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Sunday Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

Please register online at our website if you plan to attend a service during this covid pandemic to ensure there is room for you.

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http://dormition.eeparchy.com

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A PARISH OF THE
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC
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## June 20 2021;

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3; Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine, Apostles' Fast.

We are in the Apostle's Fast. It will conclude on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29)

As in all fasting periods, people are encouraged to fast more, pray more and give more.

## Happy Father's Day

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Happy conclusion to the 2021 Academic year. (May God bless all those who write high school exams)



"That's my older little brother" - Fr. Bo

For news about what Fr. Ivan is doing see page 4.



## Scouts information meeting delayed.

Look for a likely July date for this Catholic Scout group.

- Today at 2pm will be the First Solemn Communion for the servants of God **John Chikhani** and **George Abo**.
- Due to certain persons self isolating due to covid, the First Solemn Communion of the servants of God **Jack Bowol** and **Damen Hundt**, is delayed till Saturday, July 3.
- Due to certain persons self isolating due to covid, the Baptism, Chrismation and First
  Eucharist of the servant of God Connor Dubyk Borylo will be delayed till Saturday, July
  10.

May God's blessings be upon all of these children and their families.

Mnohaya Lita.

COVID NEWS: **We can now allow 33%** of Fire Capacity in the Church Building. (that's **44 persons** including the priest).

Mask wearing and social distancing remain in effect.

# Introduction to the Prayerful Reading of the Book of Acts

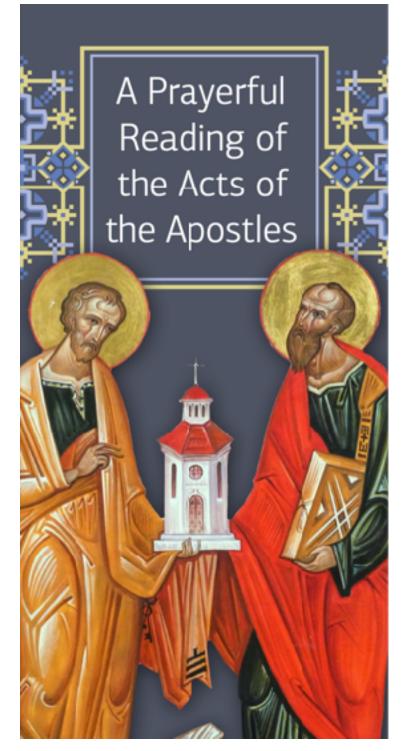
The Acts of the Apostles in the heritage of the New Testament is organically linked to the Gospel of Luke.

In fact, the introduction to the Book of Acts calls this Gospel "the first book... about all that Jesus began to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1). Let us be mindful of this important detail: the "first book", that is, the Gospel, contains exactly what "Jesus began to do and teach." When analyzing this in more detail, we will see that the semantics of the original Greek is often lost in existing Ukrainian translations, as the verb "to begin" is replaced with a temporal construction: "from the beginning" (see Father Ivan Khomenko, Metropolitan Ilarion Ohiienko). This departure from the authenticity of the term used in the introduction (Acts 1:1) greatly complicates the understanding of the integrity of both books — the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

If we appeal to the literal meaning of the introduction, we will see that the second book describes the development and fulfilment of Christ's work in his Church through the apostles and disciples. They are the ones who, in imitating Christ and receiving full authority from him, spread the Gospel of Christ. Therefore, the apostles' path of formation in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus, their being strengthened in the faith after the Resurrection, their being endowed with responsibilities and charisms, the creation of a separate group of those who believe in Christ — all of this provides continuity that bridges the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Book of Acts.

The central part of the Gospel of Luke 9:51-19:28 is the story of Christ's journey to Jerusalem, which reveals the essence of his divine person and his teaching. The author formulates the beginning of this part in this way: "When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up (from this world), he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Thus he immediately points to the prospect of the Ascension of Jesus who will complete the work of salvation in Jerusalem and be carried up into heaven, but, before this, he will give the starting point and show the way to continue this work of salvation in the Church. It is from Jesus' words of farewell given to the apostles and the events of the Ascension (cf. Acts 1:2) that Luke begins the Book of Acts — his account of the culmination of Christ's work of salvation against the new backdrop of the early community.

