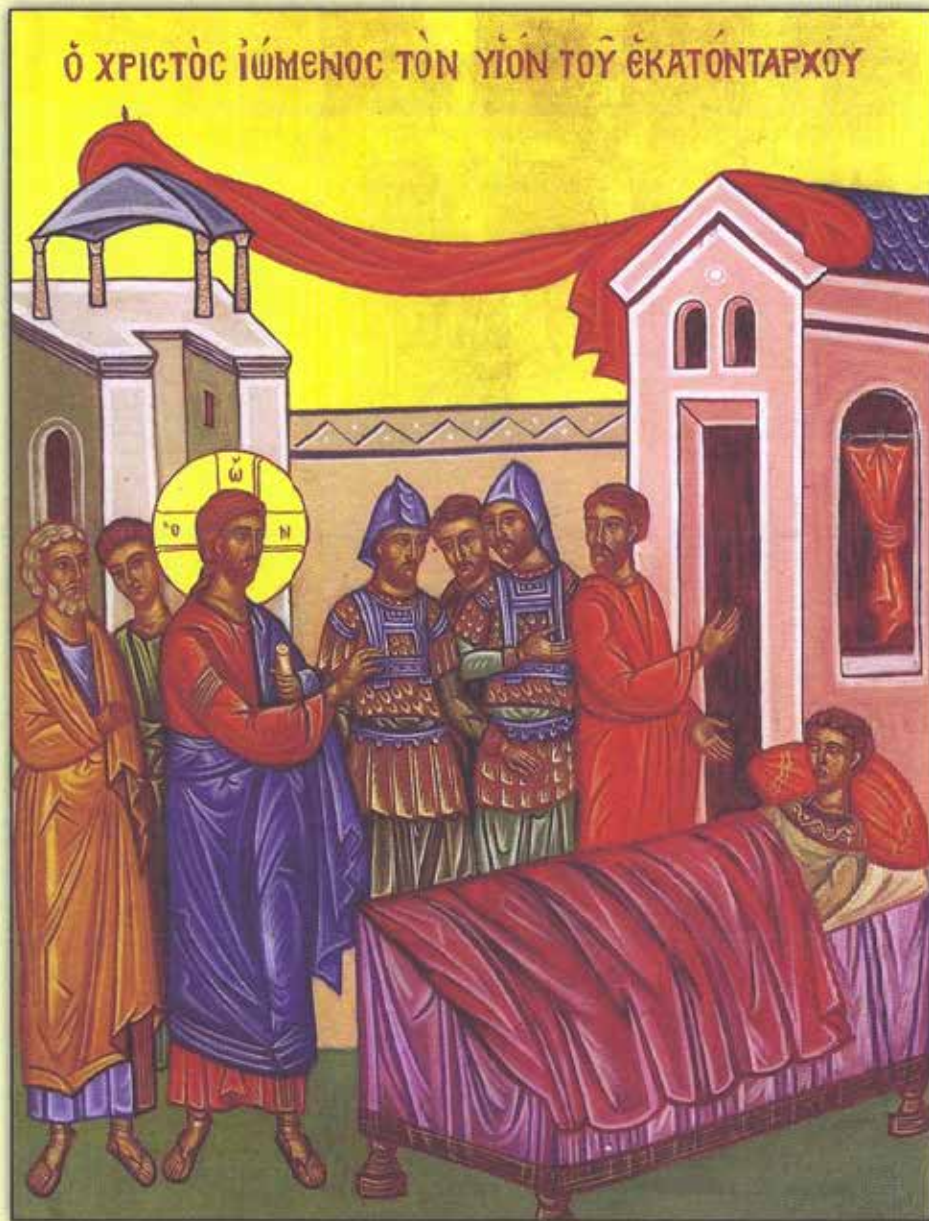


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Centurion's Servant

June 16, 2013
ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR HOLY FATHER AND WONDERWORKER TYCHON, BISHOP OF AMANTHUS
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16– JUNE 23

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 – THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS, BISHOP OF SAMOSATA
 6:00 PM – Great Vespers with Lytia for Sunday and the Nativity of St. John the Baptizer (*satisfies for Sunday obligation*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIZER (OBSERVED); THE HOLY MARTYR AGRIPPINA OF ROME
 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners



The U.S. bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty, including the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate, Supreme Court rulings that could attempt to redefine marriage in June, and religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

“Our society won’t care about religious freedom if it doesn’t care about God. That’s where reform is needed. We won’t have and we probably won’t need religious exemptions for nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, if no one’s practicing their religion. The best way to protect religious freedom might be to remind people that they should love God.”

