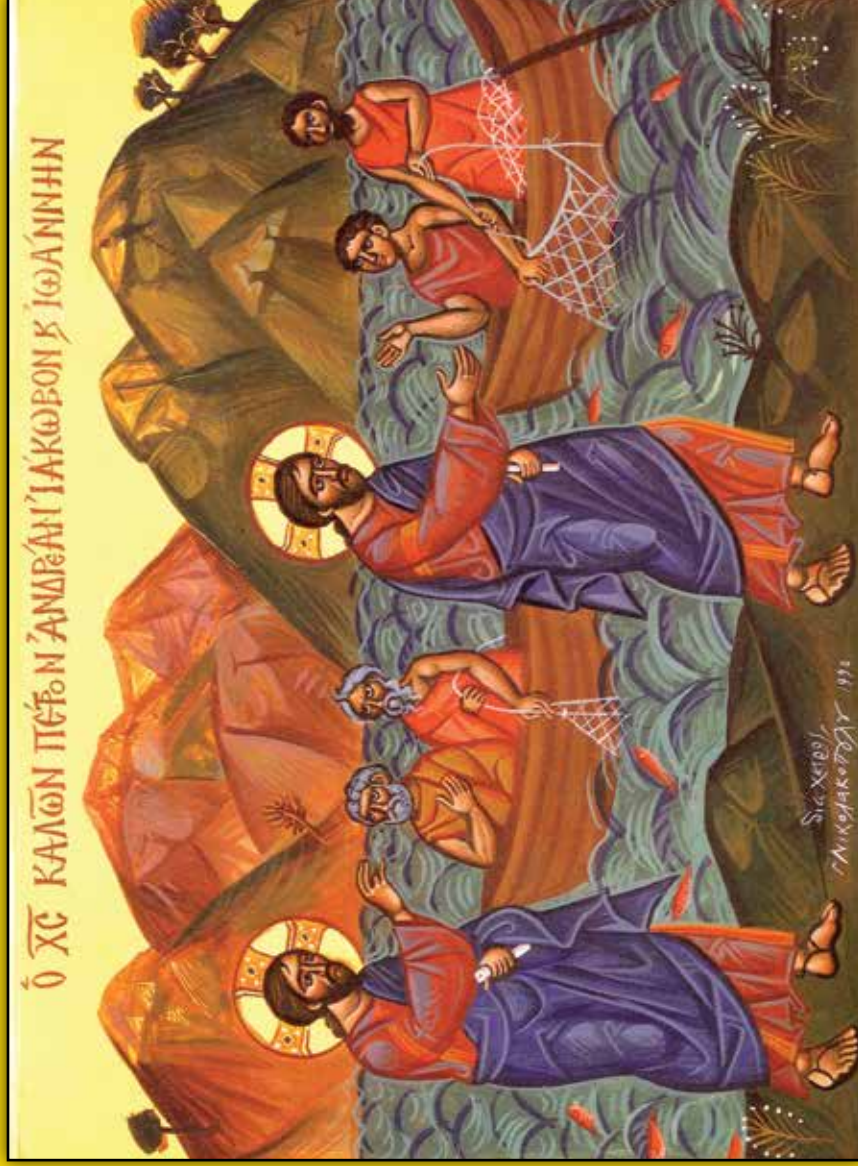


## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Call of the First Apostles*

<b>June 19, 2022: Second Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Rom. 2: 10-16		Gospel: Mt. 4: 18-23
<b>Mon., June 20</b>	9:00	+ Basil Telep (Telep Family)
<b>Tues., June 21</b>	9:00	+ Victor Minajew (Andrea Novak)
<b>Wed., June 22</b>	9:00	+ Lenny Mitchko (Howard Smith)
<b>Thurs., June 23</b>	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Msgr. Myron Grabowsky
<b>Fri., June 24</b>	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>	
	9:00	+ Joseph & Helen Sembrat (Sharon, Joseph & Jeanne Sembrat)
<b>Sat., June 25</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00	<b>Confessions</b>
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>Sun., June 26</b>	10:30	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

## HONORING TWO FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY

On the third Sunday of June, fathers throughout the nation will receive gifts and well wishes as children and grandchildren shower Happy Father's Day greetings upon them. Since moms are honored in May, it is only proper to honor dads on their special day, although it always seemed Father's Day takes a backseat to Mother's Day.

