

Conquering Demons

The divine nature of the only begotten Son was already scorching the demons in unspeakable flames. Christ was shutting up the fiercest demons in blocked roads. He was undoing the devil's tyranny. "You have come before the time," they cried out. They knew from the Scriptures that Christ was going to come and would judge them. Treating the incarnation as if it had happened at the wrong time, they pleaded that he had come in an untimely way. This misrepresentation is not surprising. In their deceptiveness, they did not hesitate to say even this. Yet, although they know that vengeance is to fall upon them, they still say haughtily, "What have you to do with us?" They know that the final Judge in fact has a

score to settle with them, inasmuch as they had broken his commandments.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Make an effort, then, to meet more frequently to celebrate God's Eucharist and to offer praise. For, when you meet frequently in the same place, the forces of Satan are overthrown, and his baneful influence is neutralized by the unanimity of your faith. Peace is a precious thing: it puts an end to every war waged by heavenly or earthly enemies.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Gadarenes

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Sunday – July 2, 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

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

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Sunday July 2 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Mike Hoyt from Sandy Sydnor) (For the Parish)
Wednesday July 5 9:00 a.m.	(+Damian Fedoryka from Carol Little)
Thursday July 6 9:00 a.m.	(+Diane Brasile from AM Gogniat)
Friday July 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Mandy Hain from Elizabeth)
Sunday July 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	500th Day of Full-scale War (For the Parish) (+Petro and +Maria Futey from Family)

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, 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 Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, 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, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.

500 DAYS SPECIAL ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE

On July 9, 2023, the world will mark the tragic milestone of 500 days of russia’s unprovoked full-fledged aggression against Ukraine. Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA Oksana Markarova has the honor to invite you, your colleagues, friends, and family members to a special prayer ecumenical service for Ukraine, organized in partnership with the Washington National Cathedral. 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2023 The Washington National Cathedral 3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

God With Us Catechism

When we walk away from God, when we turn our back on those in whose communion God has placed us, we do not find independence but simply dependence on someone or something else. We see this in today’s Gospel in the story of the demoniacs. A demoniac is someone who is under the dominion of the devil. This is exactly what the devil wants. He entices us with a false notion of freedom, of so-called “independence” to get us to turn from our true dependence on God, on each other, on the Church, to seek so-called “freedom.” “You will be like God,” the devil told Adam and Eve – the world of the self, or rather self-delusion – is the dominion of the devil. Jesus, in healing the demoniacs, reveals and pours out God’s life back into these people. He puts them back into communion with God who is love and with the entire community of God which is bound together in love. However, notice the curious response of the townspeople to Jesus’ freeing the demoniacs from their suffering, their dominion from the Evil One. They ask him to leave. Why is this? Shouldn’t they have been happy to see the men freed from their suffering? By saving the demoniacs, casting the demons into the herd of pigs, Jesus disrupted their economy. It inconvenienced the townspeople, who made their livelihood from the pigs. They were more concerned with the financial impact of this healing than they were on the well-being of the two men. Jesus has not only come to free us from the devil dominion of the devil, but to restore our communion with God and with one another. This is the heart of Jesus’ healing ministry, to be the Incarnation of God’s love, and the restoration of our communion.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2023 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

*As our nation celebrates the 247th Anniversary of the Birth of our Country,
let us all pause to remember the blessings we have been given
with the freedoms and opportunities we all enjoy
and that all of the other peoples of the world pray for and hope to enjoy.*

God Bless the United States of America!