~ John Garvey, Esq., President, The Catholic University of America. USCCB June 2012 General Assembly

Sunday offering for June 9	
Amount	Number
\$10.00	3
\$20.00	1
\$26.00	(loose)
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	3
\$75.00	2
\$100.00	1
\$200.00	1
\$756.00	

Parishioner Total: \$756.00
 Average / parish household (42): \$18.00
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00
 Shortfall: **-\$1369.00**

2nd Collection: \$40.00

Празник - Praznyk

Monday, June 24 is the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptizer and is a Patronal Feast (Praznyk) of our parish. We will (with the blessing of our Father and Bishop Richard) transfer the celebration of the Feast to Sunday, June 23 to allow for a fuller celebration by the parish. Vespers and Lytia will be celebrated on Saturday at 6:00 PM. Fr. Robert Pipta and parishioners of Holy Angels are going to be joining us for Vespers and Lytia. Please make an effort to come to Vespers for this feast.

Fathers Day

May God bless all of you Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers and God-Fathers on this day set aside to honor you! May you always show forth the love, compassion, wisdom and faithfulness that is found in our Heavenly Father. Многоя Лима! God grant you many blessed years!



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Let us Prepare Two Tables

When we return home, let us prepare two tables, one for bodily food, the other for that spiritual food which is the Holy Scripture. Let the husband repeat what has been said in the holy assembly; let the wife learn it and the children listen to it. Let each of you make your home a church. Are you not responsible for the salvation of your children? Are you not likely to have to give an account of their upbringing? Just as we, the shepherds of the flock, will give an account of what we have done for your souls, so fathers of families will have to answer before God for all the people in their home.

– St. John Chrysostom “On Genesis”



Stewardship of Time

Time on this earth is one of our greatest privileges and yet one of our biggest responsibilities. Outside of Sunday morning, how much time does God really get? The daily choices we make in our lives, how we spend our time and energy, indicate not only what we truly value but also where we will spend eternity.

– from Parish Publishing, LLC

“A person dying is not news, but if the stock markets drop ten points it is a tragedy! Thus people are disposed of as if they were trash. ... I would like us all to make a serious commitment to respect and protect creation, to be attentive to every person to counter the culture of waste and disposable, to promote a culture of solidarity and of encounter.”

– Pope Francis

From his June 5, 2013, Wednesday audience

NEXT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ITSELF, YOUR NEIGHBOUR IS THE HOLIEST OBJECT PRESENTED TO YOUR SENSES.

– C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

PRAYERS AT HOME ARE AN INTRODUCTION, A PREPARATION FOR PRAYERS IN CHURCH. THUS HE WHO IS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO PRAY AT HOME CAN SELDOM PRAY DILIGENTLY IN CHURCH. EXPERIENCE BEARS WITNESS TO THIS, AND ANYONE CAN OBSERVE IT FOR HIMSELF.

– St. John of Kronstadt



**LORD JESUS CHRIST'
SON OF GOD.
SAVIOR**

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

In the Name of the Father

by G. Dwayne McCrary on Thursday, May 16, 2013

Father's Day has an image problem. It drew unfavorable press from the beginning because retailers pushed so hard for it. Mother's Day was easily accepted and recognized, celebrated first in 1908 and becoming a national holiday in 1914. Father's Day didn't get the nod until 1972 — 58 years later. Recently I had several conversations with dads about Father's Day. When asked to describe the difference between the two days, one man summed it up this way:

Mother's Day = Women are saints who deserve our undying praise and adoration.

Father's Day = The problems of the world are caused by lousy, deadbeat fathers who need to repent and live like real men.

No, these two days are unquestionably not equal. It would be easy to highlight spending differences between the two days (14.6 million for Mother's Day; 9.4 million for Father's Day), but that's not the most substantial disparity. That lies in the perception.

Since we dads can't change how others feel about our day, maybe we can change what we contribute to the day and give others a reason to see Father's Day differently — not in terms of money spent but in the commodity of respect earned.



Change what we ask for

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for Father's Day gifts. One of my most prized possessions is a Texas Rangers baseball jersey that was a Father's Day gift from my kids. Sure, new tools and colorful ties are neat, but time with our families is the most game-changing gift we could request.

