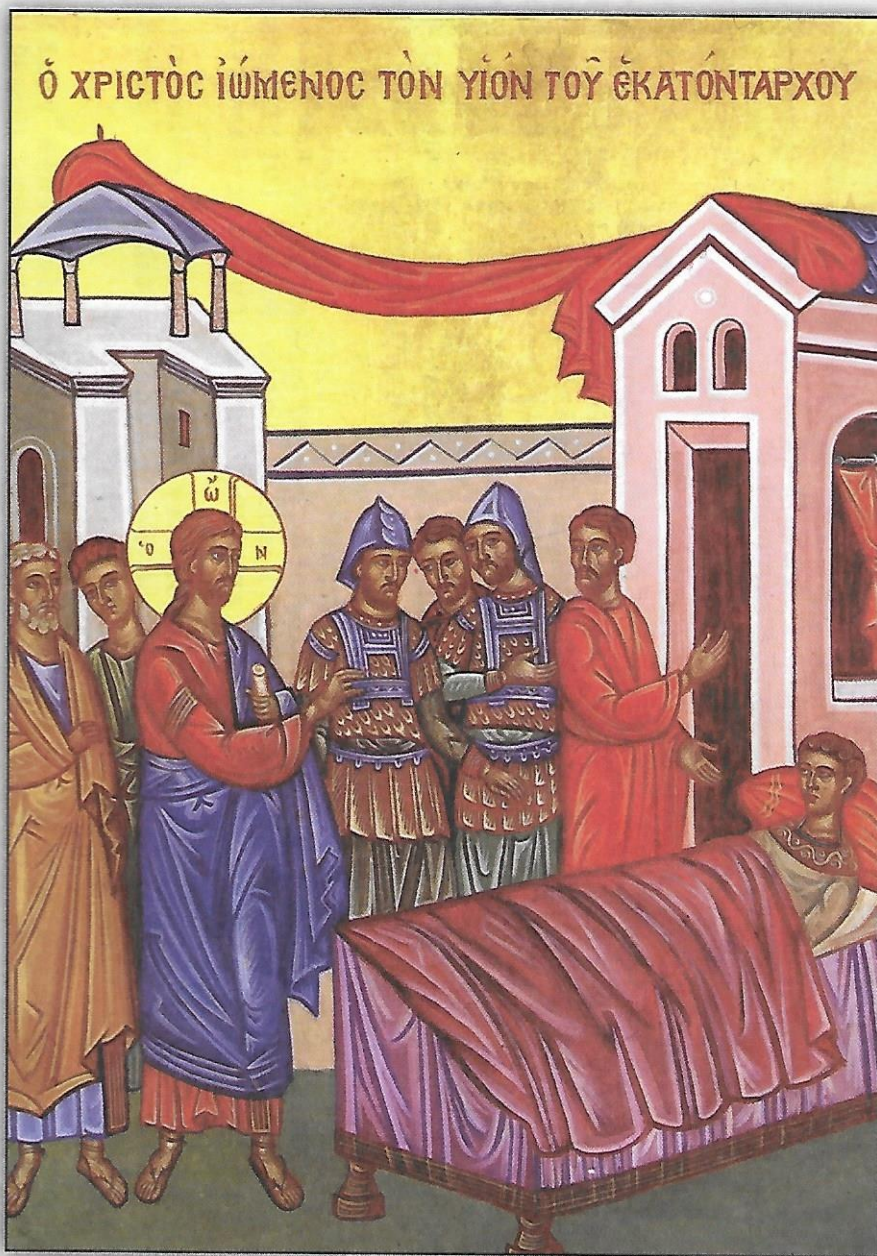


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant*

### *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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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"  
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

July 6-7, 2019  
Fourth Sunday

THIS WEEK WE THANK our Lord Jesus for the Land of the USA in which we live and work and worship. It was right here in Philadelphia that the Founding Fathers declared independence from England, and right here in Valley Forge that the army of George Washington prepared to defend this freedom. From 1776 until today our Country has developed to be the envy of the world, the beacon of freedom for the 6.3 billion inhabitants of this Blue Planet we call earth. Today we sing out our thanks to God for America and join the late Kate Smith in singing "God Bless America, the Land of the Free".

WE CONGRATULATE all our graduates this year: Caroline Rotondo (HS), Jake Danko (HS), Derek Kozial (HS) and Brianna Plush (Villanova). Be sure to inform Father Pastor of any 2019 grads in your Family.

SOME BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHS from our May Holy communion celebration still remain to be claimed. Please see Father after Liturgy today to collect this fine photos of your son or daughter.

FATHER RONALD is all set to take his annual vacation this year from Monday, July 22 to Friday, August 2. There will be only one liturgy the weekend of July 27-28 and it will be held Saturday, July 27 at 6 pm. Father Joseph Loya, Professor of theology at villanova University, will celebrate this Saturday evening liturgy for all our Faithful. There will be no service on Sunday, July 28. Please tell all your family and friends about this schedule. The emergency number: 610 246 6141.

THE CHINESE LANTERN FLIES have invaded our parish orchard with their malign intent, but most of the fruit trees have been saved. By the time you read these lines, there still should be some great Santa Rosa plums for you to enjoy. In about two weeks our Pride of Georgia peaches should be ready for your enjoyment. The tree with the most damage is the large English Walnut Tree.

PLEASE REMEMBER all our parish sick and elderly this week, such as George Halas, Joan Fonock, Joann Timbario, Maryanne Cameron, Marie Sedor, Barbara Wlock, Mary T. Johnson, Jimmy Martyniuk, Michael Homa, as well as all our elderly and struggling folks. Perhaps a prayer, a kind word, a card or...?

A SET OF THREE KEYS WAS FOUND IN FRONT OF THE RECTORY THIS WEEK. SEE Father Ronald to claim this set of keys.

#### DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Joan Chermak Brown (David Brown)  
Sunday, 9 am Bill and Bridget Maruszczak, 35th Ann. (Two Daughters)  
Thursday, 7 am +Panczak and Smisko Family (Marianne and Brothers)  
Friday, 7 am +Alexander Trycieckyj (Mother Vera)  
Saturday, 8 am +Helen Brady (Son Dennis)  
Saturday, 6 pm +Anita Chomiak (Husband Russell)  
Sunday, 9 am +Iryna Switenko Kowalchyn (The Borys Pawluk Family)  
+Jerry Gard (Valerie Landis)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Let the heavens rejoice, the earth exult, for the LORD has shown strength with His Hand. He conquered death by death, becoming the Firstborn of the dead. He delivered us from the abuss of hell and granted us great mercy. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND..

TODAY'S KONTAK: Today You are risen from the dead, O Good One, and led us from the gates of death. Today Adam and Eve rejoice, as the Prophets and patriarchs sing the Divine Power of Your Might.

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

*Fr. Ronald*