

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saints Peter & Paul
Byzantine Catholic Church
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CONFESSIONS: SS. Peter & Paul: Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. prior to
Divine Liturgy and Daily prior to Divine Liturgy

St. Mary's: Saturday 5:00 PM

SICK CALLS: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or
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Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith
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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.

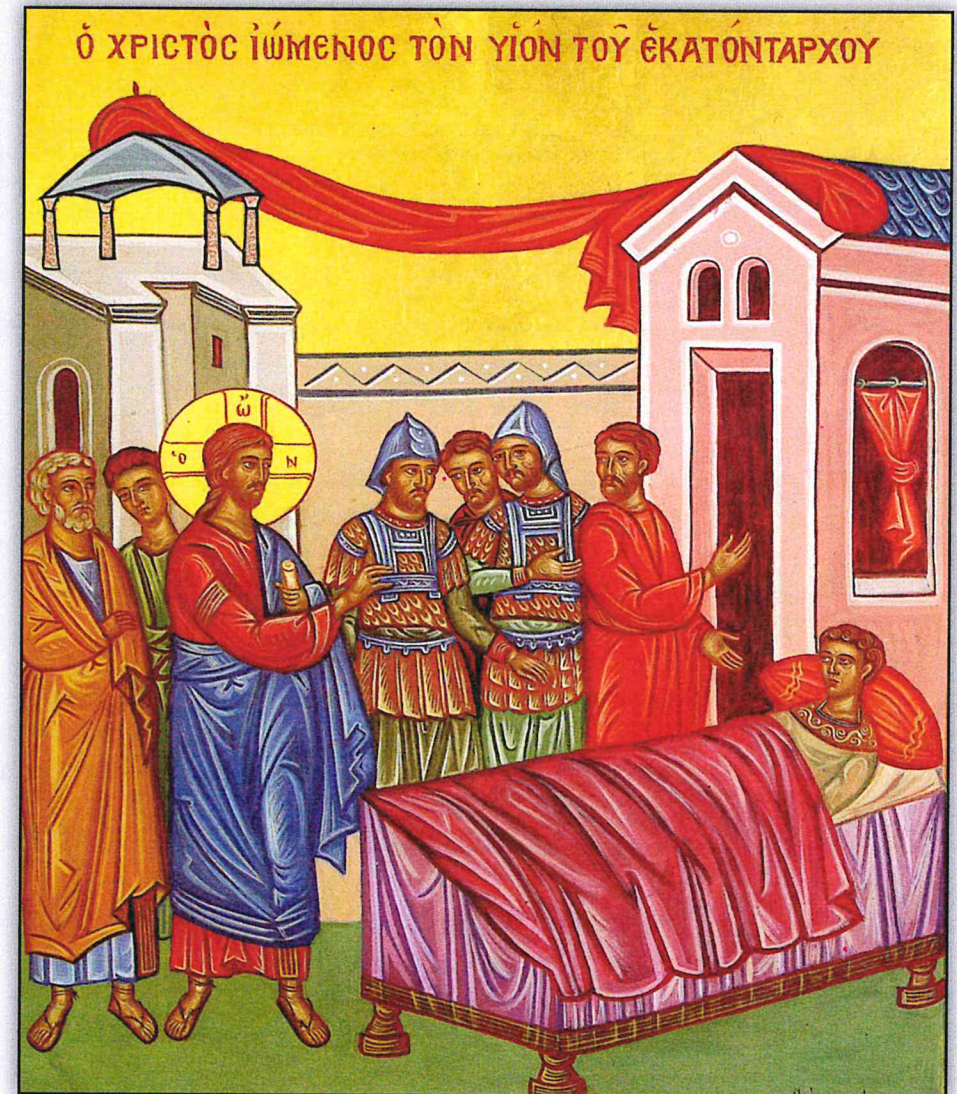
But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

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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Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

**4th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 3**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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June 25 – July 2, 2023

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + **Joseph & +Julia Gera** req. by Joseph & Cheryl Gera
Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners**

Monday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**
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Wednesday 6:00 p.m. **Vigil of SS. Peter & Paul** Obligation (at St. Mary)
+**Francis Steranko** req. by Michael & John Gera
Thursday 9:00 a.m. **Holy Day of SS. Peter & Paul** Obligation at SS Peter & Paul
+**Anna Rose Kostura** req. by Pauline, Eugene, Girmaine Kostura
6:00 p.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners** at SS Peter & Paul

Friday 9:00 a.m. +**Michael Popovich** req. by Michael & Marie Wozniski

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. +**Bertha Petrushko** req. by Jerry & Joe Lubi

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners**

Epistle Readers: 6/4 – Anna Keer; 6/11 – Judy Kostura; 6/18 – Marie Wanchick; 6/25 – Dolores Kramer; 6/29 – Beverly Kostishak; 7/2 – Ellen Sinkovich.

