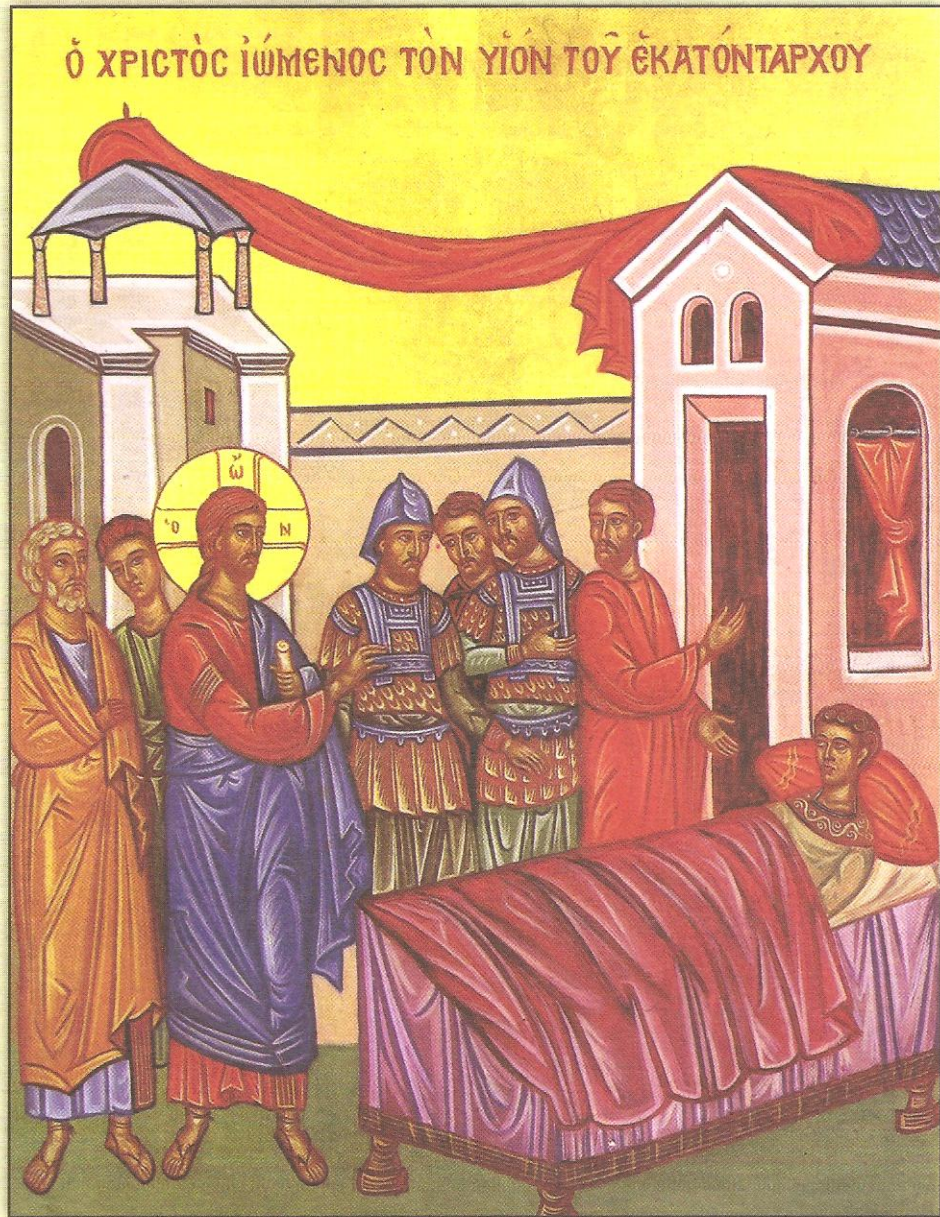


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Centurion's Servant

A Modern Centurian

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of our Lord healing the servant of a centurian. The centurian – a soldier in the Roman army – was commended for his faith and our Lord said to him, “Amen I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith!” (Matthew 8:11) These same words of our Lord could doubtless be applied to another soldier who lived almost 2,000 years later. Ironically, this modern centurian was a soldier in the Nazi army during World War II!

The story of Private Shultz unfolds during the Second World War just after the invasion of Yugoslavia. Private Shultz, a young German soldier, along with eight other soldiers were ordered to pick up their rifles and go on patrol with their sergeant. Shortly they came to a small clearing where there were assembled eight Yu-

goslavian citizens – five men and three women. As the sergeant gave the command to take aim it became clear to Private Shultz what his mission would be. Before the sergeant could shout “fire!” however, Private Shultz dropped his rifle and began walking toward the eight civilians.

The sergeant ordered him to return, but Private Shultz ignored the command. Then, to the stunned disbelief of the soldiers, the sergeant shouted “fire!” On that day nine people were executed: eight civilians and one German soldier. In the pocket of Private Shultz’s uniform was found a passage of the Bible written by Saint Paul, “Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

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"Slava Isusoo Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

June 16, 2013
Fathers' Day

OUR PARISH WILL CELEBRATE Fathers' Day this weekend along with all of America. We will honor all our good fellows and fathers with our prayers and good wishes, as well as with some terrific treats. We ask the Father of us all, God Almighty, to grant all our men a healthy and long life along with the courage to lead their families by example with their love and faith - NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

THE PARISH AUXILIARY did a super job on Wednesday in catering the Fourth Grade Graduation luncheon for the Bridgeport Elementary School. The teachers, parents and students, some 250 all told, all enjoyed a great meal. The decibel level, music and dancing were off the charts! We thank all the good men and women and Sodality girls for helping us end the spring season on a very high note!

OUR PATRONAL FEAST of SS. Peter and Paul will be celebrated in two weeks, June 29 and 30, Saturday and Sunday. We hope and expect that all our Faithful will be at Liturgy on this historic Feastday, the day our parish was founded in 1924. We ask the good men of the St. John Chrysostom Society to sing the Sunday Liturgy at 9 am June 30.

OUR PARISH IS SO PROUD of our graduates this year, both highschool and college, and we will greet all our grads with some beautiful gifts on our Patronal Feastday, June 29 and 30. So please let us know of any graduates in your family. Our graduates to date include: Nadine Maruszczak (Pitt) and Melanie Klufas (Downingtown HS).

WE HAVE CONTRACTED with Eagleville Fence Co. to repair the cemetery Fence to the tune of \$6700.00. The insurance company of the wayward truck driver will pay this expense. We expect this work to be done within the next month or so, God-willing.

FATHER PASTOR is so very grateful to all the good folks who remembered him on his birthday and ordination anniversary in late May. Your goodness and love with all your prayers and cards and gifts are a true sign of your Christian faith and love. God bless all of you for many, many years!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all our Parish Fathers
Sunday, 9 am +Maria and Jaroslaw Kluka (Children Olga and Jerry)
Thursday, 7 am +Catherine Maslayak (The Marshalick Family)
Friday, 7 am +Stella Krysko (Pat Bovell)
Saturday, 8 am +Fr. Wolodymyr Korchymsky (Daughter Lidia and Family)
Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Michael and Agnes Fonock (Ron, Marlene, Joanne, Pat)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult, for the Lord has shown strength with His Hand. He conquered death by death. He became the First-Born of the dead. He delivered us from the abyss of hell and to the world he now has granted great mercy, amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: Today You are risen from the tomb, O Bountiful One, and have led us from the gates of death. Today both Adam and Eve rejoice, as the Prophets and the Patriarchs sing the Divine Power of Your Might.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Sing to Our God, sing. Sing to Our King, sing.

