

Christ The Saviour Orthodox Church
American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
Ecumenical Patriarchate

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday August 5th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am & Parish Meeting

Sunday August 5th: Picnic at Memorial Park at 1 pm

Sunday August 12th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

Sunday August 19th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

For more dates of services check out the parish website's calendar.

If you wish to have someone added or removed from the Prayer list, please contact a member of the Royko family or send an email to:

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Prayer List:

Living		
Theodore (Bunevich)	Theresa (Popovich)	Frank (Popovich)
Penney (Royko)	Sally (Hubiak)	Ethel (Rusyniak)
Eileen (Bunevich)	Virginia (Shymske)	Rosalie (Strachan)
Kathryn (Royko)	Thomas (Royko)	James (Strachan)
Tiana (Hosta)	Logan (Gatchell)	Doris (Gatchell)
Marsha (Will)	Emerson (Sirilla)	Fr. Andrew (Harmon)
Dolores (Royko)	Pani Donna (Smoley)	Jane
Gerard (Mosback)		

Departed		
Matushka Catherine (Jula)	Very Reverend Father Doctor Stephen (Jula)	Pani Magdaline (Blaschak)
Joey (Jarvis)	Vicky (Zabala)	

“Love is said to be God Himself which from the beginning the thorns of self-love have covered up.” +St. Maximus the Confessor

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

John & Paulette Bazilewich- August 5th

Rosalie Strachan- August 9th

Rose Price- August 14th



The North Royalton Picnic is welcome to all and is being held at Memorial Park on August 5th from 1-8 pm. There will be entertainment and free food. The address is 14600 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Saints and Feasts

10th Sunday of Matthew; Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch; Our Righteous Father Eugene of Aitola; Euthymios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Christos the New Martyr of Prevezis; Oswald the Martyr, King of Northumbria

Sermon for the 10th Sunday of Matthew

In today's Gospel reading we have heard that God, our Lord, designates the strength of our faith as the main weapon that is able to bring the victory over evil. Our faith is not like a lifeless stone, not a precious diamond, which, though beautiful and very expensive, is still dead and insensible... Christ teaches us that our faith must be similar to a grain: though it is primarily tiny, it is alive. And, as this minute grain will eventually grow and become a big beautiful tree, our faith must also always grow and develop, and never freeze or stop in one place. Christ tells us that if even we have had faith of the size of a mustard seed, the mountains would have retreated in front of us, and we would have been able to move them from place to place...

The Lord tells His disciples about a prayer and fasting as about the most powerful means to strengthen our faith. What hidden meaning is there in the words of God that by our faith we would be able to move mountains from one place to another? Why do we need to do this? Will it help to save our souls?

Let us consider for a moment that Jesus was talking not about the physical mountains of earth and stones, but about those mountains, which rise in our hearts, the mountains of sins, accumulated during our lives? These are the very mountains that separate us from God... Them we should move away and (or, even better) make them topple into the deep sea... Only with the help of God's grace that we receive at every Church service, we are able to break down these cold and dark, lifeless Rocky Mountains of sin and pride.

The apostles proved to be able to overthrow these mountains of their personal sins, and then to turn the whole existing at that time human world over. Under the influence of their preaching about Jesus Christ and after their personal example demonstrating the strength of their faith (which they were ready to confess in spite of multiple and various prosecutions to the very death), many peoples were set in motion, declined the previous false beliefs and become Christians. As a result, the entire

ancient world was changed and a new Christian civilization, to which we all belong, was built! The devil wants to destroy this new world of God-believers that our Heavenly Father created. We can preserve it only by prayers and fasting. Our faith must constantly increase. If our faith does not grow, it will decline and eventually die. The true fast – is not when one gives up eating meat, but when one denies oneself, gives up one's sins. Real prayer – is such state of mind, when the soul every minute is turned towards God, as a radio set is tuned to the radio station. Only in this way we will be stronger than the devil, than atheism, than any other false aggressive religion!

+Patriarchal Parishes of Russian Orthodox Church in Canada