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Such Faith

The Savior had now set out upon His way to restore the sick man. But the centurion said trouble not yourself, but speak a word, and my child will be healed. Consider, then, that the elders of the Jews begged Jesus to go to the house of him who requested His aid, as not being able in any other way to raise him up who was lying ill, except by going to his side – whereas the other believed that he could do it even at a distance, and effect it by the inclination of His will.

He asked for the saving word, the loving assent, the all mighty utterance; and justly, therefore, did he win a sentence of surpassing worth; for Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, that not even in Israel have I found so great faith." The proof then, and demonstration, follows closely and immediately from what we have now said. Finally, He delivered that same hour from his sickness him who a little before had been the

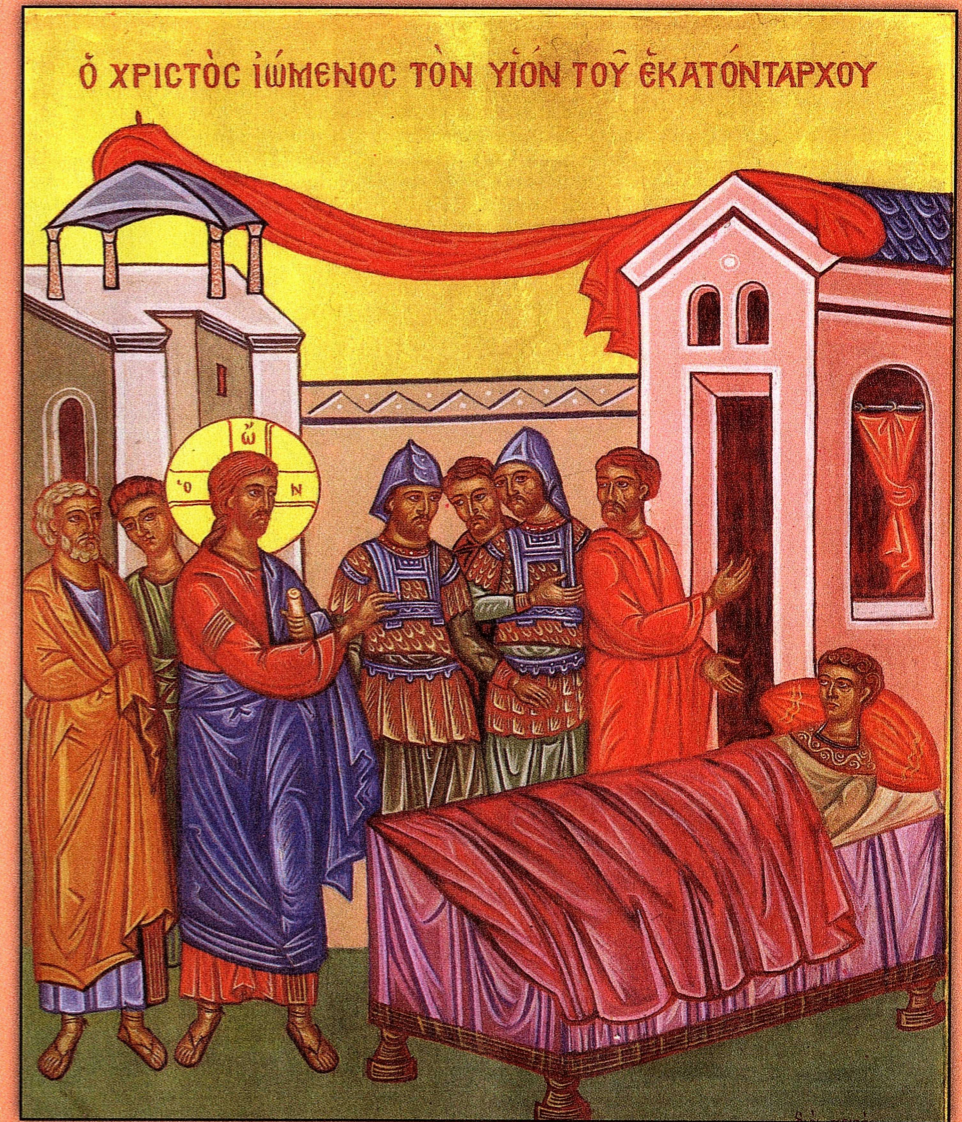
prey of death; for He who willed the undoing of what had happened was God ...

The heathen were called and admitted, as having a heart better prepared for that faith in Him, which justly is required ... They went quickly to the faith, that is, they were not slow in accepting the commands of Christ, but very readily embraced the faith.

For that they were to be caught in Christ's net, He teaches you where He says by one of the holy prophets, "For this wait for me," says the Lord, "until the day of my rising up to bear witness, because my judgment is for the congregations of the heathen." For when Christ rose from the dead, He bestowed on those that were in error that judgment which is for their happiness and salvation.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

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 Clair, 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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July 3 – July 9, 2022

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. + **Stephen Fedeles** req. by Mary Hartranft

Sunday

8:00 a.m. +**Mary Nagg** req. by John & Eleanor Melenchock (at St. Mary)

10:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
livestreamed

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. +**Stephen Fedeles** req by Mary Hartranft

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. +**Michael Bailey** req. by John Kovich

Thursday

8:00 a.m. +**George Sinko** req. by Theresa Stocki

Friday

8:00 a.m. +**Earl Kostura** req. by Janet Gilli

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p.m. +**Nicholas Babilya** req. by MM Michael Heller & family

Epistle Readers: 7/9 – Marie Wanchick; 7/10 – Beverly Kostishak; 7/16 – Dolores Kramer; 7/17 – Laura Mitchell; 7/20 – Marie Wanchick; 7/23 – Judy Kostura; 7/24 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/30 – Dolores Kramer; 7/31 – Paulette Murphy; 8/6 – Ellen Sinkovich; 8/7 – Jannifer Keer; 8/13 – Beverly Kostishack; 8/14 – Anna Keer; 8/15 – Judy Kostura; 8/21 – Gail Burgess; 8/27 – Paulette Murphy; 8/28 – Laura Mitchell; 8/29 – Marie Wanchick.. (If you cannot be present for any time, kindly contact another reader to cover for you).

