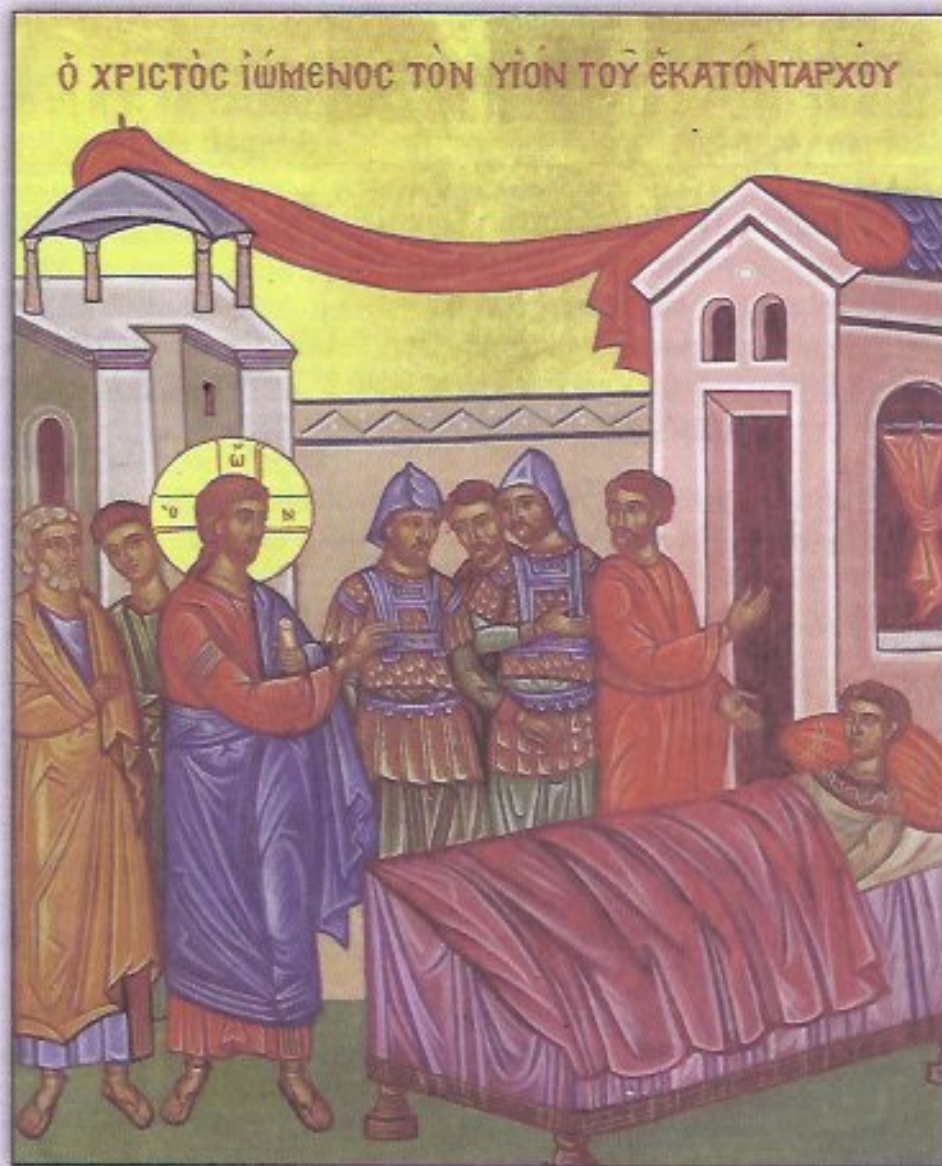


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

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June 12-19, 2016

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

**SATURDAY 6:00PM Health of Karen Bakros – Pyrohy Workers Holy Ghost
4th Sunday after Pentecost: June 12, 2016**

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Rosemary Agnelli- Dan & Loretta Bodnar

**Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 9:00AM. Please support our daily
Liturgies through your attendance.**