In fact, an important aspect of the theology of the apostolic Church, emphasized in Acts, was the desire to be united with Christ who ascended into heaven. It is precisely from carefully looking up at the sky for the Lord who ascended that the Book of Acts begins. Consequently, the high point of the apostle Peter's first sermon during Pentecost were the arguments about the Ascension of Jesus as proof of his divine mission and of fulfilling the work of salvation (cf. Acts 2:33- 36). Later, in his first sermon at the Temple in Jerusalem, the apostle Peter called for repentance and for receiving forgiveness of sins as he concludes: "...so that the times of refreshing may come from the presence



of the Lord and that he may send his Christ appointed for you, that is Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets" (Acts 3:20-21).

For the whole structure of the Book of Acts, Christ's words of farewell: "...You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8), these words are a very important expression, because the entire dynamics of the apostles' life and preaching will emerge based on this model — the spread of the faith in Christ in the capital city of Judaism, and afterwards in the province of Judea, on the territory of the ethnic region of...

...Samaria (Acts 8:1-25), and eventually it will manifest itself in preaching outside Palestine (Acts 13-14; 16-21,14) as far as the capital city of the Empire — Rome (Acts 27-28).

As in the central part of Luke's Gospel 9:51-19:28, the enormous geographical perspective of Acts is based on the 'road, way' motif. However, this concept refers to not only the numerous routes of the apostles, especially Peter, of the apostle Paul's three evangelizing journeys (Acts 13-14; 15:40-18:22; 18:23-21:17), of his associates Barnabas, Silas, or Philip the Deacon. Christ's followers were so identifiable by their faith in

Christ and way of life in their community that the term "road" became their characteristic name. In particular, the Pharisee Saul, having received letters from the High Priest addressed to the synagogues at Damascus, began to scheme: "if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem" (Acts 9:2). And again, perhaps due to a stylistic discrepancy, Ukrainian translations generally replace the authentic term "road" with other expressions, cf. Father Ivan Khomenko "...who were of this profession"; Father Rafail Turkoniak: "...if you find any who is of this line of teaching..."

The witness of faith in Christ by the example of one's words and life was combined with various challenges for the apostolic Church: employing threats, not being accepted by the locals, the use of physical force and persecution... The true apostolic principle on the road of witnessing can be called perseverance combined with a clear realization that one will have to accept martyrdom for Christ (cf. Acts 20:22-26). Thus the apostles and disciples re-created Christ's very way to Jerusalem, which took place combined with a clear realization of future sufferings. However, the evangelists, bound by faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, saw all experiences as the way to the risen and glorified Christ. Even at the end of the long first evangelizing journey (Acts 13-14), after facing every manner of hardship and beating, the apostles Paul and Barnabas remained uplifted, "strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith, for it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

We ask the Most High for abundant grace to grow in the knowledge of his holy Word and to be strengthened on our way to heaven.

Father Petro Terletsky, PhD

# Why is it Useful to Read and Listen, Pray and Share the Texts of the Acts of the Apostles?

It is good to walk *together* in the footsteps of those who were first to proclaim the Good News.

This is an opportunity for mutual knowledge, sharing and enrichment.

But at the same time, it is important to immerse oneself in moments of silence (of wilderness) so that the Word of God would find a reaction in the heart of each of us.

## Why Read Acts?

We often have a fragmentary and episodic knowledge (a few passages are contained in liturgical texts) about this book (which is certainly not as well-known as the Gospels). We lack an understanding of the peculiarities of this text, being that it is the continuation of the Gospel of Luke.

This is a modest opportunity to receive biblical formation so as not to force the sacred text to say what it does not say!

Whereas, consistent reading of the text sheds new light on familiar episodes, reveals the meaning of less important (or even unknown) passages and, to a greater degree, helps to examine the general nature of the composition itself.

