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Sunday, July 5, 2020

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Third Hour: 8:20 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23;

Resurrection Tone: 3;

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 87-89 / Red Book: 102-105

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Kaithlyn Thorn & Kylie Fischer**, offered by the Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+John & +Mary Kindya, +Joseph & +Mary Pacolt, and +Donald & +Eleanor Kindya**, offered by Andrew & Lucy Tomko.

Monday, (July 6)... 7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner of Christ, and Baptist John

Tuesday, (July 7)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner of Christ, and Baptist John.

Thursday, (July 9)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Andrew & +Anna Hreha**, offered by Anna Hreha (Wife).

Friday, (July 10)... 7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles, Peter & Paul.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FEAST OF THE HOLY PRIME APOSTLES, PETER & PAUL

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 (Sunday); Resurrection Tone: 4; Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 (Sunday)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (Apostles);

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 (Apostles)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 90-92, 162-163 / Red Book: 105-107, 183-185

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Emilia Zak**, on her 1st Birthday (7/11), offered by the Zak Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Peter & +Helen Mochnach, +Charles & +Mary Lou Gilchrist, +Edward Martin Mochnach, and +Donna Marie Winter**, offered by Chuck & Robin Gilchrist & Albert & Jackie Maurer.

Matthew 8:5-13 –

8:5 – A centurion (a Gentile) commanded 100 men in a Roman legion. Jesus is the Savior of all, and in Him ethnic distinctions are void.

8:7 – I will come has been read as a question by many Greek scholars: "Shall I come?"

Regardless, Jesus is ready to deal graciously with this Gentile and even to enter his house, which would make Him unclean in the eyes of the Jews.

8:8, 9 – The centurion expresses unusual faith in calling Jesus, who is a Jew, Lord. The statement, “**Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof,**” is frequently quoted in liturgical texts as an ideal expression of humility.

8:10 – Twice in the gospels it is said of Jesus that **He marveled:** (1) at the unbelief in His hometown of Nazareth (Mark 6:6), and (2) at the belief of this foreigner.

8:11, 12 – Here Jesus nullifies any ideas of ethnic superiority. The rejected **sons of the kingdom** are both the Jews who deny Christ and those raised in the Church who do not live their faith; **outer darkness** and **weeping and gnashing** are descriptions of the state of the unrighteous dead in Sheol (Hades) in the Jewish tradition (Enoch 103:8). They are common expressions in Matthew (13:42, 50, 22:13; 24:51; 25:30), and also occur in Luke (Lk. 13:28).

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS are 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday thru Friday.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS can be made anytime. Please notify your Pastor when someone is taken to the hospital; Sacred Scriptures remind us to call the presbyter to anoint the sick.

MARRIAGES are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. Consult the Pastor at least 6 months in advance and before wedding reception plans have been made. Marriages cannot be celebrated during Lent or Advent, or on Fridays.

BAPTISMS are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 A.M. Two God-parents are required; at least one of whom must be an Orthodox Christian by Faith, and the other a practicing Christian. An infant’s first or middle name must be a saint’s name.

CHURCH FUNERALS are provided for parishioners who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations to the Parish. Otherwise, burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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<http://www.campnazareth.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> Twitter:

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THE YEAR OF GRACE OF THE LORD

