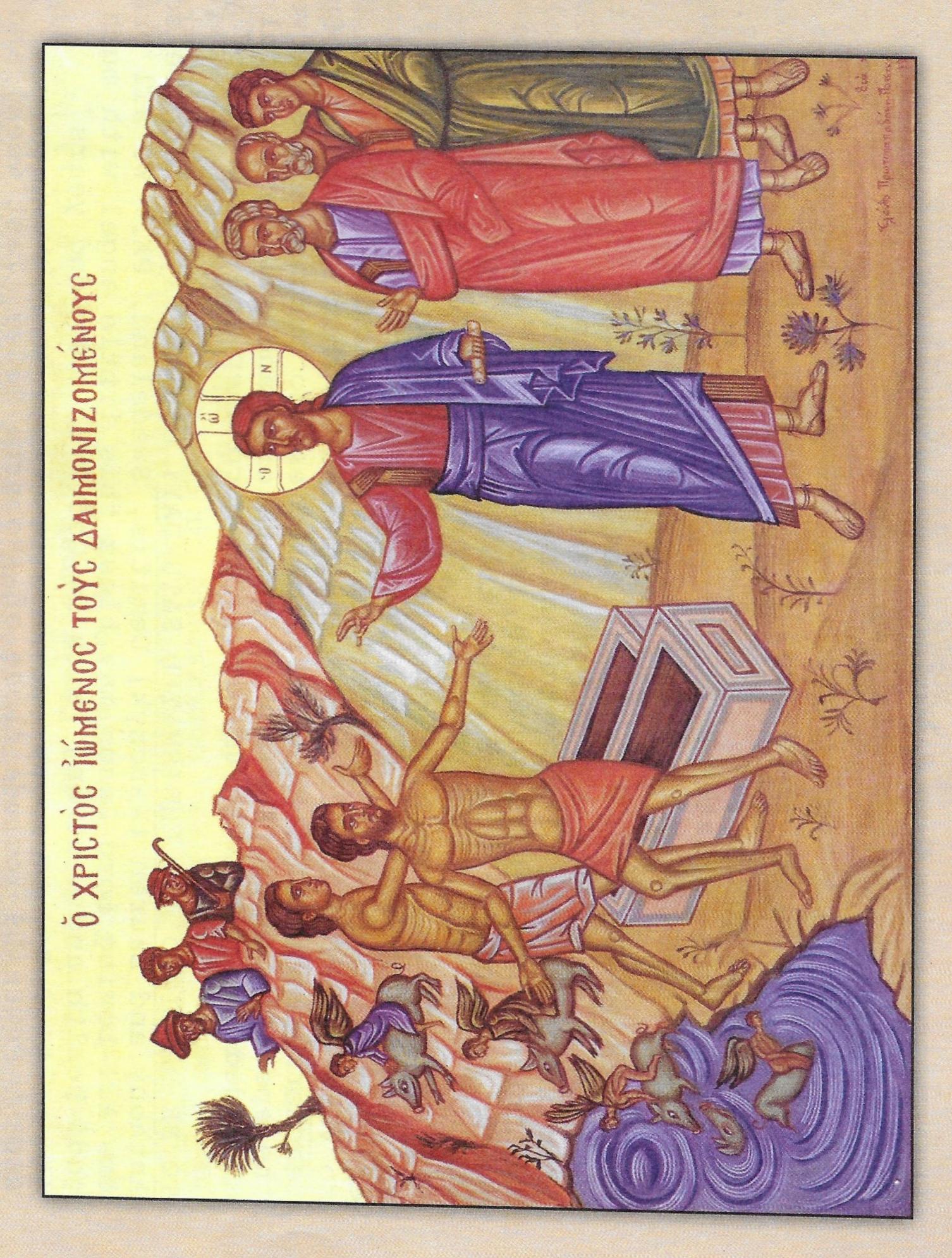
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end

of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

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

June 26-27, 2021 The 5th Sunday

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, the 26th, at 6 pm. Next weekend we plan to livestream on the YOUTUBE platform our 9 am Holy lIturgy on Sunday. Please inform all your relatives and friends about this schedule, so that we all can pray and sing together to praise the Lord Jesus the Christ.

LAST WEEKEND we made history with our first livestream of the First Solemn Holy communion Liturgy for our parish youth, as well as our Fathers Day celebration. You can still see this video on YOUTUBE. We are so very thankful to all those who shared in this celebration: Our dear teachers-catechists, the terrific ladies who purchased and served all the special treats, the church decorators, and all our faithful who attended and sang with us. May Our Lord keep and bless all of you!

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SATURDAY: Daniel Wayne, neonate son of Anthony and Lauren (Wanczyk) Demitis, Swedeland, PA. We all pray that the All-Loving Lord Jesus may bless this little angel with much love, good health and a strong faith in God "for manygood years".

RECENT FUNERALS include those of +Roberta McGee (last week) and +Donald Pasquale (last Saturday). Today we all pray that the Good Lord Jesus, will now take these two good people to their heavenly rest to dance with the Saints and sing with the angels and keep their memory eternal!

FATHER RONALD WILL BE TAKING HIS ANNUAL FISHING VACATION THE LAST WEEK in July and the first week in August. There will be one Divine Liturgy the weekend of July 31-August 1. It will be celebrated Saturday July 31 at 6 pm by Father Joseph Loya of Villanove University. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about this schedule.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE has now reached the 20,000 mark of inquiries for the recent months. We thank our website master Denise Daniels and her contributor Dan Francis for their great work in making this project so successful. God bless you two good folks.

ONCE AGAIN WE THANK all the generous folks who donate funds to our vibrant parish, both who contribute in church and those who donate by mail. God bless and love all of you for making our Church so successful.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26, 6 pm Sunday, June 27, 9 am

+Joseph, Prokip Wowk)Joann Lyboldt) +Wasyl, Anastasia, Olga, George, Donald (Maruszczak, Fonock Family)

Saturday, July 3, 6 pm Sunday, July 4, 9 am

+Walt Grohoski (Michelle Basmajian) +Anita Chomiak (Husband Russell)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When the women disciples of the Lord learned the glad tidings of the Resurrection, and had

cast aside the curse of their Forefathers. they called out to the Apostles that death is overthrown, Christ-God is risen, granting great mercy to all the world. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND ...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

My Savior and Redeemer in that He was God, rose from earthborn bonds. shattering the gates of hell for all time, AMEN.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

O Lord, Your works are glorious, for in wisdom You have created all things.

COVE & Shanes,