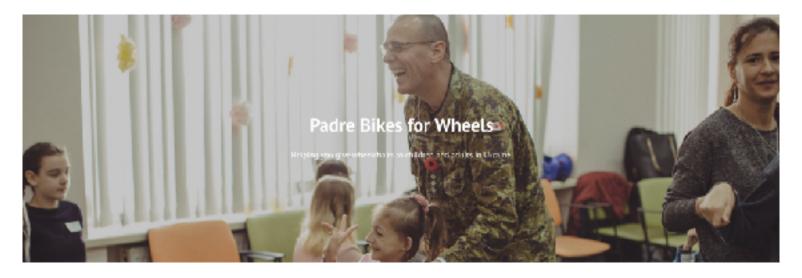
As for the use of Greek terms in many quotations (from the Greek text of Nestle-Aland), they are transliterated with the designation of only a tonic accent for their correct pronunciation. The designation, — Greek — means that the term (expression) is taken just as it is used in the text. However, the designation — from the Greek — means that the noun or adjective is given in the nominative masculine singular form, and the verb is given in the first person singular of the present tense.

Thus, the many referenced Greek words are presented in order to show the full range of possible meanings and to help more accurately understand the text itself.

This is one of the reasons why there will be – always in parentheses — many quotations from the Old Testament, which is the rootstock (indeed, this is also the Word of God!), onto which the New Testament is grafted. It would be good to read them! They do not just create a background, they give a more integral view of the content and meaning of the passage we are listening to or reading. But, quite often a reference is made to the third Gospel, the text of which sheds light on the reading of Acts (and vice versa). Luke's two works complement each other, so they should be read in the same way.

If you are reading this bulletin digitally you can click here to see the booklet "A Prayerful Reading of the Acts of the Apostles"

or if you are reading this in print form simply go to https://eeparchy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Acts-of-the-Apostles-eng-pdf-format.pdf



Dear Parishes, Organizations, and Friends:

If all I have to do in order to make people's lives better is bike 2000 km and invite others to contribute to a great cause, I am in.

My name is Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky. I am a Ukrainian Catholic priest, a Fourth Degree Knight, and a Military Chaplain. Like you, I have been challenged by Covid-19. One of my mental health strategies was to exercise a lot. Since I am familiar with long-distance biking and am no stranger to community fundraising, I wanted to focus my efforts. So, Padre Bikes for Wheels was born.

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and Dzherelo: Children's Rehabilitation Centre, our purpose is to provide wheelchairs for people in Ukraine. I witnessed the need for greater access to mobility equipment firsthand, during my deployment in Ukraine last year. A donation of \$195.00 provides a new wheelchair for a soldier or a civilian, an adult or a child. A single wheelchair positively impacts the lives of ten or more people, including caregivers. Championed by the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation, we have set our fundraising goal at \$250,000.00. When I felt daunted by this number, Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR reminded me that all I had to do was offer my two fish and five loaves. I invite each of you to do the same.

Here is my pledge. This July, I will cycle approximately 2000 km throughout Northern Saskatchewan while praying for the success of this initiative. To be as conscientious as possible during the pandemic, my daughter, Nina, will be driving a safety vehicle and trailer containing our necessities including food and shelter. For details about my training, the route, and updates during the trip, follow the Padre Bike Ride Facebook Page.

Covid-19 has given each of us a taste of what it feels like to live with certain limitations. For people with disabilities who do not have access to the equipment they need, being cut off from community and opportunity is not new. Join this adventure and change lives.

Donations can be made online or by cheque. Donors will be recognized by name, so please indicate if you wish to remain anonymous. Cheques can be made to Sask. K of C Charitable Foundation, Memo: Padre Bikes and mailed to P.O. Box 61, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 4N7. For further information or to donate online visit: www.padrebikes.ca.

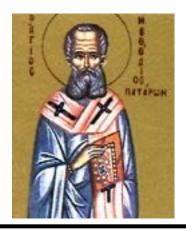
Just Me, With Hope,

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky



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## Saints of the Day, from the Synaxarion found on oca.org



## Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara

The Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (Lycia in Asia Minor), was distinguished for his genuine monastic humility. Calmly and with mildness he instructed his flock, but he firmly defended the purity of Orthodoxy and he energetically contended against heresies, especially the widespread heresy of the Origenists. He left behind him a rich literary legacy: works in defense of Christianity against paganism, explications of Orthodox dogmas against the heresy of Origen, moral discourses, and explanations of Holy Scripture.

