

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Apostles

June 7, 2026: Second Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 2: 10-16

Gospel: Mt. 4: 18-23

This Weekend	4:00 pm Thanksgiving 10:30 For Our Parishioners; Baptisms
Mon., June 8	9:00 + Joan Turko (Children) 6:00 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ
Tues., June 9	9:00 + Peggy Turner (Gloria Jablonski)
Wed., June 10	9:00 + Bernard Palfrey (Nancy Kohut)
Thurs., June 11	9:00 + Marlene & Julie Nestor (John Nestor)
Fri., June 12	9:00 + Agnes Uhrin (Legate Liturgy)
Sat., June 13	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Stephen & Amelia Malinchak (Jule Harris)
Sun., June 14	10:30 For Our Parishioners

FIVE TIPS ON HOW TO ACT IN CHURCH

1. Remember whose house you're in! You are in Heaven on earth! Here, we stand with faith, reverence and joy, just like we would – and hopefully will – in the eternal Heaven. Church hymns instruct us to do this also when they say: “When you stand in the temple, think that you are standing in Heaven!”

2. Look ahead... or above... not around! When you stand in Church, don't look to the left or right; don't look at how others are standing and praying, so that you will be blessed like the Publican and not cursed like the Pharisee who

spent all his time in the Temple comparing himself to other people! You only need to watch yourself before God. Look up, at the icons! Look ahead, at the Altar, where God, who will eventually judge each of us, is present – and repeat within yourself like the publican, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

3. Focus! Focus your mind – and your mouth – on God. Pray along with the prayers. Sing along with the hymns. If you are tempted to talk to others, then open your prayer book and follow the prayers. If someone else talks to you,

keep your answer brief and go back to your prayer book. Remind yourself that you can talk with other people – get your business done, and so on – after the Divine Liturgy.

4. Remember the dead, your own death, and the living who need prayers. While in Church, remember the dead and think of the day when you will join them – your body will go into the earth, but your soul – very much alive and aware – will go before God. Pray for the dead, ask God to have mercy on them, offer Divine Liturgies for their intention, and light candles for their souls. Thinking of your death will help you pray more sincerely and to lead your life in a more Christ-like way. Remember also, when you are

in Church, your loved ones who are alive – your parents, children, relative, friends, the poor, and the sick; light candles for their health and salvation.

5. Don't just HEAR the Gospel... LIVE the Gospel! When hearing the Word of God being read, sung, or preached in Church, strive to fulfill it, and always look for ways to do so in your everyday life. Otherwise, you will be condemned for knowing what to do but not doing it. “Blessed are those who hear God's word and keep it” (Lk. 11:28). Remember, God has invested His whole Life in you by dying on the Cross... and one day, He will ask you for the return on His investment.

THE ICONOSTASIS

Our Holy Church is divided into three sections: the Narthex, the Naive, and the Altar area (Sanctuary). The Naive and the Sanctuary are separated by the Iconostasis or Icon Screen. Yet, the Iconostasis in the Eastern Church exists not to divide the two sections, but to show the unity that exists between the faithful and Christ, His Mother, the Saints, and all the Angels.

Originally, the Iconostasis was no more than a low rail or stand decorated with Christian symbols and/or Icons.

Around the 14th century, the Iconostasis was raised, boasting numerous Icons. This is the style of Iconostasis that is most prevalent amongst Eastern Christians in the world today.

The Iconostasis may be either large or small depending on the size and design of the Church. However, even with such variations, many of the Icons follow a prescribed pattern: the Icon of Christ is depicted to the right of the Royal Doors; the Icon of the Virgin Mother is first next to the Royal Doors

on the left; the Icon of the patron saint is placed next to the Icon of Christ; and the icon to the left is traditionally that of St. Nicholas of Myra. The Icons of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel are placed on the deacon's doors although particular deacons from the Eastern Church tradition may find themselves placed in these locations. The Icons that run the length of the Iconostasis depict the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church with the insertion of the Icon of the Mystical Supper that is placed over the Royal Doors.

The Iconostasis is the ancient "divider" between the Naive and the Sanctuary in the Eastern Church tradition, developing from its humble starts into the beautifully constructed, often ornate screens of today. Although it divides space in the House of Worship, it serves a greater purpose of uniting humanity with the Divine. For it is in this unity, that creation rejoices together with the Virgin Mother, the saints and the angels, proclaiming Christ to be the Savior of all!

SEVEN YEARS — SEVEN GIFTS

On June 4, 2019, in the time between the Ascension and the Pentecost, when the Church is gathered in prayer and anticipation of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Borys Gudziak was installed as Metropolitan of Philadelphia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. June 4, 2026, marked the seventh anniversary of the installation of Metropolitan Borys Gudziak.

