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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.

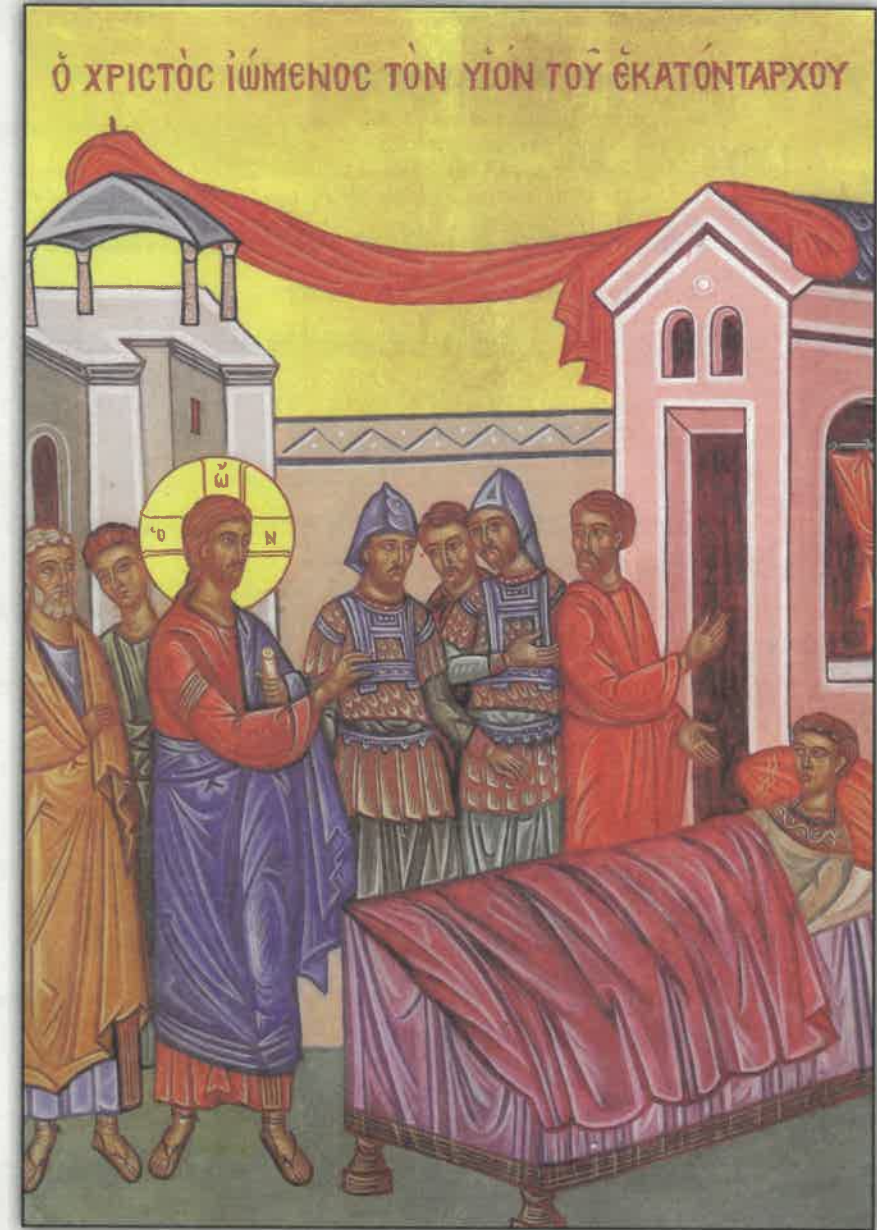
But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go,

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.

St. Augustine of Hippo

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

SAT., JUNE 20

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Andrew Wayda

requested by: Daughter: Margaret & Phil Ford

(11th anniversary of passing today)

SUN., JUNE 21

11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

All Living & +Deceased Fathers

God's Blessings Upon Parish Graduates

WED., June 24

6:00 p.m.

The Feast of the Holy Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Solemn Holy Day - Mirovanije

+Rita M. Smochko

requested by: Maryellen Jones

(remembrance of 88th birthday 6.23)

SAT., JUNE 27

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Dr. Paul M. Dubos

requested by: Children: Peter & Ava

SUN., JUNE 28

11:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

+Norene C. Kotasek

requested by: Daughters

(remembrance of birthday 6.27)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 21 – Robert Shevetz

June 22 – Cosmo Coccitto, Bonnie Cohn

Church Attendance

Saturday 6/13 – **31** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 6/14 – **61** (11:00 am)

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: June 18, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Greta Marks, Patty Orenic, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from June 13 & 14, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,700.00

Loose Currency....\$75.00

Candles....\$110.00

TOTAL: \$1,885.00

Cemetery: **\$650.00**

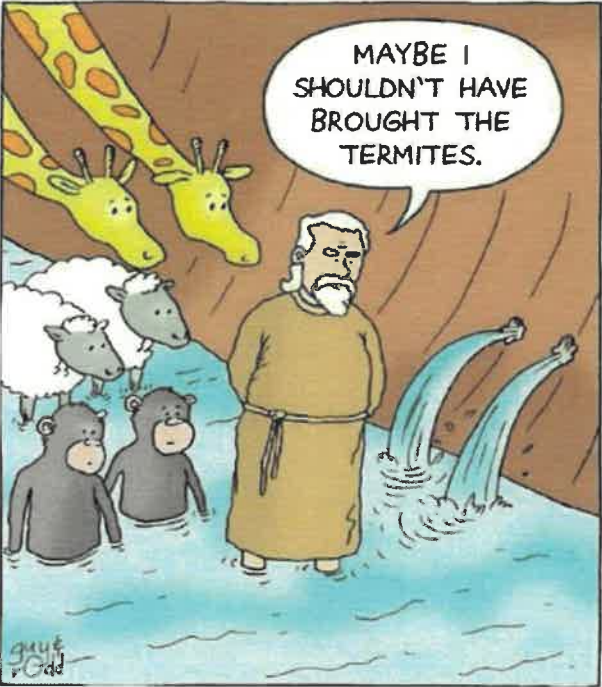
RAISE THE ROOF

St. Michael's

June 14th

\$103.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 14	\$1,885	\$2,950	(\$1,065)
YTD	\$67,758	\$70,800	(\$3,042)



Quote of the Week

“A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.”

— Unknown



Father's Day Word Search

Can you find the Father's Day-related words in the puzzle below?

B	G	I	V	I	N	G	E	D	G	L	O	V	E	H	J
K	E	S	C	M	R	T	F	H	W	Q	I	B	J	P	E
T	Z	K	X	G	M	G	L	O	V	I	N	G	Y	O	C
K	D	I	L	A	C	E	U	N	Q	L	N	A	P	S	H
T	H	S	D	S	X	F	M	B	V	H	J	K	R	L	I
O	V	S	A	R	F	I	A	O	L	F	E	H	K	Q	L
G	I	E	N	B	A	M	C	S	R	T	E	A	Y	M	D
E	P	S	Y	W	M	X	D	A	F	I	O	U	R	V	R
T	Z	C	T	G	I	U	J	C	K	O	E	P	N	T	E
H	B	G	A	H	L	R	M	Q	W	E	Y	S	I	D	N
E	A	I	D	E	Y	C	D	A	D	B	P	C	I	O	E
R	E	F	F	C	G	N	A	Z	P	A	R	E	N	T	V
F	Q	T	B	P	H	U	G	S	L	H	K	E	J	S	W
R	F	A	T	H	E	R	M	U	C	A	R	I	N	G	T

Family
Hugs
Love
Heart

Kisses
Dad
Father
Parent

Gift
Loving
Children
Caring

Giving
Cake
Together
Memories

Where is our faith?

This Sunday, we receive yet another powerful lesson about humility and faith. In this Sunday's Gospel, we are introduced to an interesting character: the Roman centurion. This centurion approaches Christ and tells our Lord that his servant is paralyzed and in great distress. Our Lord, in return offers to go to the centurion's home to cure the servants, to which the centurion replies: "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."

This Gospel lesson should make us reflect on our own relationship with and understanding of God. How do we treat our Lord in our lives? Do we approach him with the same humility of this pagan centurion? Do we openly admit our own unworthiness? Do we have faith that even just a word from our Lord can produce healing and salvation beyond our greatest thoughts? Do we think beyond ourselves—our own egos—in order to help or assist those around us? Or do we make demands of God? Are we proud and driven by vanity? Do we act superior to others? Do we consider ourselves "more worthy" of God's love and understanding, even within our own Christian community? Do we treat others—whether in our own families or even in church—with a sense of superiority or self-righteousness, even if it means hurting someone else or forcing them to be cast aside, all so that we feel important or to show how we have power or sway?

If we fall into this latter category, our Lord tells us quite simply that such attitudes and behaviors will result in such people being "thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The lack of faith, the need to lord and wield power, the desire to promote one's own self-righteousness and perceived holiness will result in an eternity of torture, in hell, devoid of the presence of God.

