

Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

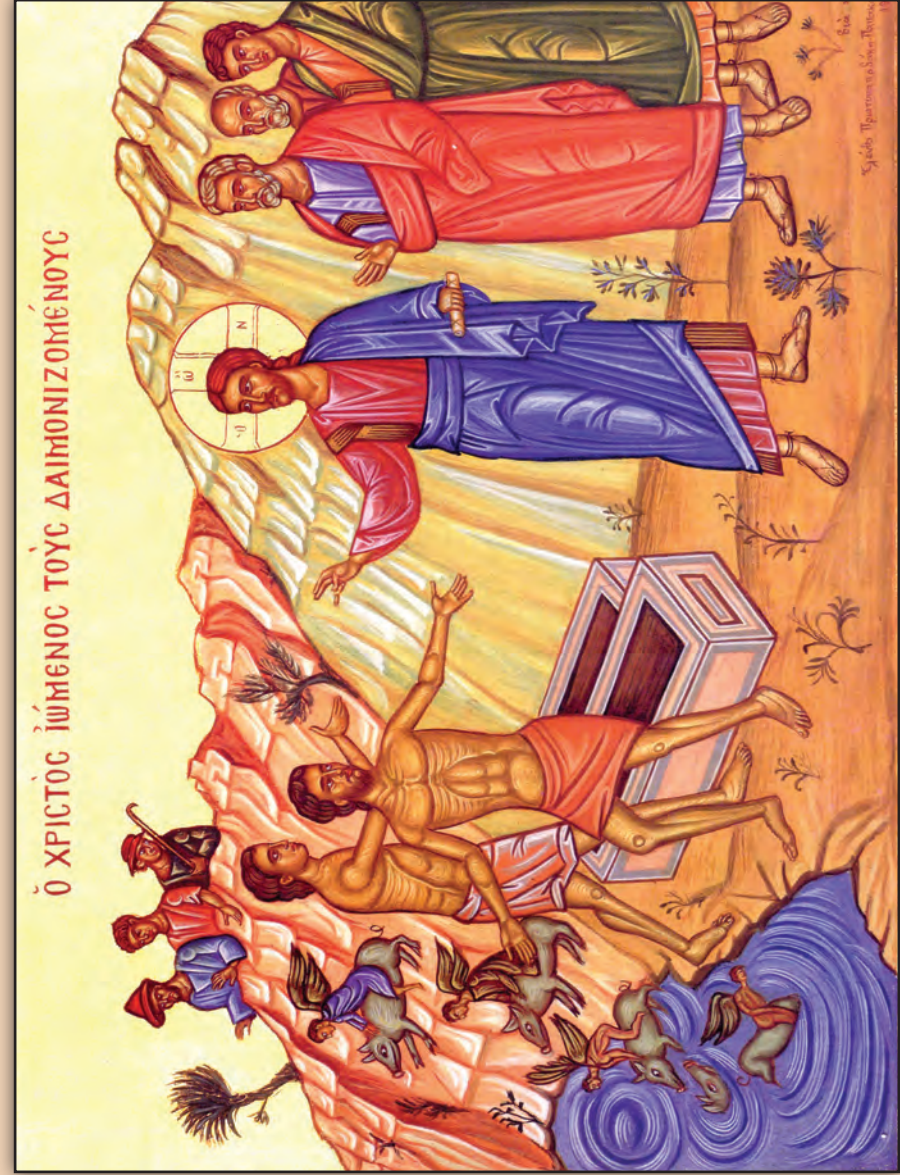
Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end

of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

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Sunday – June 28, 2026

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgy

All Services will be Live Streamed at 10:00 AM

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

Saturday June 27 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday June 28 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Ivan and +Stephania Fur from the Futey Family)
Monday June 29 **7:00 p.m.**	Saints Peter and Paul (+Blessings for Fr. Robert from Ruth Fedack)
Wednesday July 1 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Rebecca from the Sayre Family)
Thursday July 2 9:00 a.m.	(+Luboslaw Szuszkiewicz from Family)
Friday July 3 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Betsy Sayre from Tom)
Saturday July 4	Happy 4 th of July No Great Vespers
Sunday July 5 **10:00 a.m.**	(Blessings Upon the United States of America - Happy 250)

The Sunday Parish Liturgy requirement will be offered in SS. Joachim and Anna during the summer

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026

At long last, we will commence with the renovation of our Lower Church Bathrooms. We will have a little inconvenience, but then be able to use modern, hygienic, ADA compliant, and efficient facilities. The cost of the project will amount to just under \$310,000.00. We are very hopeful that our faithful parishioners will be able to make some special donations to cover the cost of this much needed and overdue updating to our facilities. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

SAINT JOSAPHAT COUNCIL KNIGHTS – COLLECTING FOR THE BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Knights of Columbus members will be collecting donations for the bathroom renovations projects after the Sunday Divine Liturgy during the summer season.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026 – HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY USA!

*As our nation celebrates the 250th 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!*

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych, Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lorraine Stadnyk, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.

Summer Liturgy Schedule

One Bilingual Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

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