In the Holy Scripture, seven is the number of fullness: seven days of creation, seven last words of Christ on the cross, seven churches and seven seals in the Book of Revelation. And the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon the Church on the day of Pentecost: wisdom, understanding,

counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God.

On this anniversary, we share several quotes from Metropolitan Borys himself — may they be a source of inspiration and encouragement:

1. "Dignity frees us from fear."
2. "The essence of Christian, spiritual, and ecclesial life is to be with God. Our spiritual practices — prayer, works of mercy, fasting... all of Church life — are directed toward helping us be with God."
3. "The Lord is at work today no less than in ages past, and it is precisely today that we are called to respond to God's action."
4. "Be ready for eternity at every

moment. Then every moment of life will be sacred”

5. “Wisdom is knowledge born of a love that serves. It is humble knowledge — not proud, not condescending — that brings comfort, peace, and tranquility to your heart and to the heart of your neighbor.”
6. “One must be strong and good, one who protects the innocent, yet is also capable of offering firm

resistance — while never allowing hatred to take hold of one’s heart.”

7. “...we must walk together, fearlessly, with dignity, and — what is so very important — speak clearly and act with sacrifice and responsibility.”

Dear Metropolitan Borys, may the Lord grant you many blessed years!
Mnohaya lita!

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THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy is the heart of our Church. It is the central prayer of Ukrainian Catholic parish life, where we gather to hear the Word of God, offer praise and thanksgiving, and receive the Holy Eucharist.

In the Divine Liturgy, the whole person is drawn into prayer. We hear Scripture. We sing. We stand. We

make the sign of the cross. We see icons. We receive Christ. The beauty is not decoration; it helps the heart enter the mystery of God.

If you are new, you do not need to know every response or custom before you come. Come, listen, pray as you are able, and let the prayer of the Church carry you.

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY IN OUR OWN WORDS?

Prayer in our own words should be simple and direct. There is no need for eloquence or verbosity. In fact, at times there is no need for words at all.

God knows what is in our minds and hearts even before we have a chance to verbalize our thoughts and feelings. It is enough simply to say,

“Lord, have mercy” or “Thank You, Lord”. Or to say the Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me” or in the plural form, “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us”.

Whatever our pray is, it should be spiritual not intellectual, it should come from the heart, wherein resides

the Holy Spirit who cries unto God, “Abba, Father!”

OUR CONDOLENCES

+ **Gerald “Jerry” Oleary** fell asleep in the Lord on May 29th and was laid to rest on June 4th.

We ask all parishioners to keep Jerry in their prayers, that the Lord

may grant him rest among the saints and eternal peace in His heavenly kingdom. May his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat!

CONGRATULATIONS

With great joy and thanksgiving to God, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Apollo Jon Cruz** and **Adonis Jon Cruz** as they are baptized during the 10:30 Divine Liturgy. On this sacred day, they are welcomed into the life of Christ and embraced as cherished members of our Parish family. May the grace of their baptism

guide their steps, strengthen their faith, and fill their lives with love and light.

We also offer our congratulations to their parents, Ricardo and Fawn (Morgan) Cruz, as they celebrate this blessed and meaningful milestone.

May Almighty God bless Apollo Jon and Adonis Jon abundantly, now and always. Mnohaya Leeta!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

During June, our Archeparchy takes up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Leo 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 to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

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Ukraine needs our voices in Congress now. In under 2 minutes you can help support military aid

for Ukraine, stronger sanctions on russia and Green Cards for Ukrainian refugees. Visit UAPortal.org, enter

your ZIP code, and send a letter to your Congressman or Senator. Ask them to support Ukraine Support

Act (H.R. 2913) and Ukrainian Adjustment Act (H.R. 3104).

LASAGNA DINNER

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 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 two-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 7:00 pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember... When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!

OOPS... CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to technical difficulties, incorrect names were previously published for parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries in the month of May. We sincerely apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

We are pleased to share the correct

names: Bill & Jane Granza; Patrick & Cathy Marcinko; Paul & Melanie Mohila; Allan & Tina Muto; John & Mary Ann Turko.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and wish them all a very Happy Anniversary. Mnohaya Leeta!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2026 is Team

#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for May 30 & 31, 2026: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

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The Apostles' Call and Ours

But note both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard His command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, "Let us return home, and talk things over with our family." Instead, "they left everything behind and followed," even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.

St. John Chrysostom

The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pock-

eted he promised to restore four-fold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.

St. Gregory the Great

Like Peter, Andrew, James and John, we have been called to discipleship. As such, we are given the name of "Christian." But are we conscious what that name stands for, what responsibility comes with it? It is more than just a title or a label. To be a disciple of Christ, to bear the name of Christian, compels us to take on the responsibility – regardless of the difficulty and cost – of living the Gospel every moment of our lives.