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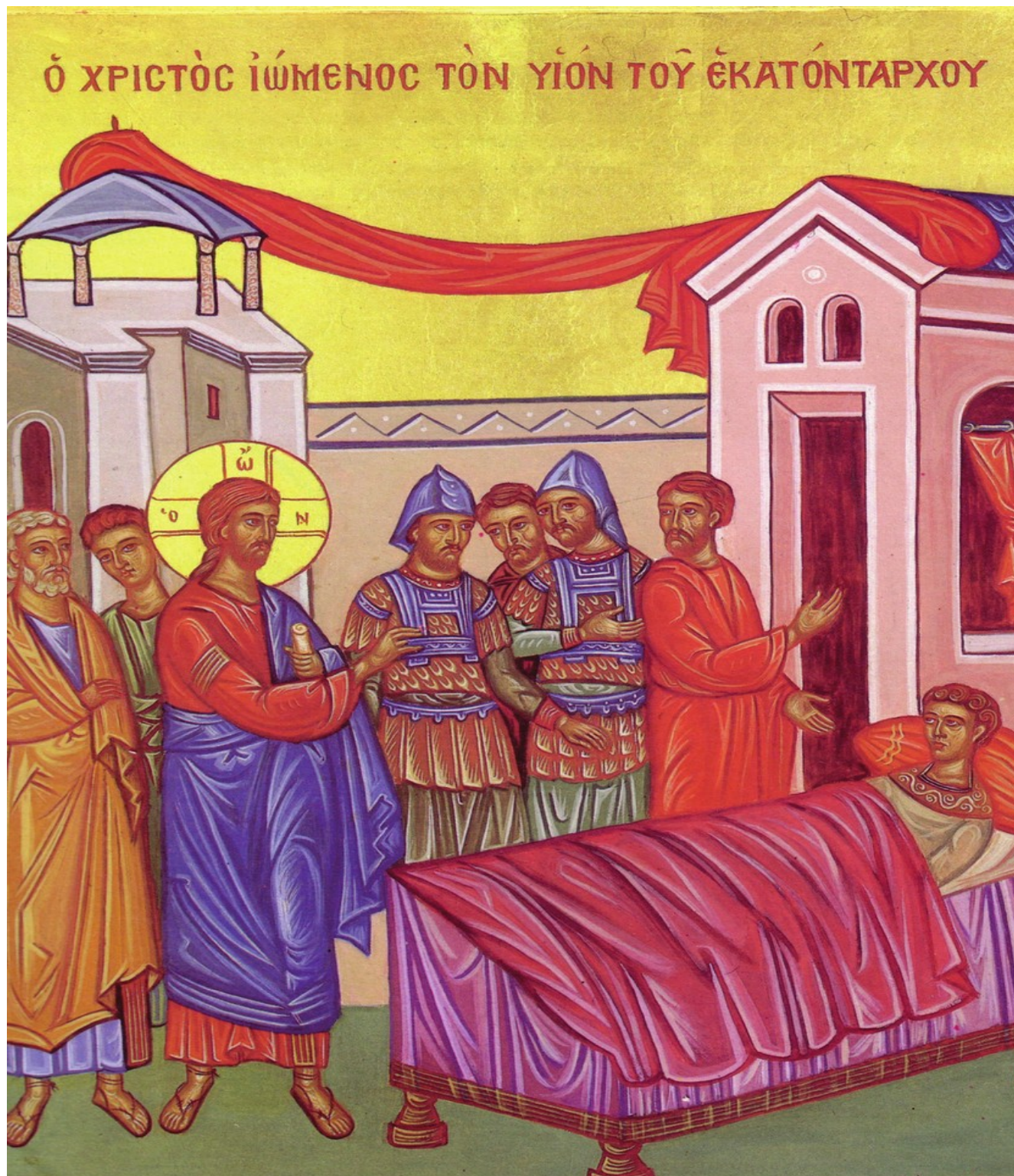
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Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, a doctor

for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

Kontakion: O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

Apostolic Reading: Rom 6:18-23

Gospel: Healing of the Centurion's Servant, Mt 8:5-13

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Geri Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: George Allam. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Tuesday *Visitation of the Theotokos to her Cousin Elizabeth*

Wednesday *Nativity of the Forerunner*

Sunday *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Memorial for George Allam (40-days)

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Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Cynthia Peterson Harden (today) and Mary Sue Callan-Farley (6/24). May God grant you many years!

Hymns

Troparion of the Visitation: Rejoice, pure Theotokos, for the Archangel has brought to you glad tidings. You did not boast of the great honors bestowed upon you, but humbly hastened to Zacharia's house to serve the mother of the Forerunner. With her you glorified God who alone is Almighty and the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Forerunner: Prophet and Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, in spite of our eagerness to render you due honor, we fall short when singing your praise. Your glorious birth saved your mother from the shame of barrenness, returned to your father the power of speech and heralded the worldwide preaching of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Coming Up

June 29th: Apostles Peter and Paul

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$1065.27; ordinary collections=\$724.00.
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Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion's house to cure his servant, but he replied: I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the

Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a

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subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which

He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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