

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Call of the First Apostles

June 14, 2020 – Sunday of All Saints

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 1 Rom 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23

Sat. June 13 St. Aquilina, Maartyr (+117)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Lori Lizanich by Parents (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Ann Stefanchik by Milan and Bozena Skirkanic (from June 14) (Livestream)

Sun. June 14 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ST. ELISHA, PROPHET

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. June 15 St. Amos, Prophet – ALITURGICAL DAY

7:30 am Matins on the Day of Alleluia (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers followed by the Moleben to the Mother of God (Livestream)

Tues. June 16 St. Tychon, wonderworker, Bishop of Amathunsa – ALITURGICAL DAY

7:30 am Matins on the Day of Alleluia followed by the Akathist to the Mother of God (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. June 17 St. Manuel, St. Sabel and St. Ishmael, Persian Martyrs, Christians (+362)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +John Bodner by Elizabeth Bodner (from June 14) (Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by the Akathist to the Mother of God (Livestream)

Thur. June 18 St. Leontius, Martyr (+76)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Robert G. Dubensky by Family followed by the Moleben (Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. June 19 St. Jude, Apostle, brother of St. James, the Less (+345)

7:00 am Festal Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers followed by the Moleben to the Mother of God (Livestream)

Sat. June 20 St. Methodius, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Patara (+275)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy for +William and +Betty Jane Kormos by Bill and Sharon Kleppel followed by the Akathist to the Mother of God (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Frank Lukerchine by Family (from June 21) (Livestream)

Sun. June 21 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Father's Day)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you.

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ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

ST. MARY HOSPITALITY HOUSE (ALL at HS): St. Mary Hospitality House at Holy Spirit Church has reopened as of May 26th. Meals will be served once again, every Tuesday - Doors open at 3:00 pm and Dinner is served at 4:00 pm.

TRAVELING ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (ALL): In celebration of the 350th Anniversary of



the Weeping of the original icon of the Blessed Mother of God of Klokochovo, we will be praying an Akathist or Moleben to the Mother of God all next week, following some of the scheduled services. We pray for health during this time of pandemic and her intercession. After this week, the Icon will move on to our other churches.

History of this beautiful Icon: In the former Mukachevo eparchy there were several miraculously weeping icons of the Most Holy Mother of God, venerated by our Carpathian ancestors with great devotion and love. The Blessed Mother, seeing the many sufferings of our oppressed people, sympathized with them in a visible manner, miraculously shedding tears in various places, like in Klokochovo, Mariapovch, Krichevo, Mikula and Pavlovo. The oldest of them was

that in Klokochovo, presently in the Eastern Slovakia, shedding tears in 1670.

Klokochovo in the XVII century was a small Rusyn village. It belonged to the Staray noble family of Michalovci, to whom the villagers were subject as to their feudal lords, obliged to work on their lands. In the middle of the village was a small wooden church, dedicated to the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God. Those were times of constant wars. The Carpathian region became a battlefield. Thus our Rusyn population suffered much violence and cruelty from soldiers, who pillaged and burned down our churches, monasteries, even entire villages.

In 1670, the Protestant "crusaders" were approaching Klokochovo. The people, seized by fear, ran into the church to implore protection of the Blessed Mother, whom they venerated as the "refuge of Christians." As they were praying, they noticed that the icon of the Blessed Mother was shedding tears. Moved by the weeping icon to tears, the villagers continued to pray. All of a sudden the church door flung open and the Calvinist "kurucok" invaded the church. Yelling and shouting, the soldiers started to destroy the crosses, the church banners, and other religious objects.

It happened that one of the enraged soldiers, when he noticed that the icon of the Blessed Mother in the iconostasis was shedding tears, pierced the icon with the bayonet fixed to his rifle. But the tears continued to flow and more profusely. Irritated, the soldier began cursing, tore the icon out of iconostasis and threw it on the floor, ready to trample it. But the people, unable to stand such profanation, pushed the furious "kuruc" aside, and one of the parishioners picked up the icon and ran with it into the woods. In their anger the soldiers burned down the church, but the miraculous icon was saved.

After the Protestant "crusaders" left the region, the parishioners took the weeping icon of the Blessed Mother to the town hall in Prjashev and asked the magistrate to preserve their precious icon until they could rebuild their church.

The hereditary count of the Sharish district, which included the town of Prjashev, was the Rakoczi family, who resided in the Mukachevo castle. Since the heir of the Rakoczi's possessions, Prince Francis I Rakoczi, was still a minor, the administration of the Rakoczi's fortune was in the hands of the prince's mother, Countess Sophia nee Bathory. The countess, after the death of her Calvinist husband, Prince George II Rakoczi, became a fervent Catholic and was very well disposed toward our people and our Church.

According to the leading Carpathian historian, Father Michael Luchkay (1789-1843), Countess Sophia Bathory not only granted freedom from servile work to our clergy in accordance with the canonical privileges, but also ordered all her officials to respect the Byzantine rite feastdays and not to force the people to work on those days. The Countess herself became fond of our Byzantine rite and, trying to give a good example to the Rusyn people, she often attended Holy Liturgy in our churches. She even became familiar with the Old-Slavonic language to be able to follow our Liturgy and left behind the Old-Slavonic Prayer Book, printed in 1679, with her own signature.

When the countess heard about the weeping icon of the Blessed Mother in Klokochovo, she became very excited about the miracle. Being the hereditary countess of the Sharish district, she simply ordered the municipality of Prjashev to hand over the icon to her. Thus the miraculous icon was transferred to the castle of Mukachevo, where the countess lived with her son Francis, and placed over the altar in the chapel. The Countess Bathory became greatly attached to the miraculous icon and lavishly decorated it with precious stones and costly drapery.

After the death of Countess Sophia Bathory (+1680), the miraculous icon of Klokochovo remained in the Rakoczi's family chapel in the Mukachevo castle, since the wife of Prince Francis I Rakoczi, Countess Helen nee Zrinyi, also became fond of it, considering the icon was a family treasure. After the early death of her husband, Countess Zrinyi became sole administrator of the Rakoczi's possessions, since her children, Julia and Francis II, were only infants.

In 1682, Countess Zrinyi remarried and became the wife of the leader of the Hungarian insurrection, the famous magnate Emeric Thokoly. But in a short time he was defeated by the imperial army and had to take refuge in Turkey. In 1688, Countess Helen Zrinyi, after the castle of Mukachevo was seized by the imperial forces, as wife of Thokoly, was permitted to join her husband in Nicomedia (presently Izmit), Turkey, and to take with her all the family treasures. The inventory of items taken by the countess to Turkey says: "Among the precious things the countess took with her was a much venerated icon, representing the Blessed Mother of God, which several years before Countess Sophia Bathory obtained from Klokochovo and which was venerated in the chapel of the Mukachevo castle. The Blessed Mother and Child Jesus sparkled with countless precious gems that adorned the icon."

After the death of Helen Zrinyi (+1703), her son from the first marriage, Prince Francis II Rakoczi, heir of the Mukachevo castle and estate, brought back the miraculous icon of Klokochovo from Nicomedia and placed it back in the family chapel of the Mukachevo castle.

In 1703, Prince Francis II Rakoczi also started an insurrection against the Habsburgs. After a long campaign he also was defeated and had to seek asylum in Nicomedia. The castle of Mukachevo was recaptured by the imperial forces on August 11, 1711. Then all the treasures of the Rakoczi family were confiscated and taken to the imperial court in Vienna. Among the confiscated item was also the

Traveling Icon of the Mother of God (continued) . . .

miraculous icon of Klokochovo, which was then placed in the private chapel of the imperial palace. The magistrate of Prjashev insisted that the miraculous icon be returned to the city hall, from where it was taken away by Countess Sophia Bathory. But Emperor Charles VI refused to comply. Finally, after repeated requests, Empress Maria Theresa ordered a copy of the miraculous icon to be made, which was then solemnly presented to the city of Prjashev in 1769. Underneath of the icon the following caption was written:

"True icon of the Blessed Mother of God, which in 1670 was seen to shed tears by many people in the church of the Rusyn village of Klokochovo, Vienna county in Northern Hungary; afterwards, when certain Protestant soldiers pierced it with a bayonet, it burst into copious tears."

On the back of icon there was a signature of the Viennese artist who made the copy: F: Kramer, 1769. The copy of the Klokochovo icon hung on the wall of the city hall in Prjashev for long time, but in 1904 it was donated to Bishop John Valyi of Prjashev. After restoration, the icon was then solemnly enthroned in the bishop's chapel on August 12, 1907.

Now the parishioners of Klokochovo insisted that Bishop Valyi give the icon to their church, where the miracle happened in 1670. But the bishop would not part with the icon. He rather commissioned our famous Carpathian artist, Ignatius Roshkovics (+1915), to make another copy, which he then donated to the church in Klokochovo. Thus, starting with 1913, Klokochovo became one of the main pilgrimage places of the Mukachevo eparchy.

