

### *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.

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Call of the Apostles*

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**Sunday – June 6, 2021**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки    Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

**Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday June 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Roman and +Alexandra Lucyk from the Lucyk-Balko Family)
<b>Wednesday June 9</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Roman Mac from Family)
<b>Thursday June 10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Deceased Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Friday June 11</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for the Popadiuk Children from Family)
<b>Sunday June 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Julia Hetmansky from Concetta Schmitz)

**FIRST CONFESSION 2021**

God Bless our First Confession Children who all received the Mystery of Penance on Saturday June 5 at the Divine Liturgy. We congratulate Emma Fulmer, Elsa Iwachiw, Mykhailo Sukhin, and Oleksiy Sukhin. God Grant Them Many Happy Years – Mnohaya Lita!

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER, MIKA ROSE FEDYK**

We welcome our newest parishioner, Mika Rose Fedyk, infant daughter of Nicholas and Lindsey. Mika was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 6. May God grant Mika and her family many happy years – Mnohaya Lita!

**ON JUNE 13 AT THE 11:30 LITURGY WE WELCOME AMBASSADOR OKSANA MARKAROVA**

Join us as we will officially welcome, Her Excellency, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States of America, Madam Oksana Markarova, to our parish.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**God With Us Catechism**

In his letter to the Church in Rome, St. Paul teaches that God will bestow His blessings upon the Jews who do good works and fulfill the Law of Moses. For St. Paul, those who do not know the Law and have never heard the commandments will be rewarded according to how well they follow their conscience. The Gentiles fulfill the Law according to natural reasoning by following their conscience. God's will is written into the human heart, speaking to us through our conscience and reason. Both Jews and Gentiles (the non-Jews) can taste Paradise. For us Christians, who know the Gospel and have heard the Lord's call to turn away from sin, to love God and our neighbor, our burden is two-fold. We must be obedient to the Word of God as well as to our conscience and reason. Through harmony between our conscience, the Lord's commands, and our words and actions, God will bestow upon us His glory, honor and peace.

We are not meant to hear the Gospel with our ears only, but to hear with faith and obedience. With faith and obedience, Jesus calls us to follow Him with our whole lives. The Gospel presents the faith and obedience of these four Apostles when they are first called. They have a difficult but pleasant life, fishing on the Sea of Galilee with their family and friends. But, Jesus calls them to leave their old life behind, to come and follow Him. They trust that the Lord will lead them to a better life. And so, by faith, they leave everything behind and immediately follow. When they leave their nets and boat, they leave trusting the Lord, but not knowing what lies ahead. They don't know, at the time, that they will be filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit and that their lives will be an offering for the salvation of the whole world. If the Lord is calling us to follow Him, to leave behind our old life, we may not see where we will end up. But, through faith today and hope for tomorrow, we too can leave behind our nets and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If we follow His call, we will have life in abundance, beyond anything we could achieve on our own.