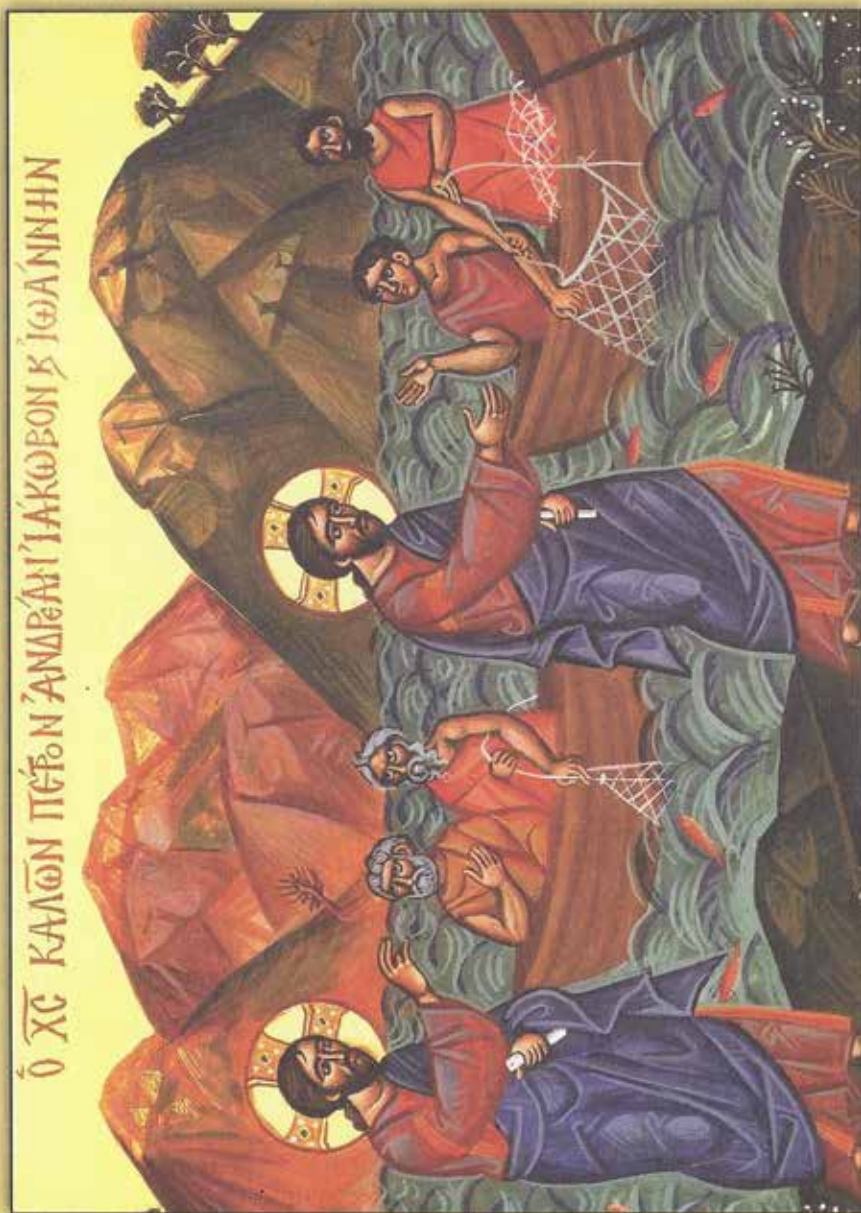


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Call of the First Apostles*

<b>June 23, 2019: Second Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
Epistle: Rom. 2: 10-16 <span style="float: right;">Gospel: Mt. 4: 18-23</span>	
<b>Mon., June 24</b>	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Zeena Plesko (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
<b>Tues., June 25</b>	8:00 + Jerry Gawron (Lauren Telep)
<b>Wed., June 26</b>	8:00 + Eugenia Barkofsky (Son, Ronald)
<b>Thurs., June 27</b>	8:00 + Michael & Martha Augustine (Matt Beckage)
<b>Fri., June 28</b>	8:00 + Marija, Stefan & Anna Bak (Michal Bak) <b><u>For the Holy Day</u></b> 7:00 pm For Our Parishioners
<b>Sat., June 29</b>	<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> 9:00 + Eugenia Barkofsky (Joseph & Kathryn Halecko) 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
<b>Sun., June 30</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John)

## **Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

*Commemorated June 24<sup>th</sup>*

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is,

the day on which a male child receives his name.

Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation.

Zacharias prophesied concerning

the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanán," which means "Yahweh is gracious."

## Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

*Commemorated on June 29<sup>th</sup>*

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they



are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19). After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apos-

tes, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the gospel in Asia at Antioch (Ga. 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He

was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to represent the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe." Together they are celebrated as "luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun and pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ."

*(adapted from God With Us Icon Series)*

## **To The Parents Of Our Young Children**

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

- Quietly explain the actions of the Liturgy (what the priests, deacon, altar boys are doing).