During World War II, the pilgrimages in Klokochovo considerably declined, since the church and parish house were badly damaged. Then in 1945, due to the political changes, the parish of Klokochovo was separated from its mother- eparchy by new borders and placed under the jurisdiction of Bishop Paul Gojdich, OSBM. of Prjashev. It was then that Father John Chekan was appointed the pastor of the Klokochovo parish. In a short period of time he rebuilt the church and the parish house, obtained new indulgences from Rome, and thus the pilgrimages were resumed in 1946. During the following year more than 40,000 pilgrims came to Klokochovo to venerate the Blessed Mother in the place where, in 1670, she shed her bitter tears in sympathy with the sufferings of our people.

In order to enhance the public veneration of the Weeping Icon, Father Chekan had the icon crowned in 1948. The solemn coronation of the icon was performed by the Auxiliary Bishop of Prjashev. Basil Hopko (+1976). This was the last pilgrimage, since the following year the pilgrimage was forbidden by the Communist authorities.

What happened to the original icon of Klokochovo? Nobody can tell. Will it be found? Perhaps, the Blessed Mother will honor us with another miracle and reveal to us the whereabouts of her weeping icon of Klokochovo.

In connection with the miraculous icon of Klokochovo it should be mentioned that in 1885, in the village of Kamionka, Spish district, an old handwritten Song Book from 1724 was discovered. Among the spiritual songs a longer poem, entitled: Song About the Icon of Klokochovo, has been found. The poem was composed shortly after the miracle, in about 1683 (cf. the first 4 lines at the beginning), and is a certain proof of the miracle.



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE: Thanks to all generous donors of the Stewardship Appeal. The following is the contribution our four parishes and the eparchy overall:

	Contributors	Goal	Pledged	%
Cathedral	29	\$14,000	\$11,083.26	79
St. Mary's	55	\$11,900	\$8,581.63	72
Holy Spirit	42	\$8,900	\$6,683.60	75
St. Nicholas Croatian	5	\$1,700	\$650	38
All Parishes in the Eparchy	901	\$250,000	\$211,579.89	83

If the parish exceeds its goal, a rebate will be paid equal to 100% of the amount by which the parish exceeds its goal. Rebates paid are exempt from the 10% eparchial assessment. **June 30th is the deadline to pledge.**

LIFE LINE SCREENING (CTH): Life Line Screening, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Cathedral of St John the Baptist on 6/24/2020. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

COMBINED PARISH DAY AT MARIAPOCH (ALL): Fr. Marek will host a Day at Mariapoch in Burton, OH for all four parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Parishes) on Sunday, June 28th. He will celebrate Divine Liturgy outside at the Shrine of Mariapoch, beginning at 4:00 pm. ***The Shrine will prepare food for purchase, following the Liturgy. Anyone interested in eating there should call the parish office to make a food reservation.*** (This will help us have an accurate count for the meal). Please place this date on your summer calendar and plan on attending. The Shrine will be practicing proper social distancing for the safety of everyone.

VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer will sponsor a virtual weekend retreat for young adults, ages 18-35, June 26-28, 2020. The theme is "Authentic Discipleship: Responding to Christ's Call in the Post-Modern World." Five sessions, prayer services, breakout groups, reflections will occur between 7:30 pm Friday and 2:00 pm Sunday. Sister Barbara Jean and a team of young adults will lead the experience. For questions or registration, call 724-438-7149 or email <hpmsm@verizon.net>. Registration deadline June 24. Donation.

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA

If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL

June 7, 2020

		Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$2,023.05</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$1,446.00</u>	<u>\$160.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$3,312.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary 250 Club - #207			Caroline Visnovsky; Rosemary Trompak, Captain
St. Nicholas Parish	-	<u>\$ 175.00</u>	

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Thank you and may God reward your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary



Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen

Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Martha Loya; Helen Long; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Blanche Gubanich; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

St. Nicholas Croatian – Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 678-0870 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.

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Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

St. Nicholas Croatian Church, 3431 Superior Ave, Cleveland (SNC) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Adams, Assistant Priest

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary's Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish & St. Nicholas Croatian Parish)

WEEKEND LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday: 4 pm Great Vespers (SM) and 5 pm Divine Liturgy (SM)

Sunday: 9 am Matins (SM) and 10 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (HS) - 11 am Divine Liturgy (CATH) - 12 pm Divine Liturgy (SNC)

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM) and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (HS)

DAILY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

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.