St Methodius was arrested by the pagans, steadfastly confessed before them his faith in Christ, and he was sentenced to death by beheading in the year 312.

# Last week Fr. Bo did an "Iconographer in Virtual Residence" at St. Martin's School. Thank you for your prayers.

Here are some pictures of the kid's icons. I can not put the kid's pictures here because of "FOIP". (220 kids, 220 icons. K-6.) Fr. Bo is currently carving icon boards of the Theotokos for the Archeparchy of Winnipeg and for Camp Oselia.





- Please pray for several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Katie, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- Please pray for the servants of God + Francis and + Martha who both died in a tragic car accident. These are relatives of Virginia Sherek. May God grant them eternal rest. Vichnaya Pamyat.
- Happy birthday to Anne Horsman and Cheryl Moneta who celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.

# THE BLESSED VELYCHKOVSKY NATIONAL MARTYR'S SHRINE

## FEASTDAY 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Because of the restrictions of the Pandemic, there will be NO PUBLIC gathering.

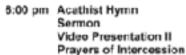
However, we invite you to celebrate our Feastday ON-LINE live on the Shrine YouTube Channel

## Saturday June 26, 2021

7:00 pm Great Vespers

## Sunday June 27, 2021

10:00 am Divine Liturgy (St. Joseph's You Tube Channel) Followed by Rosary in the Shrine Video Presentation I Prayers of Intercession





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All times are CDT (one hour shead of Alberta.)

YouTube Shrine: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZcGsYeiG1lggdZyfYMA
YouTube St. Joseph: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOw8Na-JKh2rojSaM6\_2sZA

# BLESSED VASYL VELYCKOVSKY PROCLAIMED PATRON OF PRISON MINISTRY

On July 20, 2014 before a crowd of 200,000 people during the All-Ukraine Pilgrimage to Zarvanytsia, Ukraine, Patriarch Sviatoslav solemnly proclaimed Blessed Vasyl as the Patron of Prison Ministry for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. This proclamation was made at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at this Marian Shrine during the "Little Entrance". The Decree was read by Bishop Bohdan Dziurakh. Then Partiarch Sviatoslav majestically sang the "Exaltation", blessed the huge crowd of faithful with the holy relics of Blessed Vasyl. See our photo gallery of this event.

Blessed Vasyl was chosen by the Synod of the UGCC as Patron of Prison Ministry because of the example of ministry that he gave while he was imprisoned on death row and later in the labor camps in Vorkuta, the place of Russian coal mines above the Arctic Circle.

For all sorts of great info on Blessed Vasyl, please see:

https://bvmartyrshrine.com



# Dear Catholic Community

As we are anticipating the end of Covid restrictions our thoughts are turning to our children and their social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional and spiritual growth.

A group of us are interested in starting a Catholic Scouting Troop with Scouts Canada at Dormition Catholic Church (Central West Edmonton). We are inviting all interested families to an online "Information Evening", where we will gage interest, discuss program possibilities, and hear from members of the Northern Lights Council of Scouts Canada who will answer our questions about Scouting.

It is our plan to include a fun balance of friendly age appropriate outdoor quests, indoor exploration, community development and some faith building adventures.

Come and be part of the excitement.

Information Night coming this July.







