



*Icon of the Call of the First Apostles*

# HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 16-23, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 32-12-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-38

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost: June 23, 2019

11:00AM (Ukrainian) +David & Gregory Neff- Dorothy Neff

*All daily liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM. Please join us for daily prayer.*

MONDAY Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

9:00AM Liturgy of Thanksgiving for all the festival workers

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY +Helen & Charles Morykan- Chuck Morykan

SATURDAY FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL

6:00PM (English) +Tony & Justyna Stojkiewicz – Audrey Stoken, Jane Ragan

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, June 30, 2019

9:30AM (Ukrainian) +Sophie Troyan – Helen Potak

11:00AM (English) For the parishioners

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 1884.00 Thank you for your generous support.

Festival Donations : \$500 Anonymously \$25 Donna Hale

## Eternal Light & Altar Candles In

*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Olga Turczyn	Slava & Orest Harasymovich
Mae Kulczykcki	Msgr Peter Waslo	Michael Brodt	Iryna Stefurak
Maryann Kramer	Craig Stoken	Brother Gideon	Ted Veresink
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Brian Atherholt
Lillian Opp	Frank Maitski	Sarah Shanks	Donald Bodden
Kim Lightcap	Dot Neff	John Wolfgang	Fr Mark Fesniak
Barry Fulmer	Helen Potak	Kathleen Cremona	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney
Harold Osmun	Alex Price	Paulette Bellis	Marlene Lightcap
Stefania Trusz	Diane Troyan	Ivan Savkanitch	Archbishop Stephen Sulyk
Jean Lakomski	Lyudmila Patskan	Danny Phillips	Gordon & Pat Smith
Meg Blazinski	Christine Sestak	Sr Thomas SSMI	Yaroslawa Zuk



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion (1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen**

Kontakion (1): You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master; and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.

### Prokimenon:

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

### Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 2,10-16)

Brethren: There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Jew first and then Greek. There is no partiality with God. All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; rather, those who observe the law will be justified. For when the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature observe the prescriptions of the law, they are a law for themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even defend them on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people's hidden works through Christ Jesus.

### Alleluia Verses:

Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Verse (1): Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel: (Mt 4,18-23)** At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with the father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



On the 29th June of every year the Church celebrates **the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul**. So important is this celebration in the Eastern Church that it is marked by a preparatory fasting period – called the fast of the apostles – beginning from the Monday after Pentecost and lasting until the eve of the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul. Following the practice of the early Church, where the first Christians would commemorate departed saints by celebrating the Divine Eucharist on top of their tombs, we too, nearly two thousand years later follow that same tradition. We too continue to this day to celebrate the feast days of saints by celebrating the Divine Liturgy over the altar of the Church of the particular saint to which the Church is dedicated. The reason for this is that the altar of every Church is said to be symbolic of saints' tombs in that every consecrated Church has relics of saints within the altar. One may quite justifiably ask why these two apostles in particular are celebrated on the same day. Peter was one of the twelve whereas Paul was not. From the Biblical evidence that we have we know that Peter's ministerial outlook was very different from Paul's. At the council of Jerusalem (48AD), great problems had arisen in the Church from a large influx of Gentile converts and these saints had different opinions as to how they should be received. Yet we find that not only are they celebrated on the same day, but even icons of Sts Peter and Paul portray these two major apostles embracing each other. Historically the reason why the Church combined the feast day of the two apostles into one was that they were both martyred in Rome and on the same day. There is a very ancient tradition which claims that they were both executed during Nero's persecution approximately in the year 68AD. For this reason, probably from the fourth century onwards the Church in Rome came to celebrate the feast day of these two apostles on the 29th June where they were martyred. By contrast, Constantinople celebrated this feast day several days after Christmas on the 28th December. However we see that it was the Roman custom that has prevailed in the Church today, but the evidence does not reveal to us precisely when this came to be. Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their ministerial vision was not the same yet both were necessary and even complemented each other. Even though the apostle Paul was not one of the twelve, he would claim, nevertheless that his ministry was considered equal if not superior to those ministers who had been appointed by Christ during His earthly ministry since he had suffered so much for Christ. During their lifetime, these two great apostles of our Church disagreed greatly as to how to receive new members into the newly established Christian faith. St Paul is said to have rebuked St Peter for duplicity in this matter. In Galatians 2.11, St Paul tells us of a disagreement he had with St Peter: "when Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him in the face because he was to be blamed." Peter believed that new members firstly had to fulfil the requirements of the Jewish law by being circumcised before they could become Christians whereas Paul was totally opposed to this. What we can learn from this is that when the Church is ruled by the Holy Spirit tensions of this kind can be overcome. In celebrating their feast day, let us glorify Him who glorified them and rejoice together with Sts Peter and Paul and sing:

***"Rejoice o Peter the apostle, for you are the great friend of the Master, Christ our God. Rejoice well beloved Paul, preacher of the faith and doctor of the universe. Because of this, may you both intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls."***



## FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday June 24 we celebrate the **feast of the birth of St John the Baptist**. St John is the last of the prophets of the Old Testament and his birth signals the beginning of the coming of the Messiah. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00AM. It will be a Liturgy of Thanksgiving for all those who have worked and contributed towards the success of our festival. May St John help us to see the promise of salvation fulfilled in our lives!

