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Matthew 4:19

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR.**

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of June 14 - 21, 2026
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, June 14 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Ukraine & Mt. Athos -Tone 1
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 21– 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday – Matthew 16:1-8; Liturgy: Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23
Monday – Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 9:36-10:8
Tuesday – Romans 7:14-8:2; Matthew 10:9-15
Wednesday – Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22
Thursday – Romans 8:22-27; Matthew 10:23-31
Friday – Romans 9:6-19; Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1
Saturday – Romans 3:28-4:3; Matthew 7:24-8:4
3rd Sunday – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-33

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A NOTE OF THANKS

MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE – is expressed to my Family and Parishioners for your help and prayers last Sunday as I was suffering from a medical problem. Most especially, I would like to then Father George for his kindness and prayers as he finished the Divine Liturgy and celebrated the Panakhydas at the end of Liturgy. I would also like to especially thank Mark Andreas for his kindness and help for me to get to the ambulance. Again, I would like to thank the New Castle Paramedics and the Claymont Ambulance for their kindness and assistance. I ask for your continued prayers as I continue my recovery.

COME FOLLOW ME.....EVANGELIZATION

Saint Matthew's Gospel tells us today that when Jesus issued His invitation to His disciples, they "**immediately**... left their nets and followed Him" and also that they "**immediately**... left their boat and their father and followed Him." In both of the accounts listed, the response from those called was **immediate**!

We have been privileged to receive the gift of faith without any merit on our part. In gratitude for this great gift the least we can do is to show our appreciation and to share it with others. We all know what bad news is. We are overwhelmed by it day after day in the media. In fact, there is so much of it we look for something pleasant to get our minds and heads clear.

What is Good News? What does it mean? The Good News is **CHRIST**. The news is that Jesus is the Father's gift to us; that Jesus loves us; that He is salvation and liberation from evil. The Good News is "God is with us", inspiring and helping us. In other words, the Good News is that God loves us, each of us. He loves all and invites all to live His life; that all join together in His love. The Good News is offering people a new and firm foundation for their lives. It is an invitation to build lives anew on God's love.

Isn't this Good News what the disciples wanted to hear? They were anxiously awaiting the Messiah - the One Who would liberate them, the One who would bring God's love and life among them. Perhaps that is why they were so quick to immediately leave all and follow Him and spend the rest of their lives bringing this Good News to all who would listen.

To bring the Good News to others is to evangelize. It is to witness and share what we ourselves have experienced and learned from our relationship with Jesus. To be an evangelist is to love God and others as He loves us. Like Jesus, we must love first. Then we can bring others into a loving relationship with God through our own lives and example. This means we must love people as they are, even as Jesus loves them.

Evangelization is sharing - sharing something special - the Good News of Jesus. This is the responsibility of every baptized and chrismated person. "Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Everyone is invited to "Come and see how sweet the Lord is". This proves we also care and share our faith. Thus, together with the Apostles in today's Gospel, we are also invited to be "Fishers of Men".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to John Billon, 6/16; Alexander Czernik, 6/17; Jacob Dylan Duncan, 6/17; Janilyn Pinkowicz, 6/18 & Valeria Podoguts, 6/20. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are expressed to Victor and Elizabeth Kaliakin and their family on the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Victor's Aunt, +Rimma Kaliakin. Let us remember her soul in our prayers asking God to place the soul of His newly departed Servant, +Rimma, in the abode of the Saints where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family, that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

GRADUATE SUNDAY – will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 21. Please give to Father Stephen the name of the graduate from kindergarten, High School college or university with the name of the school, where the student will attend the next year or the degree (college) and where the graduate will go from here. All entries must be in by Sunday, June 14th. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
June 14 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
June 21 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
June 28 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
July 5 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
July 12 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
July 19 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
July 26 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

MEETINGS

Parish Board – Wednesday, July 8 @ 6:30 PM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of June 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of June 22 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of June 29 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of July 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of July 13 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of July 20 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
Week of July 27 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Pyrohy Schedule: Saturday, July 11; Saturday, August 22; Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, October 3

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 14 - Linda Hnatow
June 21 - Jean Roeth
June 28 - Andrew Duncan
July 5 - Thomas Scholz
July 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
July 19 – Thomas Sulpizi
July 26 - John Plachuta

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day Dinner – Graduate Sunday
Sunday. July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Sunday, September 20 – Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, September 26 – Hall Rented
Monday, October 12 – 15 – Clergy Rertreat
Saturday, October 17 – UOL Retreat
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 14 – Wine Tasting
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 14 - David and Eve Lazaration
June 21 – Sandy Cramer
June 28 - Sonya Patronik
July 5 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

Come, Follow Me

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4:19)

Jesus called all types of people. Andrew was a simple fisherman like his brother Peter. Andrew was present when John the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God" and they followed Jesus to learn more about him. After spending the day with the Lord, Andrew told his brother Peter: "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Tradition has it that perhaps John was the unnamed disciple with Andrew during his first encounter with Jesus (John 1:35). These two men were actively searching for God and responded to Jesus' call with enthusiasm and obedience.

The first disciples were not extraordinary people. The original twelve included several fishermen, a tax collector, and at least one who was a political activist. The power of Jesus transformed all but one into men whose lives were dedicated to the preaching of the gospel and the proclamation of the message of salvation to all peoples. Old prejudices, divisions, and ways of thinking were laid aside as they listened to the Lord and followed him.

Jesus calls us to serve him in this same way. He calls us just as we are-faults, strengths and weaknesses notwithstanding-to a life of holiness. "We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Perhaps today or tomorrow we can go to our church or to a quiet place in our homes and make a short retreat with the Lord to examine our lives. How have we responded to the call of Jesus over the year just passed? If we see that we have fallen short of the Lord's plan for us, let us repent and know the forgiveness of Christ. If we see areas where we have grown stronger, let us try to make further progress in them this year. God wants to work marvelous things in our lives because he loves us and is faithful to his promises. We, in turn, can offer our lives to him as we announce to the world: "We have found the Messiah!" (John 1:41).