



A Prayer for Father's Day



O Lord our God, the Infinite Father: we beseech You to attentively hear our supplicating voices which we, Your humble sons and daughters and lowly children, offer today in behalf of all of our fathers.

To our youthful fathers, may You give the wisdom of Your advice and counsel; to those of our fathers in the prime of life, may You give strength and inspiration, reassuring them with that spiritual joy that comes from

having experienced mature fatherhood; to our elderly fathers, may You grant them Your preservation, sustaining them with Your comfort and spiritual tender-ness; and to those of our fathers whom You have already called to Your heavenly abode, may You graciously favor them by generously rewarding them.

Kindle within our hearts that same dedicated love and faithful devotion that Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ showed toward fulfilling Your divine will. O Almighty Father, on this festive day as we especially pay tribute to all of our fathers, we beseech You to receive our petitions and to quickly hear us and show all of them Your mercy. Amen.

Source: St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, New Haven, CT



Praying to Heal the Spiritual Eye

The "spiritual eye" refers to the inner vision of discerning God's truth and recognizing His presence in life. By praying for healing of the spiritual eye, you invite God's light into your life, enabling you to see His truth, His love, and His plan more clearly.

Heavenly Father, You are the Light of the world. Open my eyes to see Your truth, to recognize Your presence, and to walk in Your ways. Remove any spiritual blindness that hinders my understanding of Your Word and my relationship with You. May my vision be clear, my heart aligned, and my steps in harmony with Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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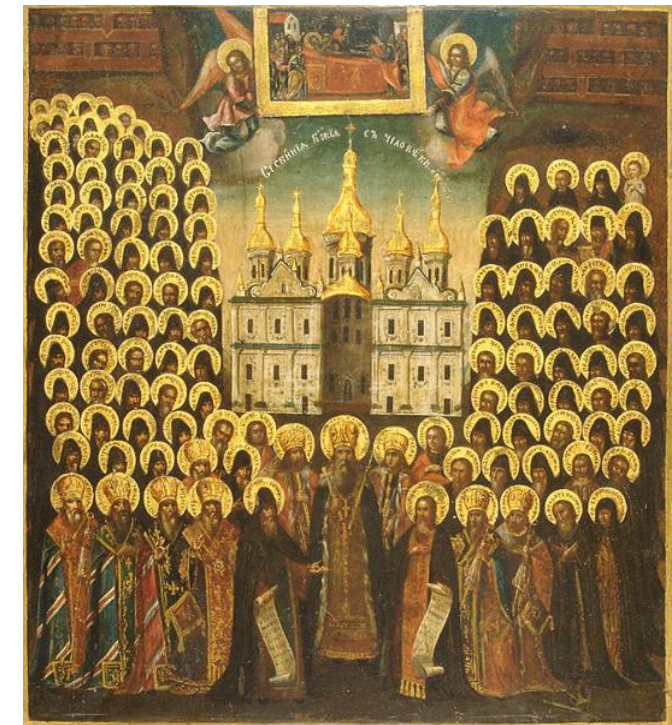
Third Sunday after Pentecost,
Tone 2
Holy Prophet Elisha

Changeable Part: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost,
Tone 3
Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

Changeable Part: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.



Announcement:

Father's Day

As part of our Father's Day celebration, we will be honoring our Fathers by lighting remembrance candles in honor of them. These candles will be lit the weekend of June 21st and will burn in front of the mosaic Icon of Christ the Teacher (right side of the Church). Please use the form in today's bulletin to order your candles and place it in the collection basket. Please print each name and mark the correct box next to each name, whether living or deceased.

Pyrohy Project:

Pyrohy production starts at 9 am. If you have some time to spare to support this important fundraiser for St. George, we would love to have you join us.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Do you need a graduation gift or a Father's Day gift? If so, check out the convenience and selection of gift cards on RaiseRight. There is also a local dining option that gives back 5% to St. George. See if your favorite restaurants are part of this program. Every gift card purchased helps St. George! You can set up an account easily at: <https://www.raiseright.com/> The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

Best wishes for the summer months:

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer. As always thank you for your continued faith, dedication, kindness and generosity to St. George. May the Lord bless you, your family and our St. George community now and always.

Shoe Project:

Our neighbor church, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, is collecting shoes for a shoe drive. The purpose is to send these shoes to Africa so people can learn to repair and make shoes to provide learning and employment opportunities. There is a collection box in the church hall. If you have any shoes you no longer need, please consider donating to support this worthwhile effort.

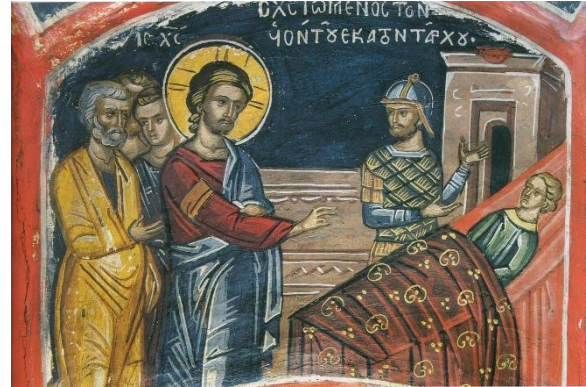
Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday June 7, 2026, was **\$1,386.00 +\$324.00**

(Collection: \$1,341.00, Pyrohy: \$324.00, Loose & candles: \$45.00)

The total for Sunday of June 14, 2026, will be published in the next bulletin.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Matthew 8:5–13: A Story of Unexpected Faith

The Centurion's Humility

Imagine a soldier — not from your homeland, not from your faith, not from your culture — approaching you with deep humility and trust. This is the scene in today's Gospel. A Roman centurion, a man of authority in the occupying army, comes to Jesus not with arrogance, but with a plea: "Lord, my

servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

In Roman society, a centurion commanded about 100 soldiers. He was used to giving orders and being obeyed. Yet before Jesus, he does not demand; he asks. What is striking is not only his compassion for his servant, but the depth of his faith. He believes that Jesus can heal with just a word — without even coming under his roof.

His words, "I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof," echo in our Divine Liturgy before Holy Communion. We too acknowledge our unworthiness before the Lord's holiness.

Faith Without Physical Proof

The centurion believes that Jesus' authority extends beyond physical presence. Just as he commands soldiers from a distance, he trusts that Christ's word has power over sickness and suffering. This is a profound lesson for us: faith is not about seeing first - but trusting first.

Breaking Cultural and Religious Barriers

The centurion was a Gentile, an outsider to the covenant people of Israel. Yet Jesus praises his faith above that of many in Israel. This challenges us to see God's grace at work in unexpected people — even those outside our own traditions or comfort zones.

The centurion's faith also reminds us that Christ's healing is not limited by time, space, or ethnicity. The Divine Liturgy makes this real for us: when we pray for the sick, for the suffering, for those far away — we believe God's word can reach them instantly.

The centurion's humility also mirrors the spirituality of our Byzantine Catholic saints, who teach that the closer we come to God, the more we see our own need for His mercy.

The Centurion's Depth of Faith Amazes Christ

Only twice in the Gospels do we hear that Jesus was amazed by someone's faith — and one of those times is here. Imagine that: our faith can move the heart of God.

Let us then approach Christ with the centurion's humility, trust, and love for others. And may our faith, too, be the kind that amazes the Lord.