## CHURCH TOURS

**Holy Ghost Church will be celebrating 100 years in 2021.**

The church has been prepared for the celebration both physically and spiritually. The dome and interior of the church have been repaired and repainted, The louvers of the tower have been replaced. New carpeting throughout the church has been installed. The former chapel across the street has been renovated into a community center for the parish and community. All of this has been done through the goodness and generosity of the parish community of Holy Ghost in West Easton. It is a tribute to their faith and dedication to God and his church.

***There will be tours of the church and an explanation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*** at 1:00 PM 3:00PM and 5:00PM. We thank Ihor Mirchuk for his excellent presentation of the faith and explanation of the church building. He is able to provide the tour in English or Ukrainian . Questions are encouraged .

There are brochures in the vestibule of the church which are free for the taking. There are also free inspirational books downstairs for your benefit. Please help yourself.

## DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF +RICHARD SUTER

\$50.00 PA recorder of Deeds Association \$100 Vaughn Terrinoni \$25 Joan & Kevin Kocher  
\$25 Marilyn Snyder \$50 Frank & Karen Klovach \$50 William & Maryanne Hertzog  
\$25 Ann & John Achatz \$10 Marie Bosevich

## DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF + ELIZABETH MAITSKI

\$50 Robert & Pam Mackey \$25 Carl Froehlech & Sandra Delvin  
God bless them for their generosity. May their memory be eternal!

## NEEDLE CRAFTERS

A new group will be meets at the chapel weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30AM. The group will offer support and guidance on knitting, crocheting and beading. Anyone interested may contact Debbie at 610-258-6588. All are welcome!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS  
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE!**

## **FESTIVAL CAPTAINS**

Please contact any of the people listed below if you need additional information:

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Donna Sidlar: 610-252-1537 Karen Eible 908-283-3891

HELL'S KITCHEN : John Drozd Jr :610-250-2742

BAKED GOODS: Marlene Lightcap:908-475-5178 Andrea Suter : 610-258-0707

HAMBURGER STAND: Fr Dan Susan Fisher

ENTERTAINMENT: Oksana Savkanitch 718-551-4083

CHURCH TOURS: Ihor Mirchuk

TICKETS/FINANCE: Ted Veresink 610-253-2053

TRICKY TRAY/WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE: JoAnn Fulmer 610-509-3155

SIGNS/ADVERTISING: Roberta Leiby 610-258-2475 Craig Stoken

CHILDREN'S GAMES: Sherry Bellfy 908-213-8790

BEVERAGES: Daniel Bodnar 610-588-2127

Please register in the vestibule of the church for these areas of service. Your help is essential. Thank You.

## **BELL PROJECT**

The first stage of the bell restoration project has been completed. The bell has been dry coated and baked with new metallic paint, and the pillar is on order for installation at our chapel center. Thank you for your contributions. More to come!

### **EAGLE PROJECT: Bell Restoration and Landscaping at Chapel**

Garrett Stoken, will be working towards his Eagle Scout Award with the Boy Scouts of America. He has taken on the project of restoring the old bell which had been made and used at the foundry in West Easton, the Livingstone School and the Wesleyan Chapel. The bell will be restored, and displayed to the west side of the building, with pavers, and a pillar to support the display. There will be a container in the vestibule of the church towards donations to complete the project.

## **FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL**

We celebrate the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul next weekend. It is a holy day which has two weeks of fasting prior to its celebration, and is a holyday of obligation.

The Apostles Peter and Paul are held in the highest esteem in the establishment of the church after the resurrection of Jesus. Peter is the "Rock upon which I will build my church" and Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles. Through these two men and the apostles the Word of God Jesus was spread throughout the world. May we honor their memory and celebrate the faith we have ...and like them continue to spread the Good News!

## **PICNIC RESULTS MEETING: FRIDAY 5:30PM**

There will be a meeting on Friday at 5:30PM to review the results of the festival and a financial accounting of the festival, raffle and donations , Please join us. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this project



## THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- Needle Crafters Every Tuesday 9:30AM : Contact Debbie for more information 610-258-6588 Knitting, Crocheting, bead work sessions.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Easton Early Risers 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Monday Men's Meeting 7:00PM Open men's meeting
- Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JUNE 23 Holy Ghost Picnic Festival 12:00 noon – 6:00PM**
- **SUMMER CHURCH CAMP July 15-18 :Theme:  
Mary : Mother of God and Mother of us all.**

## ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL JUNE 23

Special thanks to all those who have signed up for the festival work positions, came to prepare the food, baked, arranged the entertainment, helped set up, purchased and/or sold raffle tickets, advertised, cleaned and organized the Tricky Tray and white elephant sale. It's a lot of work for one day, but it helps us work together, offer something back to the community, and witness to our faith in action! Our greatest gift is our time, I thank you for sharing your time with your church and parish community. God bless all of you!

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PARISH FESTIVAL

Please make your returns in the parish collection plate or at the ticket tent at the festival. They are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. There will be three prizes awarded: 25% 1<sup>st</sup> 15% 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10% 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. **Tickets are courtesy of the Strunk Funeral Home, we thank them for their support.**

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome all our visitors to Holy Ghost Church and festival!  
To those of you who are attending our church service maybe for the first time we are a Catholic church that follows the Ukrainian Byzantine traditions and spirituality. We are Catholic in faith and our theology, spirituality and liturgies are Eastern. Thank you for joining with us and may you encounter Jesus today as we celebrate his life, death and resurrection in our Sunday worship. God bless you  
**SPECIAL WELCOME** to our ***Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God of Philadelphia*** who are joining with us today. They have a wealth of joy and spirituality, make sure you say hello to them today!

### *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.