CUB SCOUTS
AGES 8-10



SCOUTS AGES 11-14



VENTURER SCOUTS
AGES 15-17



ROVER SCOUTS AGES 18-26

		Dorm	ition Parish Cal	endar		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine, Tone 3; the Holy Priest-Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (311);  Romans 5:18-23;  Romans 8:28-39;  Matthew 8:5-13;  Matthew 5:1-16  IO am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng  for Divine Liturgy bilingual with First Solemn Communions of John and George Arabic / Eng  Father's Day  5:30 appointment	The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus (284-305); • Romans 12:4-5, 15-21; • Matthew 12:9-13  12 noon Appointment Get timer belts for camp. Creation of Many Icon boards for Camp Oselia, and their associated Videos 6 pm Individual First Solemn Communion catch up class	The Holy Priest-Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (379-80); Romans 14:9-18; Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30  8 am Baptismal Prep 1 pm Baptismal Prep 4 pm Appointment Creation of Many Icon boards for Camp Oselia, and their associated Videos  Postponed: 6 pm Scouts Canada Information Evening Anne Horsman's Birthday	The Holy Martyr Agrippina; Romans 15:7-16; Matthew 12:38-45  Creation of Many Icon boards for Camp Oselia, and their associated Videos  5:30 Unity Meeting	The Nativity of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet John, Forerunner and Baptist of Christ;  Romans 13:11b-14:4;  Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80  8 am Baptismal Prep  1:30 Grade 6 Farewell Blessing for St. Benedict School	The Holy Venerable-Martyr Febronia; • Romans 16:1-16; • Matthew 13:3-9  4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy  Last day of Classes for most students.	Our Venerable Fat David of Thessalor (c. 530); Passing ir Eternal Life (1941) Blessed Mykola (Nicholas) Konrad, Pastor of Stradch, Founder of "Obno Professor of the Ly Theological Acade and Martyr; Passir into Eternal Life (1941) of Blessed Volodymyr Pryjma Cantor of Stradch Martyr; Passing in Eternal Life (1941) Blessed Andrii Ishchak, Pastor of Sykhiv, Professor of the Lyiv Theologic Academy, and Ma Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13  Usual Bulletin, Liturgy, websit and other prefor Sunday.  Cheryl Moneta's Birthday
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4; Bishop-Martyr Nykolai (Nicholas) Charnetsky and the Twenty-Seven Other New Blesseds of the Church of Rus'- Ukraine Beatified in 2001; Our Venerable Father Samson, Host of Strangers (527-65); • Romans 10:1-10; • Ephesians 6:10-17; • Matthew 8:28-9:1; • Luke 21:12-19  IO am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng 5:30 appointment Online celebration of Blessed Vasyl Velechkowski's Feastday's 20th Anniversary	The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (5th c.); Romans 16:17-24; Matthew 13:10-23  Fr. Bo's 8 Week Challenge Begins - Pray for me that I can drop some pounds.	The Holy, Glorious, All- Praiseworthy and Chief Apostles Peter and Paul; Passing into Eternal Life (1941) of Blessed lakym (Joachim) (Senkivsky), Basilian Protohegoumen and Martyr of Drohobych, where his body was boiled; • 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9; • Matthew 16:13-19  8 am Baptismal Prep	The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles; • 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; • Mark 3:13-19	July I The Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian; • 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; • Matthew 13:36-43  8 am Baptismal Prep	The Placing of the Precious Robe of Our Most Holy Lady and the Mother of God in the Church at Blachernae in Constantinople; Verkhrats'ka Weeping Icon of the Mother of God (1688);  Hebrew 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28  John Sololowski's Birthday	The Holy Martyr Hyacinth; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 9:18-2  Il am Divine Liturgy with Fi Solemn Communions of Jack and Damen. Usual Bulletin, Liturgy, websi and other prefor Sunday.

## Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3; (Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine) Apostles' Fast.

**Troparion:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

**Troparion:** O you, who glorified Christ:\* princes and bishops,\* monastics and martyrs,\* and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times,\*pray Christ God to look with favour on our people\* and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith\* that the souls of prayerful faithful\* who revere your sacred memory\* may be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** You shine as bright beacons,\* O Godinspired and righteous saints of our Church.\* By your encouraging example,\* you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.\* Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you\* thanking our great and allgracious God\* Who has made you our intercessors in heaven\* where you pray for our souls.

## Prokeimenon:

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

**verse:** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

## Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Alleluia verses:

In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2,3)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

## Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13 (NRSV)

At that time, when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 32:1)

### REGISTER NOW! for August 9-12 and 13 or 14

Camp Oselia is our Catholic camp which is committed to helping young people confidently grow in a fun and safe environment. Besides physical, emotional and intellectual growth we are committed to strengthening the spirituality of young people and their families. We do this by daily incorporating prayer and catechesis into the program in fun and interactive ways.

For all sorts of information and to register your child, please go to:



