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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

JUNE 28, 2020

Saturday June 27 4th Sunday after Pentecost

4:30PM – Confession. 5:00PM – Divine Liturgy For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for the health and blessings of Dorothy Troy (Happy Birthday) and blessings of Theresa Rose from Helen Troy

Saturday July 04 5th Sunday after Pentecost

4:30PM – Confession. 5:00PM – Divine Liturgy For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for the health and blessings of Barbara Osborn from Helen Troy

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The Prayerful Words of a Centurion and a Publican

A Reflection for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—All Saints of Rus' Ukraine-Sunday, June 28, 2020



On the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, our Ukrainian Catholic Church remembers All Saints of Rus' Ukraine.

In the tropar of All Saints, we learn that these were virtuous men and women “*who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times.*” They lived the beatitudes taught to us by Jesus Christ in His Sermon on the Mount.

The saints “*shine as bright beacons. . . . By their encouraging example, they serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.*” (Kondak of All Saints)

The saints are ordinary people who led extraordinary, virtuous and holy lives, who are honored by the church. They are exemplars for us to follow and emulate and they also serve as intercessors for us in heaven.

In his three year public ministry, Jesus encountered many ordinary people from all walks of life—fishermen, Pharisees, adulterers, tax collectors, centurions—and all

nationalities—Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans. He also cited ordinary people in the many parables He used to illustrate lessons as He taught His audiences and His disciples.

In the Gospel for today, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, a centurion approaches Jesus with a request to heal his servant. The centurion, a person who had 100 soldiers under him, hence the name centurion, was a military officer in the Roman legion that occupied the territory of the Jews. Yet he approaches this Jewish Teacher for help. When Jesus replies, *“I will come and cure him”* the centurion, in his humility says, *“Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.”* (Mt. 8:8)

And how does Jesus respond? He comments on the quality of the centurion’s faith. 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.”* (Mt. 8:10)

Jesus often comments on the quality of one’s faith, even if one’s faith is only the size of a mustard seed.

In one of the preparatory Sundays before the Great Fast, we recall Jesus’ parable of the Publican and the Pharisee which tells the story of two men going up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was a religious leader; the publican was a tax collector for the officials of the Roman Empire. What does Jesus emphasize? The humility and prayerful attitude of the Publican, whose simple prayer was *“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”* (Lk 8:13)

Let each of us ask ourselves, if we would encounter Jesus today, how would He evaluate the quality of our faith and the humility of our prayer? In the Gospels, He emphasized these aspects of faith to the many people he countered and in His teaching parables. Would we be comfortable with Jesus’s assessment of the quality of our faith?

The words of both the Centurion and the Publican have been immortalized in the liturgical prayer of the church.

In the Roman Eucharistic Liturgy, before the reception of Holy Communion, the faithful recite the words of the Centurion: *“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”*

In our Divine Liturgy, we remember the words of the Publican when we recite the Prayer before receiving the Holy Mysteries, which includes, *“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”*

Two ordinary people, a Centurion and a Publican, whose humble and sincere expressions of faith, articulated through simple words, have become prayers of the Church.

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Announcements

•Church Donations We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail their donations when they’re unable to come to Divine Liturgy. If you are financially able, please continue to support our church. You may mail your donations to: PO Box 2735, Manassas, VA 20108. THANK YOU!

Collection June 20 - \$160

Sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Troparion and Kontakion:

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. 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: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Prokimenon (3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

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 (3): In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (3): Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



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An Invitation to Remember and Pray
throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28
in Solidarity with Victims of COVID-19 and Racism
as We Return to our Churches

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and our Beloved Faithful!

The last four months have been tumultuous and tragic, shocking our country and the world. The COVID-19 virus spread globally. Millions who got infected were hospitalized and suffered physical and psychological torment before a thankful recovery. Many corona victims have lasting, debilitating after-effects. Despite the heroic efforts and dedicated care of doctors and nurses, family members, parishioners, friends, and acquaintances succumbed to the pandemic —over 120,000 in the US and one half million globally, not counting unconfirmed cases. Among them was our Metropolitan Emeritus, Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, of blessed memory. Painfully, many persons passed away in isolation from their loved ones who could not be at their bedside, while clergy could not administer the Sacraments. Funeral rites were abridged, and those attending were limited in number. Among the deceased are medical martyrs who put their lives on the line helping their patients. Their sacrificial service and love will always be admired and remembered. Indeed, “no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (Jn 15:13). Before the Lord we remember all the victims of the pandemic and pray for the sick and their caregivers.

American society was equally shocked by the tragic and appalling killing of George Floyd. The gut-wrenching white and black image of the suffocating knee on the neck and the desperate plea “I can't breathe” outraged the nation and world, prompting an unprecedented wave of civil rights protest against racism and police brutality. Many Americans are seeing what we did not see before, recognizing responsibilities that we can no longer ignore. Many have come together to manifest solidarity with Black Americans and with all victims of racism. Many are praying in a new way for a new world, a renewed nation. Some demonstrations, heartbreakingly, turned violent. Innocent people, including police officers carrying out the essential mission of protecting society from criminals, were hurt or even killed. Large and family-owned businesses were torched and robbed, including those owned by or serving Afro-Americans. The Lord calls our nation to a deep examination of conscience— to see and purge persistent patterns of bigotry and hatred, to

acknowledge injustice, to cleanse our hearts of evil passions. The Lord calls us to face our future with prayer. Through prayer we will move to authentic solidarity with our discriminated-against brothers and sisters. Only with the Lord, in Him, and through Him can we overcome the sinfulness of our human nature. We pray and remember, so that we can grow in authentic integrity since “from one ancestor He (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth” (Acts 17:26).