Not long ago, my adult children were in town, and we did all kinds of things together. As the weekend came to a close, my wife, Lisa, and I realized we had paid for everything. But we didn't mind. We were doing stuff together, showing our adult children what interests us. In effect, we were letting them see our values.

The temptation on Father's Day is for dads to herd everyone to a movie theater (or some other passive event that requires little interaction). The wiser move is to do something that encourages everyone to interact — to choose venues that make silence awkward (playing a table game, attending a local sporting event, volunteering for a church project).

While we're in the huddle together, we should ask open-ended questions and get to the core why of the way family members think. Drill down to unearth values and preferences. Our kids may tell us stuff that make the hairs on the back of our necks stand up. But rather than bristle and fall back to defensive "You shouldn't think that way!" posture, let's listen

instead — and then ask them if we can share why we think differently.

Lead our own cavalry

Here's what one dad had to say about Father's Day affirmation: "Although it's important to understand the role and responsibilities of a father, it would be refreshing to hear a sermon that describes an actual father who has followed God, led his family, and served others. That powerful message would give the rest of us fathers hope and encouragement."

Let's face it, fatherhood takes a beating in our society. Come on, every problem faced by our society can't be because we failed as dads. The failure of a few is giving the rest of us a lousy name. Not all of us are deadbeats. Many of us are trying to make a difference in our families, churches, and the world. And many are succeeding. The rest need to know that success is possible. We all want to succeed, and that takes a little encouragement along the way.

But we must not depend upon external affirmation. The cavalry of affirmation isn't going to arrive and rescue us. We dads must lead our own cavalry. The best affirmation is to mark our own progress toward being the fathers we want to be, the ones God has called us to be. This means we have to turn to the Bible for guidance and ask other dads to help us measure progress.

Follow the standard

Think quickly: What Bible character would you point to as a great example for dads to follow? A guy who did it right.

All Bible men considered, perhaps the best model is the prodigal's father, who is identified as symbolizing our Heavenly Father. And there

you have it: The ultimate model for fathers is God.

As much as we try, we men will never be the father God is. We simply can't do it. But just because we can't be perfect, doesn't mean we should isolate ourselves in our man caves. Instead, we need to show other men how to emulate God the Father. This is the Father's Day gift we can give each other as dads: to be visual representations of our Father in heaven.

Move forward

No doubt about it, there is significant disparity between the honor bestowed on mothers vs. fathers. Only men can change this. We need to step up and seize the opportunity to move forward. We can't change the past or relive crucial moments we missed way back when. We can only deal with today and, with God's guidance, plan well for the future.

The first step toward changing the negative perception of fatherhood is to seek God in earnest for the wisdom and strength to be good dads. The second step is to use Father's Day as a time of evaluation and recommitment.

What if we spend part of the day looking at what we need to do to become fathers worthy of being emulated? What if each Father's Day we encourage our kids to tell us one thing we each could do to become a better father? What if we act on that idea every year? What if we men who embrace God as our Father become totally dedicated and fully determined to show the world godly fatherhood? What would happen?

Let's find out.

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Archbishop: Second Fortnight highlights ongoing work to protect religious liberty

By Maria Wiering

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The U.S. bishops are again encouraging Catholics to observe the Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4 as a period of prayer, education and activism for religious liberty. The event launched last year in the wake of what Catholic leaders viewed as mounting attacks on religious freedom throughout the country and the world.

Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, will preside at the national event's opening 7 p.m. Mass June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. [Click here](#) for a list of Fortnight events in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The Catholic Review asked Archbishop Lori to explain the importance of this second Fortnight. The following Q&A has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: How will this year's event compare to last year's?

A: This second Fortnight sends a signal that we need to continue the prayerful effort to appreciate and sustain our religious freedom. It's not a one-time event. It's something we need to do consistently as part of our life of faith.

Q: What impact did you see last year's Fortnight make?

A: It was a wonderful beginning. Nobody saw it as a be-all and end-all, which is why we're having a second Fortnight for Freedom and maybe more after that because this is something that you have to build patiently day by day, month by month and year by year.

Q: Why should Catholics still be concerned about these religious liberty concerns?

A: Religious freedom is very, very fundamental to our human dignity and to the ministries of our church. That requires eternal vigilance. Our eyes might glaze over a little bit, but once in a while we need to be wide awake. This is one of those times.