This June as you remember you own dad, think of all he did for you throughout your life. Traditionally, fathers were the bread winners of the family, although in this day

and age with both parents working that terminology may no longer be appropriate. To an older generation, they were the disciplinarians. How many recall the dreaded phrase "*Wait until your father gets home?*"

They were the mechanics and the Mr. Fix-its, whom we approached with the request "*Daddy, fix this*" when we sprung the chain drive on our two-wheelers or needed help assembling a model airplane or classic roadster.

They may have taken us fishing or taught us to pitch, swing a bat, kick

a football or shoot some hoops. And as we approached 16, we may have given them ulcers or near heart failure, as they tried to teach us to drive, especially if we were learning on a stick and we had a penchant for burning up the clutch.

And they were part of a generation that served our country with honor and bravery, especially during World War II, the Korean War and more recently the Viet Nam conflict. Younger men of today's generation of dads have seen tours of duty in Desert Storm, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

In our youth, when we were threatened or in trouble, we sought our father's help and protection. When we were confronted with making choices in life, we often sought their advice, and sometimes regretted not following it.

Father's Day is really not that old of an observance. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, 95 years ago in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate

## Happy Father's Day!



a "father's day." By 1924 President Calvin Coolidge threw his support behind the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday of June as Father's Day.

As we remember our dads and pops on this special day, let us also remember our Heavenly Father.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He gave them and us *The Our Father*, a prayer that is simply eloquent and profound.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.* Blessed and holy be your name. Just as we strive to honor our natural father's name, our family name, may we always honor our Heavenly Father's name and never use it in vain.

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* Just as we strive to honor our fathers, and listen to them, so we should also strive to follow the will of our Heavenly Father and accept His will in our lives.

*Give us this day, our daily bread.* Remember our dads, the breadwinners.

Ultimately, even what they provide for us, comes to us through the Divine Providence of our Heavenly Father.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.* This is the only conditional clause in entire prayer, which reminds us that we will receive forgiveness from our Heavenly Father, only if we ourselves forgive those who offend us.

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.* Just as we ask our natural fathers to protect us and keep us from all harm, so we also ask God the Father to properly guide us in our lives, shielding us from all evil.

This Father's Day, take time to remember your two fathers, your natural father and your Heavenly Father.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

### NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Celebrated on 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 as 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 Fore-runner 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

“Johanan,” which means “Yahweh is gracious.”

## **Q AND A: WHAT IS THE UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH (UGCC)?**

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the largest of the Eastern Catholic Churches. According to recent statistics (Catholic Near East Welfare Association, *Annuario Pontificio* 2011), it is comprised of 4,360,335 members... or 26% of all Eastern Catholics.

This particular Eastern Church traces its immediate origin to the Kyivan (or Kievan) tradition, and its wider origin to the Constantinopolitan (Greek, or Byzantine) tradition.

Kyiv is the capitol of modern Ukraine, and the ancient capital of Kievan Rus, and so our Church takes its name ‘Ukrainian.’ In 988, Kievan Rus accepted Christian baptism under the leadership of St. Vladimir (Volodymyr) the Great. Therefore, our Church is one of the descendants of the Church of Kiev (now Kyiv), since many Slavic Churches trace their origins to Kievan Rus. It has even be called the Kyivan (Kievan) Catholic Church.