Don't Forget: On Sunday, July 2, following the Divine Liturgy, we will have a **Brunch** to commemorate our patronal Holy Day of SS. Peter and Paul, Prime Apostles. A **FREE WILL OFFERING** will be accepted and we kindly ask that you sign the reservation form located at both entrances to the church.

There is some confusion about the times for the **Mystery of Forgiveness**. The Holy Mystery will be celebrated on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Church and Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. at St. Mary Church

See the bulletin board for any further announcements and or flyers.

If anyone is interested in assisting at the **Minersville Food Bank** which our parish hosts in our school building, kindly let Father know. Presently Mr. Ed Butler is managing all aspects alone. There is need for personnel to purchase foodstuffs and packaging items to be picked up by clientele. In some isolated cases delivery is required.

HILARY; Spiritually interpreted, the Gentiles are the sick in this world, and afflicted with the diseases of sin, all their limbs being altogether unnerved, and unfit for their duties of standing and walking. The sacrament of their salvation is fulfilled in this centurion's servant, of whom it is sufficiently declared that he was the head of the Gentiles that should believe. What sort of head this is, the song of Moses in Deuteronomy teaches, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the Angels.

JEROME; The Lord seeing the centurion's faith, humbleness, and thoughtfulness, straightway promises to go and heal him; Jesus says to him, I will come and heal him.

CHRYS. Jesus here does what He never did; He always follows the wish of the supplicant, but here He goes before it, and not only promises to heal him, but to go to his house. This He does, that we may learn the worthiness of the centurion.

AUG. By declaring himself unworthy, he showed himself worthy, not indeed into whose house, But into whose heart, Christ the Word of God should enter. Nor could He have said this with so much faith and humility, had he not borne in his heart Him whom he feared to have in his house. And indeed, it would have been no great blessedness that Jesus should enter within his walls, if He had not already entered into his heart.

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad. With his arm the Lord has won victory. By His death, the Lord has conquered death. He has become the first-born of the dead, He has delivered us from the depths of the Abyss and has granted great mercy to the world Troparion, Resurrection Tone Three.

Today, You arose from the grave, O merciful Lord. You rescued us from the gates of death. Today, Adam sings in exultation and Eve rejoices. With them, the prophets and patriarchs ever praise the might of Your divine power Kontakion, Resurrection Tone Three.

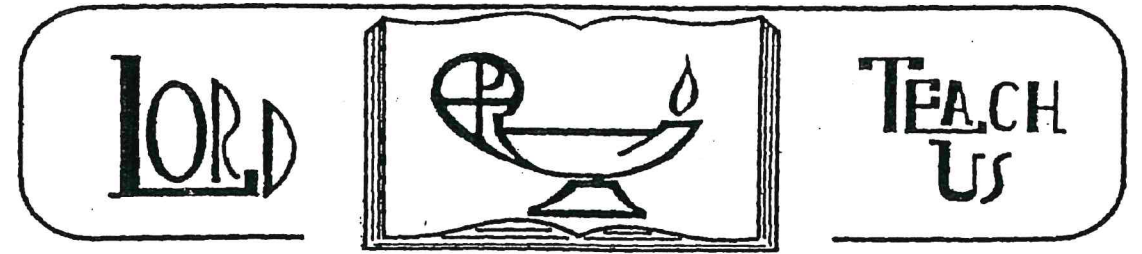
Sing praise to God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise Prokimenon, Resurrection Tone Three.

O Christ our Saviour, by Your Cross the might of death has vanished; the deceit of the devil has been broken; the human race saved by faith. Therefore we offer You unceasing praise Vesper Hymn, Tone Three.

I glorify the power of the Father; I extol the power of the Son; I sing a hymn to the power of the Holy Spirit, One Divinity, indivisible, uncreated, equal in essence and reigning forever Vesper Hymn, Tone Three.

Although unworthy, we stand in Your temple, O Christ our God. We offer our evening hymns of praise; We proclaim loudly: "O Christ our God, Lover of mankind, You have enlightened mankind by Your resurrection; deliver Your people, save them from the hands of Your enemies" Vesper Hymn, Tone Three.

By the good pleasure of the Father, by the work of the Holy Spirit, as a Virgin you conceived the Son of God. He was born of the Father before all ages. In you, He became man for us. You gave Him birth without a father; You nourished Him as a child. Never cease to intercede with Him that He save our souls from affliction Vesper Hymn, Tone Three.



Divination

A man or woman who acts as a fortune teller shall be put to death by stoning; they have no one else to blame for their death Leviticus 20: 27

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall have no other gods beside me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For, I, the Lord your God am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation, on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments Exodus 20: 2 – 6.

