

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health, of:**

**Lore** Stefy on her birthday, offered by her children and grandchildren  
 Happy 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary to **Holly** and Sub Deacon **Edward**, offered by their family  
**Bill D. Kuzemchak**, son of MaryAnn and Bill Kuzemchak  
**Amy** on her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, daughter of Maribeth and Andrew Romanofsky

**For eternal memory of:**

**Anne**, mother of Richard, offered by Linda and Richard Dantine  
 (Our parish is also praying for: Archpriest **Vincent**, Matushka **Patricia** and the child of God, **Kira**. And also for the recovery of **Linda Jankowski**)

**Readings:**

- Romans 6:18-23
- Matthew 8:5-13

**BRETHREN**, having been set free from sin, we have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**At that time**, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I 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 he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:****Hours – 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month****Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room**  
**(Church School has ended for the school year.)**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, after coffee hour.
- **Reader Charles is now on a mission trip** at the “Children’s Home of Hope” on the grounds of the Shen Vlash Monastery in Durres, Albania. Please keep the Albanian Mission Team: Fr. Dennis, Adeline, Angelika, Zoe, Oliver, Bethany, Jessica, Sara, and Reader Charles in your prayers.

**Special Announcements:**

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Volunteers are needed to clean the church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

**St. Maximus says:** “Some passions produce intemperance, others hate, still others both intemperance and hate.”

**Venerable Sisoës the Great:**

Saint Sisoës the Great (+ 429) was a solitary monk, pursuing asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a cave sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, St Anthony the Great (January 17). For his sixty years of labor in the desert, St Sisoës attained to sublime spiritual purity and he was granted the gift of wonderworking, so that by his prayers he once restored a dead child back to life.

Extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoës was very merciful and compassionate to others, and he received everyone with love. To those who visited him, the saint first of all always taught humility. When one of the monks asked how he might attain to a constant remembrance of God, St Sisoës remarked, “That is no great thing, my son, but it is a great thing to regard yourself as inferior to everyone else. This leads to the acquisition of humility.” Asked by the monks whether one year is sufficient for repentance if a brother sins, Abba Sisoës said, “I trust in the mercy of God that if such a man repents with all his heart, then God will accept his repentance in three days.”

When St Sisoës lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoës replied that he saw St Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, “With whom are you speaking, Father?” He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, “You have no need for repentance, Father” St Sisoës said with great humility, “I do not think that I have even begun to repent.”

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. St Sisoës told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoës departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.

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Ven. Sisoës the Great

Glory to  
Jesus ChristGlory  
Forever

*In asceticism you were revealed to be an earthly angel,  
continually enlightening the thoughts of the faithful with divine signs.  
Therefore we honor you with faith, venerable Sisoës.*

Kontakion Ven. Sisoës the Great — Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:**

Ven. Sisoës the Great (429) ● Ven. Sisoës, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) ● Uncovering of the Relics of Holy Princess Juliana Ol'shanskaya (16th c.) ● Martyrs Marinus and Martha, and their children, Audifax and Abbachum (Habakkuk) and those with them at Rome: Cyrinus, Valentine, and Asterius the Presbyter (269) ● Martyrs Isaurius the Deacon, Innocent, Felix, Hermias, Basil, Peregrinus, Rufus, and Rufinus of Apollonia in Macedonia (3rd c.) ● Martyr Quintus of Phrygia (ca. 283) ● Virgin Martyr Lucy, Martyr Rixius, and those with them at Rome: Martyrs Anthony, Lucian, Isidore, Dion, Diodorus, Cutonius, Arnosus, Capicus, Satorus (Satyrus), and others (301) ● Synaxis of the Saints of Rádonezh

**July 6, 2014****4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Tone 3** of the OctoechosSee us on the web at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)E-Mail us at: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)