## June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Sunday of All Saints

| <b>SUNDAY, 6/22</b> | <b>9:00 am</b> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishione | ers |
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10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 6/23 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention TUESDAY, 6/24 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention WEDNESDAY, 6/25 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 6/26 NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 6/27 <u>8:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy for special intention SATURDAY, 6/28 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SUNDAY, 6/29** 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

#### Announcements

#### 1 – St.Peter Pence collection

On Sunday, June 29, we will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection at the request of the Holy Father. This special offering supports the charitable works of the Pope and aids those suffering from poverty, conflict, or natural disasters around the world.

Upcoming Events in Parish & Eparchy June. 29<sup>th</sup> – Peter & Paul Feast

## Reflection on The Second Sunday after Pentecost – Called to Follow Him

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt 4:19)

This Sunday we hear the life-changing moment when Jesus calls His first disciples—Peter and Andrew, James and John. These were not scholars or religious elites—they were ordinary fishermen, called into an extraordinary mission. What's remarkable is their response: "Immediately they left their nets and followed Him." (v. 20)

## Their Yes, Our Yes

The Gospel shows that the journey of faith always begins with a call—and a response. The same Lord who called the apostles is calling each of us, today. He invites us to follow Him—not in theory, but in action, in witness, and in daily conversion.

St. John Chrysostom writes: "See their faith and obedience. They believed and followed, leaving behind their craft and their home. They did not even request to return and inform their family." (Homily 14 on Matthew)

Christ is not simply gathering followers—He is building the Church. He turns fishermen into apostles, and sinners into saints.

St. Cyril of Alexandria reminds us: "They became fishers of men, drawing the world to the knowledge of God, not with bait, but with the truth."

# Ordinary People, Extraordinary Calling

The apostles' example challenges us: what "nets" do we cling to—comfort, fear, distractions—that keep us from following Christ more fully?

St. Gregory of Nyssa says: "The power of the Word is such that it can lift a man from the boat to the Church, from casting nets to casting out demons, from the sea to salvation."

Their transformation assures us: God does not call the qualified—He qualifies the called.

**Reflection Question:** What is Jesus asking me to leave behind in order to follow Him more deeply?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, just as You called the apostles from their nets, call me today. Free me from attachments that hold me back. Fill me with courage to follow You fully, and help me cast the net of Your Gospel in the world.

# From "Homily of Pope Leo XIV on Jubilee for Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly":

I encourage you, then, to be examples of integrity to your children, acting as you want them to act, educating them in freedom through obedience, always seeing the good in them and finding ways to nurture it. And you, dear children, show gratitude to your parents. To say "thank you" each day for the gift of life and for all that comes with it is the first way to honor your father and your mother (cf. Ex 20:12). Finally, dear grandparents and elderly people, I recommend that you watch over your loved ones with wisdom and compassion, and with the humility and patience that come with age.

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always. Let me add one last thing. The prayer of the Son of God, which gives us hope on our journey, also reminds us that one day we will all be "uno unum" (cf. St. Augustine, "Sermo Super Ps. 127"): one in the one Savior, embraced by the eternal love of God. Not only us, but also our fathers, mothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters, and children who have already gone before us into the light of his eternal Pasch, and whose presence we feel here, together with us, in this moment of celebration.

#### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections** for the weekend of <u>6/15/25</u>, including envelope offerings - \$210, donations -\$141, candle -\$36, online giving - \$130

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$517

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## **Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS; PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.