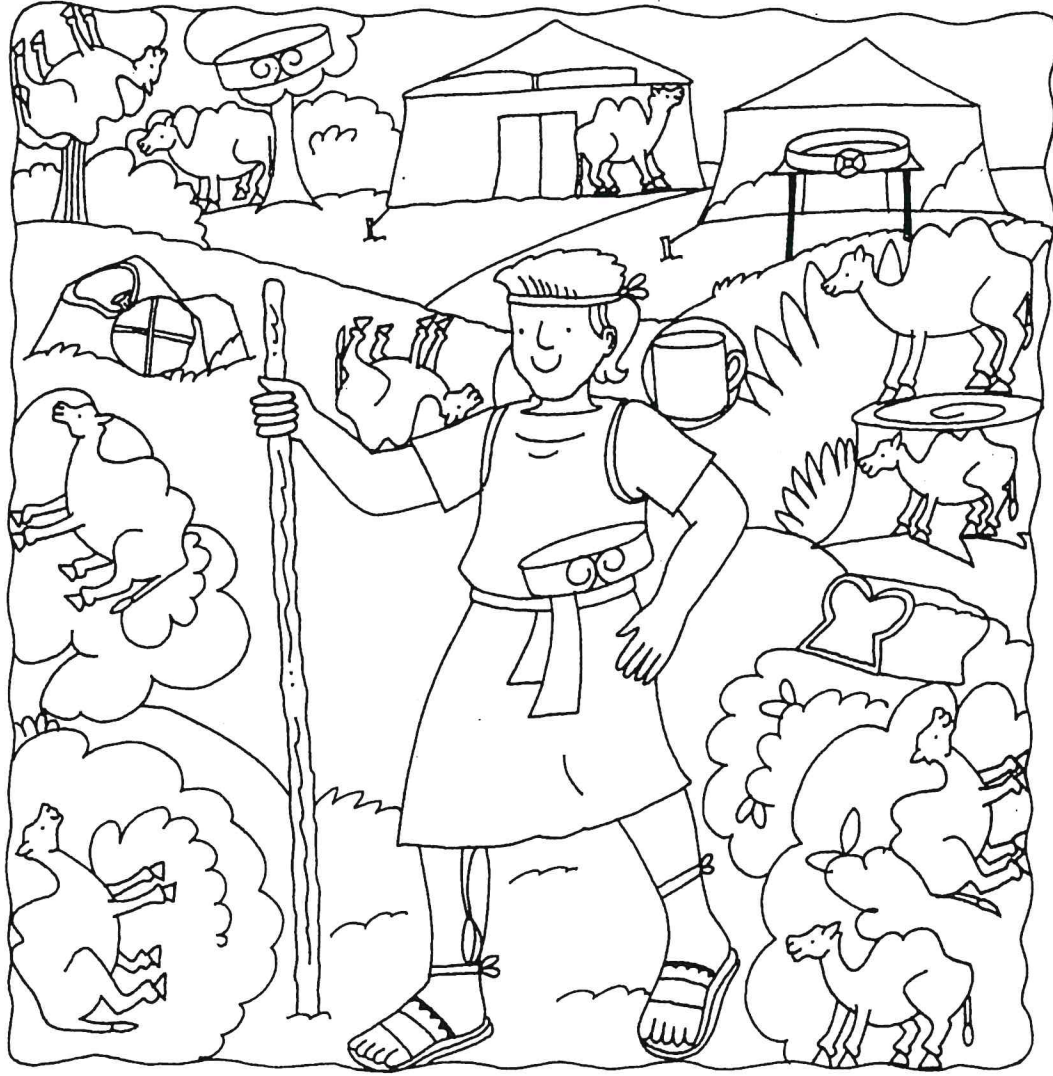
When you come into the land the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to imitate the abominations of the prophets there. Let there not be found among you ...a fortune teller, soothsayer, charmer, diviner or caster of spells nor one who consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead. Anyone who does these things is an abomination to the Lord Deuteronomy 18: 9 – 12.

Lies these prophets utter in my name, the Lord said to me. I did not send them. I give them no command nor did I speak to them. Lying visions, foolish divination, dreams of their own imagination, they prophesy to you. ...The people, to whom they prophesy shall be cast out into the streets of Jerusalem by famine and sword Jeremiah 14: 14 – 16.

You did not build a wall about the house of Israel that would stand firm against attack on the day of the Lord. Was not the vision you saw false, and your divination lying? Therefore, thus says the Lord God: Because you have spoken falsehood and have seen lying visions, therefore see! I am coming at you, says the Lord God. Ezekiel 13: 5 – 8.

Setting Out

Hidden in the picture are the ten camels Abraham's servant took with him. Also hidden are a gold ring, two gold bracelets, a loaf of bread, a knife, a cup, a spoon, and a water bag. Find and circle them.



God's Word says: "The servant took ten of his master's camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master" (Genesis 24:10).

Rebekah

How many times can you find the name **Rebekah** hidden in the letter maze? The name may be written across, down, diagonally, or even backwards. Circle the name each time you find it. *Hint:* It is hidden 21 times.

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God's Word says: "They called Rebekah and asked her, 'Will you go with this man?' 'I will go,' she said" (Genesis 24:58).