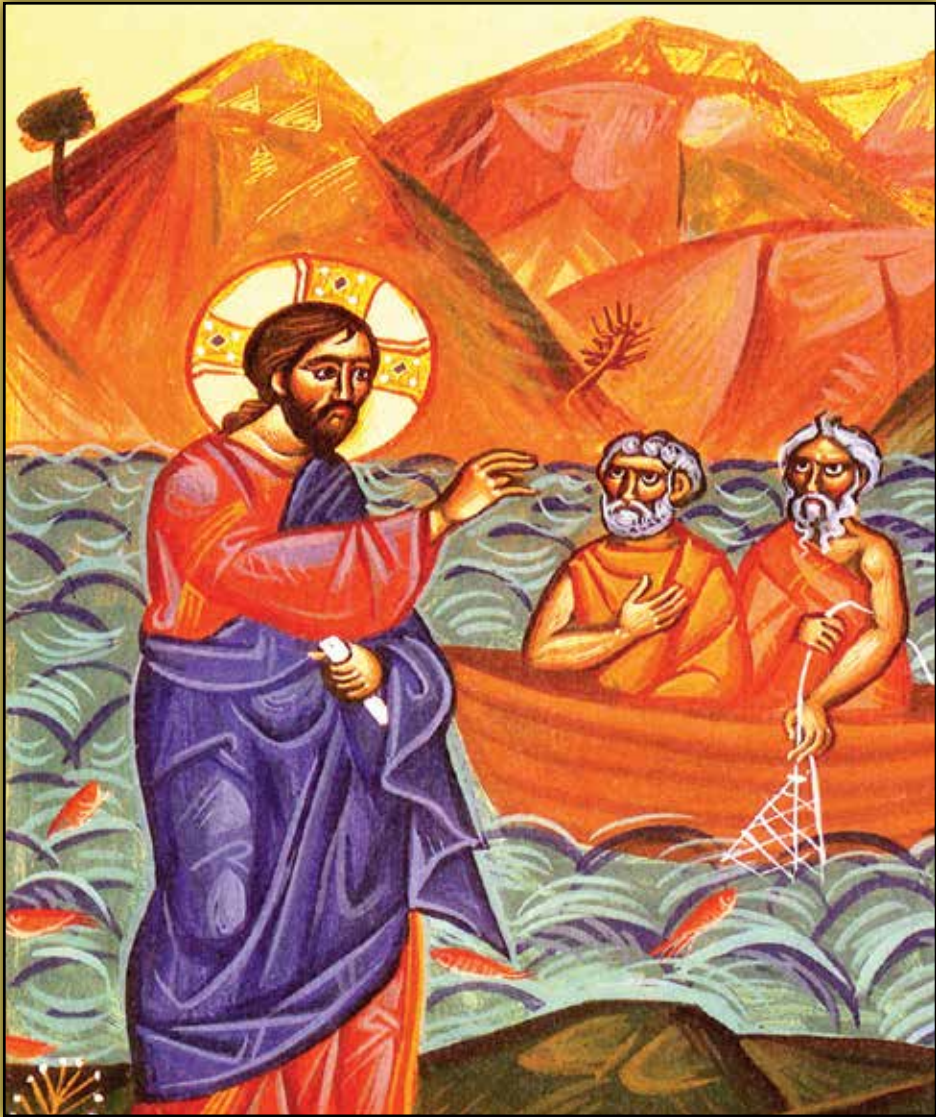


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Calling of Peter and Andrew

June 11, 2023: Second Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 2: 10-16		Gospel: Mt. 4: 18-23
Mon., June 12	9:00	+ Helen & Andrew Kollar (Family)
	6:00	Moleben to Jesus Christ
Tues., June 13	9:00	+ Bill Brecinski (Howard Smith)
Wed., June 14	9:00	+ Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
Thurs., June 15	No Divine Liturgy Today	
Fri. June 16	9:00	+ Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Sat., June 17	No Morning Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Susan Sestili (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Sun., June 18	10:30	For Our Fathers

FLAG DAY



On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag.

Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14th, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating June 14th as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was

signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions

of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BY ROBERT LONGLEY, ABOUT.COM GUIDE

The original Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands -- One nation indivisible -- with liberty and justice for all," was written in September of 1892 by Francis Bellamy for "The Youth's Companion" magazine in Boston. The phrase was printed on leaflets and sent to schools throughout the United States.

The first organized use of the Pledge of Allegiance came on Oct. 12, 1892, when some 12 million American school children recited it to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

In 1923, the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C. voted

to change the words "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States of America."

Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942, but in 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students could not be forced to recite it.

