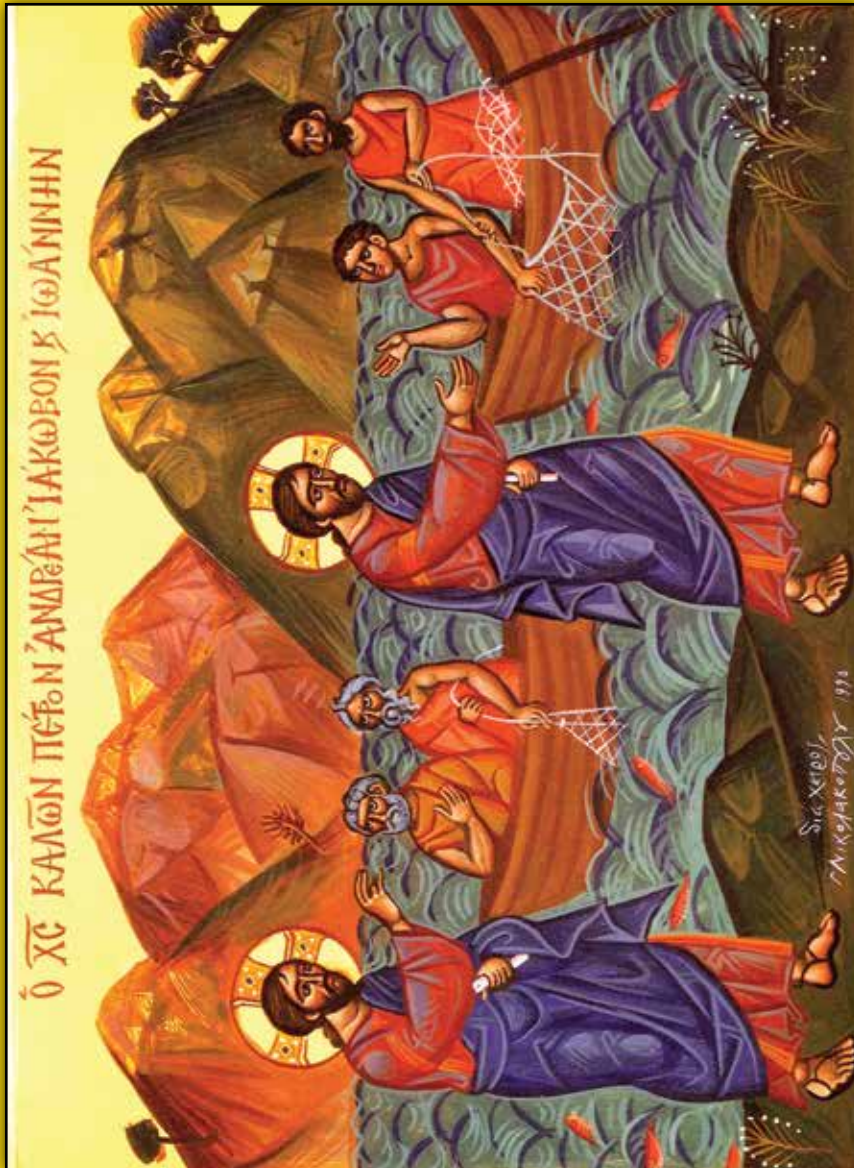


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Call of the First Apostles

June 14, 2020: Second Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 2: 10-16		Gospel: Mt. 4: 18-23
Mon., June 15	9:00	+ Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
Tues., June 16	9:00	+ Anthony Saltysiak (Nancy Kohut)
Wed., June 17	9:00	+ Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Thurs. June 18	9:00	+ Victor Bobrzyk (Wife, Irena)
Fri., June 19	9:00	+ Julia & Louis Daniels & Family (Dolly Daniels)
Sat., June 20	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	+ John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie Maslar (Family)
Sun., June 21	10:00	For Our Fathers

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome back all our Parishioners who sacrificed and stayed home for the past two and a half months due to the COVID-19 plague. For the safety of everyone, we remind our Parishioners about the Guidelines that were issued by our Archbishop:

1. Everybody entering the Church



MUST wear a face mask.

2. Social Distancing is to be kept between non-family people when in the pews, approaching to receive Holy Communion, or when moving around in the Church.
3. If you are sick, or do not feel well, PLEASE STAY HOME!
4. Everyone is reminded to open their mouth wide and not bite down on the spoon when receiving Holy Communion. The spoon will be disinfected between Communicants.
5. For those of you who are still not comfortable coming Church, or at high risk, the Dispensation from

the Obligation to attend Church on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect.

