

Healing the Daughter of the Canaanite Woman

The evangelist speaks against the woman, that he may show forth her marvellous act, and celebrate her praise the more. For when you hear of a Canaanitish woman, you should call to mind those wicked nations, who overset from their foundations the very laws of nature. And being reminded of these, consider also the power of Christ's advent. For they who were cast out, that they might not pervert any Jews, these appeared so much better disposed than the Jews, as even to come out of their coasts, and approach Christ; while those were driving Him away, even on His coming unto them.

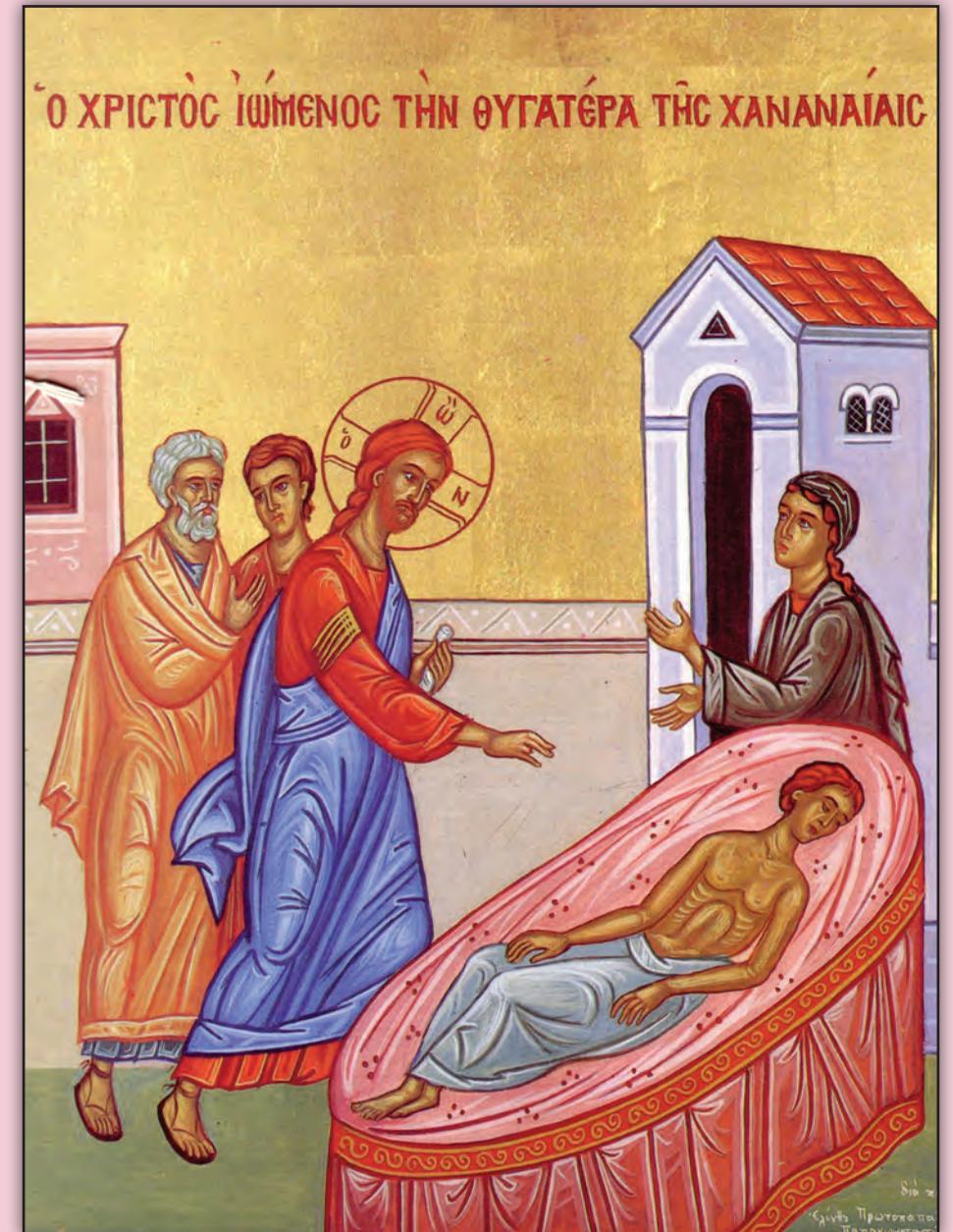
Having then come unto Him, she says nothing else, but Have mercy on me, and by