The words "under God" were added in 1954 by then President Eisenhower, who stated at the time, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

THE SAINTS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

St. Padre Pio: “A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing in the Blessed Sacrament.”

St. John Chrysostom: “How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.

St. Maximilian Kolbe: “God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar.”

St. Theresa of Calcutta: “Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you

really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist.”

St. Faustina: “The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me – it is the Eucharist.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola: “One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity.”

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 hardboiled 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?’

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember the soul of + **Michael Wargo** who recently fell asleep in the Lord. + Michael was buried from St. Cyril’s on

Monday, June 5th.

May his memory be eternal!
Vichnaya Pamyat!

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.

BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the parishoners, family and friends who donated baskets for our recent basket raffle conducted during our May Food Truck Festival. It was a huge success!

The basket winners are as follows:

#6	Maryann Gongliewski	#99	Lorie Hayslett
#10	Elena Fauerbach	#101	Greg Turko
#15	Roger Hawk	#115	Jule Harris
#16	Linda Bonczkiewicz – 2 baskets	#116	Rosemary Mizerak
#22	Paula Bartkovsky - 2 baskets	#119	Barb Halloran
#23	Cheryl Kosydar	#132	Denise Christopher
#28	Karen Hearchu	#134	Dawn & Joe Melodia
#32	Joe Olszewski	#136	Sandy Kosakevitch
#35	Michele Bilski-Magliocchi	#140	Alexandra Mitchko
#42	Laura Knapp	#142	Pat Kulick
#44	Marianne Owens – 2 baskets	#144	Patti Mazzie
#50	Cindy Creavey	#145	Nancy Rabel
#51	Andrea Rosar	#150	Tina Oprishko
#58	Lana Weitz	#151	Elaine Grunik
#64	Nancy Patterson	#159	Jaime Calianno
#67	Sandy Krisler – 2 baskets	#160	Tiffany Swisher
#79	Brian Kramer	#178	Chuck Kosciuk
#81	Laura Baker	#183	Ellen Butash
#83	Holly Smith - 2 baskets	#186	Crystal Hall – 2 baskets

BIG SCREEN TV RAFFLE

WE ALSO WISH TO EXTEND A HEARTFEALT THANK YOU to our parishoners who generously donated a big screen TV which was used for an additional raffle conducted during our

May Food Truck Festival. It was a huge success as well!

The winner of the Big Screen TV was Linda Bonczkiewicz.

SCHOOL GYM CLEARANCE

The Flea Fair Clearance Sale successfully sold a lot of items that had been stored in the gym. The next phase of the Clearance Plan is to offer parishioners the opportunity to choose from what remains.

The gym will be open on Saturday, June 17th and Sunday, June 18th from 9:00 to 4:00. Please spread the word. Invite friends, neighbors, etc. EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!

LASAGNA DINNER

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and

will include; a generous portion of meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

RESCUE & RESTORE CHURCH CARNIVAL

The Rescue & Restore Church of Willow Street, Olyphant, PA will be sponsoring their 2nd Annual Carnival Fundraiser. Starting on Wednesday, June 28th to Saturday July 1st. Everyday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 1st, starting at 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bring the family and kids

of all ages to enjoy the food, games and rides. In the Parking lot across the Street from the Rescue and Restore Church on Willow Ave. (off of Lackawanna Ave.) Olyphant. Plenty of Free Parking! For more info contact Rev. Jack Munley at 570-483-4114.

ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 89th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023 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 89 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2023 is Team #2: Eugene

Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for June 3 & 4, 2023: \$

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Andrew and Simon Peter

How much did the poor fishermen leave behind? Someone may wonder: At the Lord's beckoning, what or how much did these two fishermen, who scarcely had anything, leave behind? On this, my beloved, we should attend to one's intention rather than one's wealth. That person has left behind a lot who keeps nothing for himself, who, though he has little, gives up everything. We tend to be attached to those things we own, and those things we scarcely own, we carefully hold on to. Therefore Peter and Andrew left much behind when they left behind covetousness and the very desire to own. That person has left much behind who renounces with the thing owned the very coveting of that thing. Therefore those poor who followed Jesus left behind just as much as those less poor

who did not follow him but were able to covet.

So when you notice that some have left a great deal behind, you need not say to yourself, 'I want to imitate those who disdain this world, but sorry, I have nothing to leave behind.' You will leave much behind, my brothers, if you renounce earthly desires. External things, however small they may be, are sufficient for the Lord, since he looks at the heart and not at our material goods. Nor does he judge by how much is involved in our sacrifice but from how much it is made. For if we judge by external goods, our holy merchants traded in their nets and vessels for the perpetual life of the angels.

St. Gregory the Great

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