6. We will continue to LIVESTREAM our services on Facebook and YouTube for a little while longer.
7. We ask that you make your Sunday Collection donation by placing

your offering into one of the boxes in front of the Church by the candles. At this time, there will be no one collecting.

We are all in this battle with the Coronavirus. Together, if we do our part, we can defeat it!

FLAG DAY



In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be

thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." This design was created by Francis Hopkinson, a Continental Congressman from New Jersey and a consultant to the design of the Great Seal of the United States.

The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A,

CHAPTER 1, § 110[6] is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington.

Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events. Appleton, Wisconsin, claims to be the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950.

-- from Wikipedia

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES, THEN APOSTLES

In the season of Pentecost, we are called to open ourselves to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the Sunday readings the Church Fathers provide a progression for the growth of the church.

Pentecost Sunday is considered the birthday of the church. The Acts of the Apostles describes the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles as tongues of flame which came to rest on each of them. They received the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Is 11:2); love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal. 5:22)

The First Sunday after Pentecost is the Sunday of All Saints. These men and women of exemplary holiness and faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His church are held up as examples for us to strive to emulate in our journey of faith. The Epistle to the Hebrews and the reading from Matthew provide encouragement to those who follow Christ with the promise of eternal life.

The call of the First Disciples is the Gospel reading from Matthew on the Second Sunday of Pentecost. This continues the progression: the founding of the Church (Pentecost); the outstanding luminaries of the church (the saints) and now we hear how one becomes a member and how

the church increases in believers—by responding to the call.

Jesus calls the First Disciples, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and James and John, the sons of Zebedee, all fishermen, as He was walking by the Sea of Galilee. They immediately left all and followed him.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus is also calling us to be His disciples. In our baptism, as we become children of God, we are given a candle reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the world and we are commanded, “Take this lighted candle and strive to shine with the light of faith throughout your entire lifetime so that others may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father in them.”

Recall the words the Resurrected Lord spoke to His disciples in the commissioning, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt. 28:19-20).

However, there is a distinction between discipleship and apostleship.

Discipleship precedes apostleship. Learning precedes teaching.

A disciple is one who is learning, studying—he or she is a student, a pupil. For three years, the Twelve were disciples of the greatest Teacher, Jesus, learning from Him every day as they witnessed His miracles and heard His sermons and teachings.

An apostle, after learning, is one who is sent. Listen to the words the Resurrected Christ spoke to His disciples as He appeared to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (Jn. 20:21).

At that moment, they were no longer disciples, they were now apostles.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost reminds us that we too are called to be disciples, but more importantly, as disciples, to grow in our understanding and knowledge of our faith so that like those original followers of Jesus, we will be sent into the world as His apostles, with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, sharing the Good News of salvation with everyone we encounter on our journey through life.

YOUR REACTION MATTERS MORE THAN WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU

“Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life

was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. 'Daughter, what do you see?'

'Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,' she hastily replied.

'Look closer,' he said, 'and touch the potatoes.' She did and noted that

they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

'Father, what does this mean?' she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity- the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

'Which are you,' he asked his daughter.

'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?'

SUMMER RAFFLE

Please make sure that you make your Raffle Returns as soon as possible, or by June 21st at the latest since the drawing will be on June 28, 2020.

You can still mail your Returns to the Rectory or place them in the Sunday Collection Box in Church.

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE CANCELLED

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate announce that the 66th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, which was scheduled for August 8 & 9, 2020 in Sloatsburg, NY has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

A CALL TO PRAYER MARIAN PILGRIMAGE CANCELLED

The Annual "A Call to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage" scheduled for Sunday, August 30, 2020 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, PA has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2020 is Team Shumek.
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Tenth Annual Rummage Sale

If and when this pandemic is over, we plan on having the Rummage Sale on September 18, 19, 20, 2020. This all depends on when Governor Wolf declares Lackawanna County, GREEN. It is a few months away, and all precautions will be taken, as we are directed.

This will be our 10th year for the annual fundraiser Rummage Sale. We understand everyone's concern about this Health Crisis. We will follow all directives.

But in the meantime, we have set the dates. If need be, the sale might be held later on in the year or early 2021. We have started to collect items (since January 2020) because items have been donated instead of being thrown out or donated somewhere else. Preparations take a while and plan to work as we did last summer and fall.

We understand everyone concern about handling items and hopefully by August things will be back to normal. More information to follow over the next few months. So start gathering your items to donate and save the date to come shopping. Time will tell. We will do the best we can with perhaps limited volunteers. Contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435

Telephone: 570-291-4451 Fax: 570-489-6918

Web Site: stcyrils.weconnect.com

E-Mail: sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net



Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

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.