MONDAY Special Anniversary Intention: Archbishop Stefan Soroka

TUESDAY +Catherine Horon Corriere – Marjorie & Peter Brinko

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

**THURSDAY Health and Special Anniversary Intention: Archbishop
Stephen Sulyk**

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY 6:00PM Father's Day Intentions: Living and Deceased Father's
of our Parish Family**

5th Sunday After Pentecost: June 19, 2016

**9:00AM (Ukrainian) Father's Day Intentions: Living and Deceased Father's
of our Parish Family**

**11:00AM (English) Father's Day Intentions: Living and Deceased Father's
of our Parish Family**

COLLECTION – \$ 1171.50 Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Tower Repair /Memorial Account \$100.00 In memory of William Lightcap
Jr – granddaughters Zorianna & Savina**

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles In Memory of +Joseph & Stella Bodnar-
Dan and Loretta Bodnar**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Feast Of All Ukrainian Saints)

Troparion (3):

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion (4):

O Princes and bishops glorified in Christ, you monastics and martyrs, and you staunch confessors from every age of Christian Ukraine, pray to Christ our God, that He gaze with a merciful eye on our nation and grant it the grace to endure in faith, and that the souls of its devout faithful, who honor your sacred memory, may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (4):

You shine with bright lights, O divinely inspired righteous ones of our church, and by your encouraging example, you serve the communities of the faithful throughout the Christian world. Therefore, in humility we bow our heads before you, as we thank the great and all gracious God, Who made you our mediators in heaven and the intercessors for our souls.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (3):

You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Prokimenon (3):

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: All peoples, clap your hands; cry to God with shouts of joy.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 6,18-23)

Brethren: Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our God.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Verse: Be a rock of refuge to me, a mighty stronghold to save me.

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Gospel: (Mt 8,5-13)

At that time, when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it. When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "you may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you." And at that very hour [his] servant was healed.

SUNDAY OF THE SAINTS OF UKRAINE

We celebrate today those who let the Light of Christ shine through them brightly in the land of Ukraine. We remember all those who have gone before us and who have fulfilled God's plan for humanity here on earth. Those who have answered the call from God to join Him, and became His hands, legs, eyes, ears and voice in this world, bringing God's love, grace and salvation.

However, the theme of this Sunday goes well beyond a celebration or commemoration. It is probably the only Sunday of the church year that hits us right in between our eyes with a sober reminder and maybe even a certain degree of condemnation on what we, as Ukrainian-Catholics, are missing in our life today . Are we missing the desire for personal sainthood?

Sometimes quickly and easily we surrender to the ways of this society, rather than staying affirmed to the Gospel teachings and sacred traditions .

St. Apostle Paul very often in his letters addressed the first Christians as "saints". At that time they were still alive and there was not a standard process of canonization developed yet in the Church. But he called them "saints" anyway...Why? Because they were different and willfully "separated" from the sinful ways of the world around them. The original meaning of the word "saint" (Agios in Greek) – means different, separated and exempt from common use. Undeniably, the first Christians were different from the rest of their society in the way they treated each other, and those around them; in the how they put Christ and His Church above all other earthly matters and in the way they lived and how many of them died.

They were not sinless, however by the grace of God they strived to elevate themselves above the sinful ways of society. The light of Christ shined through them intensely in the darkness of sinful and perverted cultures of those days .

How different are we in the world around us? How much of God's light do we let shine through us?Are we dedicated to the Truth of God or to lies and empty promises of today's society?

These are the questions that we should try to answer on this Sunday of all Saints of Ukraine. Christ told us what it takes to become a saint, so that the light of God may shine through us. There were three key points that our Lord made: confessing Him openly, loving Him supremely, and following Him self-sacrificially with determination and endurance.

So today, as we commemorate all the Saints of Ukraine, let's take a closer look at our Saints and become conscious of one simple fact that, if we desire to be saved, have life eternal and help others to achieve the same **we have to become saints**, for only then will the light of Christ shine through us and illumine the way of salvation to those around us .

