

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

June 19th

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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

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P RAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1

Menologion

St. Jude, Apostle, brother of St. James, the Less, and thus related to our Lord Jesus, was one of the Twelve, called also Thaddaeus, preached in Mesopotamia and with St. Simon in Persia. Both suffered martyrdom together in Persia.

St. Zosimus, Martyr, was beheaded for the Faith at Spoleto in Italy under Trajan, Emperor about A.D. 110.

Fasts & Feasts

June

24 The Nativity Of The Holy Prophet, Forerunner And Baptist John.

Apostle's Fast

29 Peter and Paul Apostles

July

17 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

20 Holy, Glorious Prophet Elias

"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES." - Isaiah 56: 7 If you are a visitor to St. Mary's, we want you to know how welcome you are; whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. We hope you find our worship true and reverent and our people here friendly and cordial. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our family.

Originals of the Fast of the Apostles
“The Fast of the Holy Apostles is dated back to early years of the church. The first evidence of this fast is found in the writings of St. Athanasius the Great (†373). In his letter to Emperor Constance, he writes: During the week following Pentecost, the people who observed he fast went out to the cemetery to pray. Some 20 years later, St. Ambrose (397) writes: On the days following his ascension into heaven, however, we again fast (Sermon 61).” ... Until the second half of the 3rd century, the Fast of the Holy Apostles was linked to Pentecost and lasted only for one week (Apostolic Constitutions). Later on, after the martyrdom of the apostles Peter and Paul and following the development of the commemoration of their death around the year 258.

Some may wonder: Peter and Andrew scarcely had any possessions. Just how much did they leave behind when the Lord called them to follow him? On this point we should look at their actions rather than at the level of their wealth. A man who has little and gives up everything to follow the Lord leaves behind a lot. Peter and Andrew left behind a lot. Yes, they left behind their meager material possessions (and for them that was a lot). But they also left behind something more – the very desire to own (which can lead to extreme greed, which is called covetousness). What will you leave behind to follow Christ? Are you attached to Christ or your stuff? Choose one.

What is Truth? There seems to be a popular movement these days within higher learning in regards to the proper definition and understanding of the word truth. Through the re-definition of this single word, virtually every single problem of church unity, right worship, faith, morality, decline of the home, abortion, you name it, can be traced. Postmodern secularists, as you know, now run rampant, not only in our universities, but also in our public as well as private elementary, junior, and senior high schools. They label their views tolerant, insightful, and in many cases, elite. However, they are, quite honestly, none of these things. They do not believe in truth because in a culture where all views are equal and none are wrong, then all things and ideas must be merely relative so as not to offend those who disagree. Truth becomes, in their view, only a construct or a creation of our minds. Many even go a step further in proclaiming that it is Christians who have misused truth and are the cause of every political and social injustice ever known to modern mankind. If you don't believe me in regards to that last point, when was the last time you heard a mainstream professor or instructor question and/or insult the morality, philosophical teachings, or the creation theories of the American Indian, a Wiccan, a Buddhist, a Hindu, or a Muslim? You haven't and you won't. It is Christianity alone which is being attacked, and of course, the only way to conquer Christianity, is to re-define truth. If society, then, can re-define truth, it can then easily and quickly tear apart the Christian community. The reason Christianity proclaims the truth is because it proclaims Christ as he way, the truth, and the light and Christ himself revealed absolute truth to the world. Therefore, anyone who rejects Christ places a stumbling block in-between themselves and truth. If Christ and His Church are the truth, and can be proven to be so beyond a reasonable doubt, then the only way for the truth of Christ to be conquered is for it to be re-defined.