Week by week, we have been returning to regular Sunday services. Most of our parishes are now open. We rejoice that we can finally be together in prayer. Thus, as we begin again, carrying with us the experience of the last months we call all to a deep spiritual reflection on the signs of the times.

On Sunday June 28 we invite all the clergy, religious, and faithful together to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of police brutality, and the victims of recent protests, in all our parishes throughout the country by celebrating a *Panakhyda* requiem service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, friends, relatives, neighbors, doctors, nurses, first responders and medical personnel who have died of the virus.

Let us also pray for Mr. George Floyd and others like him who died as a result of injustice, let us pray for those who died in the bonds of slavery or other expressions of racism.

Let us pray for the victims of riots and unbridled passions.

Let us pray that the Lord grant peace, physical and psychological healing, reconciliation, and tolerance and true justice!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the US

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+Andriy Rabyi

Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

**APPEAL OF
HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV
To the faithful of the UGCC and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the
world
In response to the flooding in Western Ukraine**

Your Graces and Excellencies,
Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,
Venerable Brothers and Sisters in monastic and religious life
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of Western Ukraine has been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones.

If the coronavirus pandemic restricted us to our own residences, this flooding has deprived thousands of people of that protection. Inclement weather has devastated harvests, destroyed planted fields and private gardens. People have lost their means for existence. Tens of thousands of hectares of land are covered with water and mud. People are being evacuated from their residences in large numbers in an effort to safeguard their lives. Hospitals have been inundated including facilities providing treatment to those infected by the coronavirus.

The effects of this flood in the present economic crisis, compounded by the pandemic, carry the threat of real social trouble on a national scale. If quick and decisive action is not taken, then before the winter we may find ourselves facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

In this pastoral appeal I reach out to all who have suffered from the flood, who experienced fear for their lives, pain and a sense of helplessness, especially to those who even now find themselves in the midst of this turbulent event, with the words of Jesus Christ: "Fear not!" Your Church, which constantly prays to the merciful God, is with you in this difficult time, and seeks to embrace you with her warmth, concern, and care. I wish to assure you, that she is and will be your voice and protector before the mighty of this world, and will carry the truth about your distress and despair to the global public and to the world Christian community.

Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation “Caritas,” to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

I direct my request to the world community and to international humanitarian organizations: be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine.

As we look at the consequences of this catastrophe, we must at the same time reflect on what brought it about. Pope Francis says: “God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives.” The cause of this disaster that we are experiencing is this predatory attitude of humans towards the environment. Climate change on a global scale and uncontrolled destruction of Carpathian forests forced nature to raise its menacing voice, before which we cannot remain silent.

In this period of Peter’s fast, taking into account the present dramatic situation, I call on you to rethink your attitude towards your surrounding environment, a rethinking which should include being conscious of the danger of ecological sin, and repentance before the fact of God the Creator, in order that we may learn to care responsibly for our common God-given home and increase nature’s inheritance.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Those who have suffered from this calamity need our prayers and sympathy. I sincerely ask that this Sunday at Divine Liturgy we pray for all the victims of the flood and for those rescue workers who are dealing with its consequences.

May our Lord, who is with us always, in the joys and hardships of our life, help us overcome this trial with the dignity of God’s children. May the protection of the His Most Pure Mother, glorified in so many churches of our hospitable Carpathians, cover all who have become hostage to this aquatic calamity. Appealing to the Lord to send generous gifts upon those, who will help the victims, I pray that He might be merciful to all of us.

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv,
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the leaving day of Feast of the Holy Eucharist,
June 25, 2020 A.D.

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers, Venerable Monastics and Beloved Faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy!

As you may already know, parts of western Ukraine are under water due to strong torrential rains that have been falling for several days earlier this week. Two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi, were affected the most. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, over 4600 houses are lost or flooded, 550 kilometers of roads are damaged or washed away and 90 bridges are gone. In addition, at least three people lost their lives. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, “to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable organizations “Caritas” to organize collections for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, to act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan of the Gospel, to support those who are deprived of their homes and have come face-to-face with misfortune.”

In response to our Patriarch’s request and in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, we are announcing a campaign to raise funds for people who lost everything due to the floods and now need

food and basic necessities. We ask you, dear Fathers, that every parish have a special collection taken on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, and July 4-5. Please remit the funds as soon as possible, so that we can wire them to “Caritas” organizations in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk and Eparchy of Chernivtsi. They will be purchasing and distributing food, clothing and other necessary items. Please act now since time is of the essence.

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so

- by making a check out to “Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia” and send it to the chancery office of our Archeparchy located at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Please mark your check “Flood in Ukraine”;
- by leaving your donation in your parish collection basket, which will be sent to the chancery office along with other donations;
- you may donate on the Archeparchial FACEBOOK page, where a special fundraising campaign will be set up.

No donation is too small or too large. However, your donation will change someone’s life and God will repay a cheerful giver hundredfold. Please keep people of the affected areas in your prayers!

May God bless you always!

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,

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