Candle Offering: Mother of God – Peace in the World.

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

By St. Augustine of Hippo

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.

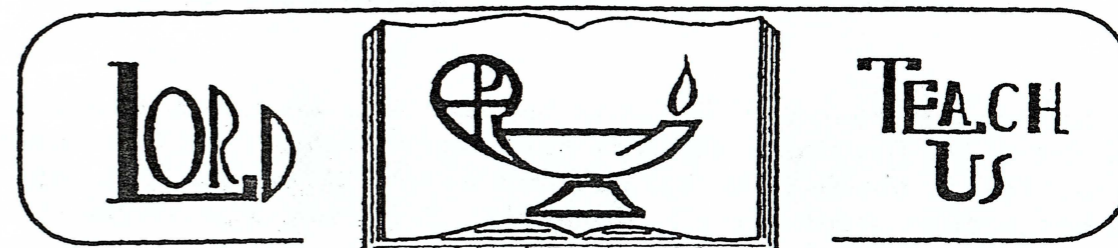
But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

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.

Happy Fourth of July!

Did You Know That ...

- ...our heavenly Father will never place us in a position where we cannot succeed?
- ...if you want to win, but think you cannot, it is certain you will lose?
- ...a leader is not someone who leads until he has first followed?
- ...a determined soul will do more with a monkey wrench than a loafer will accomplish with all the sophisticated tools in a machine shop?
- ...the loss of religious fervor is due to soul erosion?
- ...we do not get old because we have accumulated a certain number of years, but because we have deserted our Catholic ideals?
- ...worry, doubt, fear and despair are the enemies which slowly bring us down to the ground and turn us to dust long before we die?
- ...the only thing we can be certain of in this life, is that outside of God's love for us, nothing is certain?
- ...he who has the most trouble usually has been the busiest in making it?
- ...prayer is not a way to avoid responsibility, it is not a short cut to success without sincere effort?
- ...it is a great deal better to do the things you should than to spend the rest of your life wishing you had?
- ...if you make one person happy each day, in forty years, you will have made 14, 600 human beings aware of the presence of Christ within you?
- ...the problem with being a grouch is that you have to make a new set of friends every couple months?
- ...some people are bent from hard work; others get crooked trying to avoid it?



In Times Of Impatience

Do not grow lazy, but imitate those who through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises Hebrews 6: 12.

But not only that – we even boast of our afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us Romans 5: 3 – 5.

Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lesson of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures. May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus Romans 15: 4, 5.

Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead Hebrews 12: 1.

Realize that when your faith is tested this makes for endurance. Let endurance come to its perfection so that you may be fully mature and lacking in nothing James 1: 3, 4.

Do not, then, surrender your confidence; it will have a great reward. You need patience to do God's will and receive what he has promised. For just a brief moment, and he who is to come will come; he will not delay Hebrews 10: 35 – 37.

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry Psalms 40: 2.

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.

are offered us by our God. Because He continually loves us, we lovingly respond to all the overtures for salvation He makes to us

We are all pleased and delighted to indulge in the things we like pursuing such as recreation, hobbies, vacations and television viewing. These come easily because they demand so little from us, even though we invest them with a value far greater than they deserve. Our enthusiasm accelerates and we excite ourselves into enjoying them. Most times they demand little physical or mental effort. From the Byzantine Catholic perspective, there is the fundamental truth of stewardship of time, treasure and talent. The Byzantine Catholic truly knows he is accountable before the throne of Christ for how time, treasure and talent is spent or invested. Most spend time doing good things so they are wasted effort. What we truly need is a spirituality of investing these gifts with eternal values so they bring a worthwhile return to us. Far too many are profligate in their use of heavenly gifts. Most often nothing is done with them for the eternal benefit of the soul. What we desperately need in our commitment to the Saviour is to inspire in believers the distinct desire to do God's will and much as they wish to do their own will. For us who believe, our will and desire must be congruent with that of our Creator. That is the fundamental thought enunciated in the entire New Testament: to will what our God wills and to motivate ourselves to want to do what He want us to do. We must make His desire and will our own. That is simply how we deify and ennoble ourselves before Him.

"Your will be done" is a priority for believers. It is not a temporary thing, but an entire lifetime of subscribing to what our loving God desires of us: righteousness in all things. Our God continues to work miracles among us today. These take place in the minds and wills of those people who completely surrender to Him. The difficult matters He makes easier, and transforms the bitter into acceptable and life enhancing.

Byzantine Catholics are not off-duty Christians. Everything we do has eternal repercussions. In the strict sense of the word there are no seasonal or part-time believers, working for and worshipping only when it pleases us, or when worship has its source simply in us, or when it is convenient in our life schedule. Those who so live are a contradiction of the genuine Christian way of life.

We are urged by St. Paul to do everything in our lives for the greater glory of God. "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father." Regardless of what we do,, "whether eating or drinking, or anything else, we do all of the glory of God."