her cry brings about them many spectators. For indeed it was a pitiful spectacle to see a woman crying aloud in so great affliction, and that woman a mother, and entreating for a daughter, and for a daughter in such evil case: she not even venturing to bring into the Master's sight her that was possessed, but leaving her to lie at home, and herself making the entreaty.

But having described both her calamity, and the intensity of the disease, she pleads the Lord's mercy, and cries aloud; and she says not, Have mercy on my daughter, but, Have mercy on me.

St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN



Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)

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Sunday – January 15, 2023

Христос Рождається! Славимо Його! * Christ is born! Glorify Him!

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Sunday January 15 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Mark Hitchens from Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday January 18 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedack from Family)
Thursday January 19 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Fr. Joseph from Irene)
Friday January 20 9:00 a.m.	(Sanctity of All Human Life)
Sunday January 22 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Wolodymyr and +Julia Hetmansky from Family)

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 15

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2023. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 15. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 1, 2023). Classes will not be held on January 22 and February 19. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES CHILDREN 3-6 BEGINNING JANUARY 15

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Preschool Eastern Christian Formation/Catechism classes held every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:15-11:15. Email Lindsey at lfrechou22@gmail.com with any questions and to register. Classes will be held on: January 15, 29 - February 12, 26 - March 12, 26 - April 2, 23 - May 7, 21. May 21

INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022

Please fill out the 2018 Contribution Request form (place in any collection or give to an usher) or email us at ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com if you would like to receive a confidential statement of your 2022 contributions for your taxes.

HOUSE BLESSING 2023

We will begin blessing houses shortly after Theophany. Please fill out the invitation form if you would like us to come. Please remember to have a candle lit and to lead the priest around the house where you would like him to bless. Please remember that we are coming to bless your house. We are not nosy or inspecting. We simply bring the Jordan Water to sanctify your home for the New Year. Also, please turn off all TV’s, Sound Systems, games and other distractions. An offering is traditionally given to the priest.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2023 (LIST OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES)

In the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is the custom to remember our beloved dead during the time of the Great Fast. These commemorations occur on Saturdays because the Saviour of the world rested in the grave on Great and Holy Saturday, awaiting the Resurrection. Thus, Saturday became for Christians the day for commemorating the deceased, who await the resurrection on the last day. We will be starting our remembrances of the dead (given our special circumstances) on Saturdays, beginning February 25 at 10:00 a.m. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members on the Saturdays of the Great Fast. They hope for our prayers; and in turn, they pray for us. Please submit an envelope with your list of names by email or US Mail. See the attached Sorokousty Form. An offering is customarily made for the priests

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Bishop John Bura, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

The blind man in today’s Gospel offers us a powerful example of “holy boldness.” He did not hesitate to cry out loudly to the Lord for mercy, despite being told by others to be quiet. His faith in Christ, and his awareness of his need for mercy would not allow him to be quiet. He knew that Christ had the authority to heal him, and believed that He would want him to be healed of his blindness, He did not let how he was perceived in the eyes of men to prevent Him from turning to the Lord and asking for his mercy. The world wants us to think that our faith is best kept quiet, that is what is “respectable.” We can believe what we want, as long as we “keep it to ourselves.” We must not keep our faith to ourselves, however! Our faith in Christ is the greatest gift we have and we must not be afraid to share it with others.