As one of the Eastern Churches stemming from the Greek Christian

missionaries (especially Ss. Cyril and Methodius, the great patrons and evangelizers of the Slavs), our Church takes the name ‘Greek’ or ‘Byzantine.’ Up until the middle of the second millennium, the Metropolitans of Kiev answered directly to the Patriarch of Constantinople. Therefore, our Church is Greek or Byzantine in origin and life.

In the middle of the second millennium, the Orthodox Christians in those lands found themselves under the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. They were oppressed by the Catholic majority, considered second-class and having very few rights. In 1595/96, mostly for political reasons, some hierarchs of the Kievan Metropolia signed the Union of Brest. This, in effect, broke their communion with Constantinople and united them to Rome.

This, not mentioning many other historical factors, is the origin of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

## **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

During June, our Archeparchy will takes 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.

## **ST. CYRIL'S FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS**

The second of our 2022 St. Cyril's Food Truck Festivals is quickly approaching: Saturday and Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Since the May basket raffle was so popular, we will host another one, this one to benefit our parish. Anyone able to donate a basket should

contact Michaelene (570) 209-2026. Flyers for the Festival are in the vestibule. Please help to spread the word about our FTF by distributing flyers among your relatives, neighbors, friends, mechanics, gyms, beauticians, physicians, etc.

## **Annual Parish Raffle**

It has been over a month since we mailed tickets for the Annual Parish Raffle to our parishioners. The prizes

were increased this year. Please make your raffle returns as soon as possible.

## **"PAY IT FORWARD" FROM ST. CYRIL'S RUMMAGE SALE 2022**

As we have done in the past years, we are "Paying it Forward" to Non-profit organizations from St. Cyril's Rummage Sale. We are always so thankful to the community for their donations to our sales.

Our Spring Furniture/rummage Sale Fundraiser was a success. (Information in future bulletins) To update the school gym in preparation for the Fall Sale, (September 23-23, 2022) . This week "Friends of the Poor" picked up dressers. We dropped items at the GINO MERLI Veterans Center in Scranton, Knick-



knacks, afghans, games, puzzles etc.. for their activities. Items are going to St. Mary's Villa in Elmhurst, Woman's Resource Center in Scranton, and St. Joe Center, Dunmore for their Festival July, 29, 30, 31 2022 on the campus of Marywood University, and United Neighborhood of Scranton.

Volunteers are need, Tuesday, June 19, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Cyril's School gym. We are donate books to the St. Joe's Center/Festival (our Book Room, needs to be cleaned, we have had for a few years) St. Joe's requested books only, for their Rummage Sale. Steve Cucurra will be driving his truck and we could use another (1) truck or hatchback car. We need volunteers to help load the books unto the trucks. Majority of the boxs only have ONLY 8-10 BOOKS per box. NOT HEAVY. As Steve says "...Give 2 hours and help out the church...." Contact Father Nestor 570- 291-4451 or Lauren Telep cell 646-241-9443

The final donations of merchandise will be to United Neighborhoods of Scranton. Volunteers are need on Monday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. we will be boxing and bagging items for the Center. The delivery will be made on Tuesday, June 28th. at 10:00 a.m. As we have done in the past 10 years, Trucks and cars are need to transport the items. Volunteers are need to help load the trucks. Steve Cucura will be there with his truck and again say "Give 2 hours to help out the church" Contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep. WE "Pay it Forward" and there is never use of a dumpster!!

BOXES AND LARGE TRASH BAGS ARE NEED FOR JUNE 27, 2022. You could drop them off (anytime) at the back porch of the rectory (behind the church), incase of rain. Or Call or text Lauren (646-241-9443) if you have a lot of boxes, to open the school gym. Thank you, very much!!

*"Pay it Forward" (is an expression for describing the beneficiary a good deed repaying the kindness of to others instead of to the original benefactor.. alternative giving!!!!)*

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2022 is Team Shumek.  
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

**Sunday Collection for June 11 & 12, 2022: \$**

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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.