By a Monk of the Eastern Church

The Centurion

Last Sunday, we heard St. Paul tell us that we are ‘justified by faith’. The gospel for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost shows us what sort of faith it is that justifies. At Capernaum, a Roman centurion obtains from Jesus the healing of his servant who is sick. The healing is in answer to his act of faith. This centurion is not one of the children of Israel. Nor does Jesus ask him for any profession of intellectual belief; He puts him to no test of doctrine. Yet, nevertheless, it is in the centurion, and not in the most ‘orthodox’ Jews that Jesus finds the sort of faith He looks for. What goes to make up the centurion’s lived and saving faith? It is not identified with adherence to any dogma, nor with the performance of rites or the carrying out of legal precepts. It is based, first of all, in profound humility. The word of the Lord, here, is not only received with respect and faith, but it is desired and sought, as a principle of power and salvation. This word, which the centurion awaits with his whole being, he does not intend to separate from everyday life, by placing it in a ‘religious’ setting. The centurion believes that Jesus’ word will enter his life, will erupt into its domestic realities, and bring about a definite result. Lastly, the centurion’s faith is a predisposition to obedience. He, himself, is under the command of superior officers, and he carries out their orders. He thus finds it natural that Jesus should command and that He should be obeyed instantly. He awaits Jesus’ command. This, then, is the centurion’s faith, the faith that Jesus praises. And this is the sort of faith that Jesus looks for in us: a confident giving of our whole selves to the word which saves and gives life. This faith does not exclude either a clearly defined belief in revealed truths, or a meticulous practice of the divine law; but a faith which relied entirely on such belief or practice, and lacked the inner dynamic that sends the centurion to Jesus, would be a dead faith. The living faith of the centurion – ‘a man under authority’ – implies submission of the will to Jesus’ word. As soon as the centurion puts his request to our Lord, he places himself under His authority, ‘between his hands’. I, too, must become a ‘man under authority’, a man who, having placed his whole life under the direction of the Lord, finds in this obedience and trust, at every moment, the security and certainty of which those who are a law unto themselves can know nothing.

ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY – CEMETERY TURNAROUND! The Cemetery Association would like to thank all the parishioners who have already donated to the Cemetery Turnaround Project. We hope you

have had an opportunity to visit the cemetery and view the new turnaround and roadway repairs beyond the grotto. It is our content to continue to maintain and make improvements so that everyone can be proud of our cemetery. Your continued donations and support would be greatly appreciated. Thank You! Tom Pingor, Cemetery Association President.

CAMPERS: REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL DIOCESAN CAMPING WEEK OF THE PITTSBURGH DEANERY NOW; THE DEADLINE IS PAST! Our parish shall, once again, finance your registration fees. Once you register online at the Diocesan Website, pamphlets concerning your week-long activities (July 26-August 1) will be mailed to you, plus, a commemorative Camp Nazareth tee-shirt. The code for St. Nicholas Church campers is: **Homestead 30**. Use this code in place of any monetary stipend submitted. And, notify your Pastor, or the Church Treasurer, Cheryl Tomko of your participation this year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SISTER NYMPHODORA ON SATURDAY, JULY 25TH AT 12:00 NOON! All are invited to a memorial service for the 40th day of the falling asleep of Sister Nymphodora, known to many as Eleanor Dussling, on Saturday, July 25th at the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery, 121 St. Elias Lane, Saxonburg, PA 16056 at 12:00 noon. There will be a light luncheon after the memorial service. Please call (724) 352-3999 if you plan to attend.

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED! We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death and sickness notices, and other pertinent information via email. Our high school Sunday School class has volunteered to collect these email addresses. If you have not already provided your email address, we invite you to do so. Email addresses can be submitted by writing it on the sheet in the vestibule, giving it to any high school Sunday School student, or by emailing Bob Bartko at RABartko@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation!

FIRST CONFESSION CLASS SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M. – POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE! Children of our church school Mystery of Penance class shall confess their sins before the priest on Saturday at 11 A.M. in Saint Nicholas Church. And the following Lord's Day they will come forward and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. It is a joyous occasion for the entire congregation to welcome these youths in the full sacramental life of the Church and rejoice in their attaining the age of reason and progress in their maturity level.

PROVIDE A SCHOOL SUPPLIES-FILLED BACKPACK FOR A STUDENT IN THE DUQUESNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT THIS YEAR! Working with FOCUS North America for a new season of Back to School Backpacks, the Orthodox Christian organization will reconfigure the program in a way that offers our parish members an opportunity to support classrooms, grades, or a school of students by sending backpacks filled with school supplies to our church from supply houses where quarantining of products and hands-on processes are not pressures that interfere with getting resources to the students they serve. George Matey and Jean Colantoni shall, once again, serve as our parish coordinators for this project, and we encourage all faithful members or families of St. Nicholas to donate \$25.00 to help the young children in a financially-depressed school district these (48) "bags of materials" that will aid them in their pursuit of education. Please submit your monetary donation to the church financial officers and help our precious children in their early years of scholastic achievement.

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