The irony of the Gospel is that the centurion is a man with real worldly power, and as a pagan, is smart enough to recognize the triviality of worldly power in the presence of our Lord. Why do we go to church? Let us really examine our consciences and think of the answer to this question, for we are to be just as faithful as this pagan centurion who, after encountering our Lord, knew of His great healing powers. Since our Baptism, we have had the opportunity to encounter our Lord and grow in our faith and understanding of Him, but have we taken this opportunity? Or are we content with our own pride-driven, selfish ways that will lead us to an eternity without God?

As we reflect on today's Gospel—which is yet another example of the transformative power of faith—let us truly think of our own role in our salvation. We have choices to make, and beyond those choices, we have lessons that will assist us in making the right choices. Remember, our accounting before Christ at the end of our earthly lives is a singular experience: we are judged only according to what we ourselves have done—or did not do—and there will be no one else there to take the blame for our wrongdoings. Let us work toward having a faith that is just as impressive as this centurion's, and let us strive for a humility to know, love, and serve God through our examples and words so that others, too, can share in God's glory and love!



Congratulations 2026 parishioner Graduate

TEAGAN LEE ZACKASEE graduated from Salem High School, Salem, OH on May 24, 2026 earning his High School Diploma. His honors and achievements include a Letter in Band, Soccer, and Swim Robotics with a 3.7 GPA. His future plans are to go to New Castle School of Trades for HVAC Heating and Refrigeration. Also, to be a lifeguard and soccer referee.



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



John the Baptist plays a key role in the New Testament. He is the bridge, the Forerunner, the one sent to prepare the way of the Lord. His holiness turned the hearts of the Israelites to repentance, thus making them capable of accepting the coming of the Messiah. The commemoration of St. John's Nativity is one of the older, if not the oldest, feasts in honor of any Saint found in the Church. Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a Saint's death because that day marks his entrance into heaven. St. John is an exception to this rule because he was "filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb." His nativity, therefore, is already a day of triumph. Nothing can be said with certainty as to the date of the birth of St. John the Baptist. The gospel suggests that he was born about six months before Christ. (Lk. 1: 5-25). St.

John the Baptist is represented with two large wings because he is the messenger of the Messiah. It is about this man that Scripture says, "I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way before you." (Mt. 11: 10) In the icon, John makes the gesture of the preacher with his right hand and holds an open scroll in his left hand which proclaims the message of his preaching. "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." (Mt. a: 2) As a man of the desert he is clothed in a camel's hair garment. The rocks behind the Forerunner represent the wilderness, and the strip of water below his feet represents the Jordan River. We also find some bushes and an axe "laid to the root of the tree," (Mt. 3: 10) alluding to the words of his preaching. In the lower left hand corner, a cup with the head of St. John recalls that he would end his life in martyrdom. St. John the Baptist stands before us and calls us to repentance before the Lord. The Holyday Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Holyday of OBLIGATION soon

Monday, June 29th is the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. It is a holyday of obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. The liturgical schedule for both churches are as follows:

Monday, June 29th – 10:00 a.m. St. Michael, Hermitage
6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Campbell (Fr. John Welch, celebrant)

PAC meeting

The Parish Advisory Council will hold a meeting this **Monday, June 22nd** in the bar room.

Congrats to raffle winner

The winner of the patriotic wreath and \$250 worth of gift cards was: **Celeste Penwell**. Thank you to all who supported this raffle. \$960 was collected in the raffle.

Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+SANDRA JEAN VRABEL, 84, formerly of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 4, 2025. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Sandra, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.

Final Day to register for Vacation Bible School



VBS will take place at our St. Michael Hall beginning **Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Children ages 3 - 12 years old are invited to register as participants. Youth ages 13 - 18 can register as Crew Leaders. The registration form is on the parish fb page or website. TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO REGISTER!

When did Father's Day start?

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Happy Father's Day



ABC'S OF BEING A CHRISTIAN FATHER

- A - Always trust them to God's care
- B - Bring them to church
- C - Challenge them to high goals
- D - Delight in their achievements
- E - Exalt the Lord in their presence
- F - Frown on evil
- G - Give them love
- H - Hear their problems
- I - Ignore not their childish fears
- J - Joyfully accept their apologies
- K - Keep their confidence
- L - Live a good example before them
- M - Make them your respected friends
- N - Never ignore their endless questions
- O - Open your home to their visits
- P - Pray for them by name
- Q - Quicken your interest in their spirituality
- R - Remember their needs
- S - Show them the way of salvation
- T - Teach them to work
- U - Understand they are still young
- V - Verify your statements
- W - Wean them from bad company
- X - eXpect them to obey
- Y - Yearn for God's best for them
- Z - Zealously guide them in biblical truth



June 26th – 5-11 p.m.

June 27th – noon-midnight

June 28th – 11-6 p.m.

Youngstown Foundation Amphitheatre