- Sing the hymns and responses.

Children learn how to worship in church by copying you.

- Incidental noise and movement are not reasons to take your child out of church. If a child's crying or movements become a distraction to others, then it is time to leave until they are calm.

- If you have to leave the church with

your child, do so but please come back. Our Lord said, "Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

- Remember that the way we wel-

come children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and one another. Let them know that they are at home in our house of worship.

## **Humor... Wrong E-mail Address:**

A couple was going on vacation but the wife was on a business trip so the husband went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving

widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

*Dearest Wife,*

*Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.*

*P.S. Sure is hot down here.*

## **Old Fashioned RIB B-B-Q**

St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Mifflin Ave. & Linden St. Scranton, off of the Scranton Express Way/by Donkin Donuts is having an Old Fashioned RIB B-B-Q on Sunday, June 23, 2019, St.

Mary's Center, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eat in or Take Out. Full Dinner \$12.00 For Tickets 570-342-8429. They will have Food, Beer, Wine and Raffles.

## **Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day**

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will go to support

St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 85 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

During June, our Archeparchy will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy

Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the special "Peter's Pence" envelope in your donation envelope packet box to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

## **Come and Worship With Us During Your Vacation At The Jersey Shore!!**

For all who are vacationing during the Summer months in Wildwood Crest, NJ, the Ukrainian Catholic Summer Mission in Wildwood Crest invites you to come and worship with us! We celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Ukrainian (homily in English and Ukrainian) every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm from Sunday, July 7th, through Sunday, September 1st, 2019, located at:

5901 Pacific Avenue  
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Crest Community Church is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Crocus Road. For more information, please contact Father Roman Sverdan at 856-482-0938 or Marusha Cyhan at 609-522-2811. We look forward to having you and your family spiritually refresh yourselves with us during your vacation at the Jersey Shore in Wildwood Crest!

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## **Vets' Group**

Active Duty, Reserves, Retired - or just served one enlistment period or more... No matter whether you served during war time or peace time. Please join us as we thank you for your service to our country with a free meal and to meet

new people! We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Valley Community Library. Please call (570) 489-1765 if you are interested in joining, so we can have enough supplies for each month.

## **Reminder: Every Saturday, after the Divine Liturgy.**

**Note:** We will be accepting goods from the Montdale Church, St. John's on Tuesday, June 25th after their Church Rummage Sale. We will need drivers and trucks/suv's and volunteers to help us get the items back to St. Cyril School Gym. Contact Lauren 570-383-0319 if you are available to help on June 25th. We will meet in the Parking Lot (207 River Street) at 10:00 a.m on Tuesday and proceed to Montdale (up the road from Montdale Ice-cream) We have Suzy Mazzoni to thank for setting up this donation from St. John's.

The latest update is that donations are accepted every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Cyril's School Gym. We never know what we will receive every Saturday, from the public. When you see the door open to the gym, especially if items are stacked outside on the steps of the school gym, please come over and help to carry them inside.

To those who can help, an extra 10 -15 minutes after the Divine Liturgy is greatly appreciated. We have carts and the majority of items are in boxes and bags, and easy to carry. It varies every week, depending upon the listings in the newspaper and what the community will be donating on Saturday for our fundraiser.

Thank you very much to all the Parishioners who helped last week (Saturday and Sunday too!).....everything was carried into the gym in less than 10 minutes.

## **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitch-  
month of June 2019 is Team #2: Eugene ko, and Michael Shumek.

## **Sunday Collection for June 15 & 16, 2019: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 29 & 30, 2019**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Szczesniak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

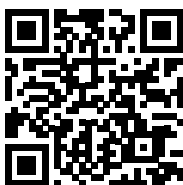
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### *What Have We Left Behind?*

Most successful people would probably tell you that what separates great people from ordinary people is that great people are willing to risk making decisions, whether right or wrong, and then acting on those decisions. Great people are people who have made great choices, often very risky choices, but in the long run their choices have usually been right. Biblical history is peopled with folks who were confronted by decisions they had to make.

Just imagine the decision required of those fishermen on the shores of Lake Galilee. Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen, true, but they were businessmen. Perhaps even prosperous businessmen. Fish was a staple in the diet, and fishermen could often make a very good living. The brothers Peter and Andrew were

probably business partners with the brothers James and John and most likely had a good business going. So when Jesus said to the two sets of brothers, "Follow me," He was not calling them to leave a sport, or a hobby; he was asking them to leave their careers, their livelihoods, and their families! They had everything to lose.

What have we left behind to follow Him? Unless there's some pain, some discomfort, some sacrifice, then most probably we haven't left anything. Perhaps we're still fumbling about in our boats, tossing our nets over the side, and business goes on as usual.

Yet, if we do that, the Great Fisherman might leave us and move on to someone else, and the choice might go by forever.