. When we come to worship we should respect those traditions. Our clothes should be modest and tasteful. Inappropriate attire such as tight pants, mid-thigh dresses and skirts, low cut blouses can be perceived as disrespectful and could be offensive to other worshipers. Thank you for your consideration.

A REMINDER FOR VACATION SEASON

It is that wonderful time of year once again — Vacation Time! A season for rest and relaxation, when

we temporarily step away from our daily routines to recharge. Whether we stay at home or venture out to visit

friends, explore new destinations, or embark on exciting adventures, vacations offer a much-needed break for the soul. During these moments, it's easy to let our usual obligations slip from our minds.

However, there is one reality we cannot escape: bills and financial responsibilities never seem to take a vacation. This includes the operational costs of our Church, which, paradoxically, often increase during the summer months. Whether it's the upkeep of church facilities or utility bills, these vital needs continue to require support, even as we are away enjoying time with loved ones.

So, as you pack your bags, finalize travel plans, or settle into your summer routine, please keep your Church in mind. Ensuring that your Sunday Collection envelopes are mailed in while you're away is an easy and thoughtful way to maintain your contributions to the Church's mission. This simple act allows you to fully enjoy your vacation, knowing you have supported the work that continues to uplift our community.

Thank you for remembering your Church during this busy season, and may your summer be filled with joy, relaxation, and renewal!

A MESSAGE FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Summer is here, bringing with it warmer temperatures and increased humidity. To help ensure a comfortable environment for worship and fellowship, we are pleased to remind everyone that a new air conditioning system was installed in our church this past September.

To maintain a pleasant setting for all, we kindly ask for your cooperation as we keep the thermostat set at 75 degrees. This helps us balance comfort while being mindful of energy use.

As many of you know, the cost of the new system was \$42,000. To date, we have received \$6,575 in generous donations, with the remaining balance covered from parish savings.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we humbly ask you to consider making a donation toward the cost of this important improvement. Your support is deeply appreciated and helps ensure that our parish remains a welcoming and comfortable space for everyone.

Thank you for your continued

generosity and commitment to our church community.

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!

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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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