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

We are planning two shifts of workers for the picnic on June 26 from 11:00AM-7:00PM. There is also a work schedule for clean up on the Monday afterwards. Some of the positions require a lot of time on your feet (food Service), others are less strenuous: ticket sales, children's booth, desserts and coffee, and church tours) The shifts are 3.5 hours . If you are able to help with any of them please sign the registration sheet in the vestibule of the church over the next few weeks. We need 102 volunteers for all the positions. Thank you.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

We will be having Summer Church Camp for the children and grandchildren of our community from July 18-22 from 9:30AM – 1:30PM daily. We will be exploring the roots of our faith and our Ukrainian culture. We will be visiting the Coal Region where many of our first immigrants settled and our first Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was built; have a tour of a Coal Mine and visit Knoebels Grove in nearby Elysburg. Please register your children using the forms in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

TOWER REPAIR FUND

We are happy to have our tower repaired and new louvers installed. We are still asking for donations to complete payment for the project. Please consider supporting our project through your donation. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS, SISTERS AND SEMINARIANS AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

PYROHY THIS WEEK

We will be making pyrohy this week for our picnic:

Tuesday 9:00AM- 12:00PM Potato prep

4:00-7:00PM Potato prep

Wednesday 9:00AM – finish

If you can join us in our pyrohy project we are always looking for volunteers. Thank you.

BAKED GOODS FOR PICNIC

We will be having a BAKED GOODS TABLE at the picnic. Please support us through your dessert donation. Please sign the dessert donation list in the vestibule of the church or contact Marlene Lightcap or Paulette Bellis. Thank you

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	Joann Pail
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Robin Mease	

PICNIC MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday June 16 at 6:00PM in the church hall to continue preparing for the Holy Ghost Picnic .

The Picnic will be held June 26 from 12:00-7:00PM on the church grounds. There will be Ukrainian Food, music and dancing, beverages, a tricky tray table, games and desserts, Ukrainian Vendors and raffles. Please plan on joining us and taking a few posters to your local businesses. Thank you

UKRAINIAN FOLK DANCE CAMP

The Ukrainian Homestead is sponsoring a Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop from June 27 – July 2, 2016 Beginners through advanced: Ages 5 & up. \$75.00 per child Camp runs from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. Principal Instructor: Andriy Dobriansky Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. For more information contact Paula Holoviak 570-708-1992

Daily schedule: Dance instruction, crafts, sports, swimming, Ukrainian music, lunch and snacks.

JUNE AND JULY EVENTS

PYROHY MAKING FOR PICNIC: This

We will be making pyrohy on June 14-15 for our picnic. This will not be a public sale. All pyrohy will be frozen to be sold at the picnic June 26. Please join us to help us prepare for our picnic. Thank you

JUNE 19: FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE: Please use the envelopes for Father's Day for remembrance at the Liturgies June 18-19

JUNE 26: HOLY GHOST PICNIC: 12:00-7:00PM

JULY 18-22 : SUMMER CHURCH CAMP: EXPLORING OUR ROOTS: FAITH AND CULTURE

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Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

Such Faith

The Savior had now set out upon His way to restore the sick man; but the centurion said to him, trouble not yourself, but speak with a word, and my child will be healed. Consider, then, that these elders of the Jews begged Jesus to go to the house of him who requested His aid, as not being able in any other way to raise him up who was lying ill, except by going to his side. Whereas the other believed that he could do it even at a distance, and effect it by the inclination of His will. He asked for the saving word, the loving assent, the all mighty utterance; and justly, therefore, did he win a sentence of surpassing worth; for Jesus said, "Verily I say to you, that not even in Israel have I found so great faith." The proof then, and demonstration, follows closely and immediately from what we have now said. Finally, He delivered that same hour from his sickness him who a little before

had been the prey of death; for he who willed the undoing of-what had happened was God ...

The heathen were called and admitted, as having a heart better prepared for that faith in him, which justly is required. ... They went quickly to the faith, that is, they were not slow in accepting the commands of Christ, but very readily embraced the faith. For that they were to be caught in Christ's net, He teaches you where He says by one of the holy prophets, "For this wait for me," says the Lord, "until the day of my rising up to bear witness, because my judgment is for the congregations of the heathen." For when Christ rose from the dead, He bestowed on those that were in error that judgment which is for their happiness and salvation.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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