The (U.S. Department of) Health and Human Services' mandate (that most businesses and organizations, including faith-based ones, provide insurance coverage for artificial contraception, female sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs) will become effective for nonprofits Aug. 1.

The U.S. Supreme Court is going to be ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and Proposition 8 (California's amendment banning gay marriage, known as "Prop 8"), plus a whole host of other challenges to religious liberty that would potentially hamper the church's role, not only in teaching the faith, but living the faith and enriching the lives of others. Hampering the church's ability to do that is a detriment to the whole society.

Defending religious freedom is an act of love for our own country. It respects the vision of our founders, and it respects human dignity, and it is essential for the common good and human flourishing. This is something we do as lovers of our country, as lovers of the American experiment in limited government.

Q: Are you concerned that Catholics and other people of faith have been losing steam on the issues over the past year, as the lawsuits have gone on?

A: One, in the lawsuits (against the HHS mandate), the for-profit businesses are batting .750. Two, many of the church lawsuits have been dismissed for lack of ripeness. They will become ripe Aug. 1. A lot of hard work is being done behind the scenes. This is an opportunity to lift that up. It's important for us to patiently build a religious liberty movement, not to get into naysayers or those who would discourage us. It's important for us to visualize and quantify what some of these threats would mean.

For example, the heavy fines the government would impose on church entities who are doing charitable work if they fail to go along with the (federal government's) so-called "accommodation." There's work to do, and we need to be cheerful and determined.

Q: Do you still see the HHS mandate as the chief issue?

A: It's one of many. It's certainly a principle issue, but it's not the only one. The redefinition of marriage also poses many challenges as well.

Q: With the HHS mandate, what are your concerns as we approach Aug. 1?

A: The concern is that we're not getting any real relief from the administration on this. It's not for want of trying, either. We've certainly worked hard to maintain a dialogue.

Q: As Catholic and other religious organizations renew their insurance policies after that date, what might we expect, if the mandate does not change?

A: It's too early to tell.

Q: What implications might the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings on DOMA and Prop 8 have for the church?

A: The redefinition of marriage will have a huge impact on the whole of society, because marriage, and the notion of marriage, is pervasive in law. It's not simply the changing of a single rule, it's the changing of the understanding of marriage wherever it occurs in law. This is more of a sea change (broad transformation) than people realize. It affects things like hiring, benefits, use of facilities, licensure, a whole host of issues.

Q: Some people argue that religious freedom isn't being threatened, but that the country is accommodating a pluralistic society, such as in the case of removing a Christian prayer from a public meeting. How do you respond?

A: It's a funny kind of pluralism that doesn't make room for Christianity and Catholic values. For genuine pluralism, we would have complete freedom to exercise our mission according to our own rights.

Q: Why is prayer central to the Fortnight?

A: Nothing opens your mind and heart like prayer. When you're communicating with the Lord, you're communicating with the source of wisdom, and what we need now is some wisdom.

Q: What is your hope for this year's fortnight?

A: My hope is that it will be a time of prayerful reflection for a lot of people, a time to bring into focus some of the religious liberty challenges that we're facing, and a time when people understand more profoundly how faith enriches culture. I hope that everyone will show up at the Basilica on June 21 at 7 p.m.

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A Modern Centurian

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of our Lord healing the servant of a centurian. The centurian – a soldier in the Roman army – was commended for his faith and our Lord said to him, “Amen I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith!” (Matthew 8:11) These same words of our Lord could doubtless be applied to another soldier who lived almost 2,000 years later. Ironically, this modern centurian was a soldier in the Nazi army during World War II!

The story of Private Shultz unfolds during the Second World War just after the invasion of Yugoslavia. Private Shultz, a young German soldier, along with eight other soldiers were ordered to pick up their rifles and go on patrol with their sergeant. Shortly they came to a small clearing where there were assembled eight Yu-

goslavian citizens – five men and three women. As the sergeant gave the command to take aim it became clear to Private Shultz what his mission would be. Before the sergeant could shout “fire!” however, Private Shultz dropped his rifle and began walking toward the eight civilians.

The sergeant ordered him to return, but Private Shultz ignored the command. Then, to the stunned disbelief of the soldiers, the sergeant shouted “fire!” On that day nine people were executed: eight civilians and one German soldier. In the pocket of Private Shultz’s uniform was found a passage of the Bible written by Saint Paul, “Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”