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TODAY – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite of the PNCC.

OPENING HYMN

TO THEE WE COME, O LORD, OUR GOD

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
 Before Thine altar, Father
 Thou knowest best our yearning hearts.
 This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
 Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared, To
 serve Thee with devotion.

Be it with sweat of blood or tears, Or
 humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,
 Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 95:6-7)

V. Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us
 kneel before the Lord who made us.

R. For this is our God, whose people we are,
 God's well-intended flock

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
 to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
 be, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
 And peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God, and
 Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

You are seated at

the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH
 (Isaiah 6:1-22 -3-8)**

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with His glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook, and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
(Isaiah 43:3; 44:21)

V. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior. I have called you by name; you are Mine.

R. I have formed you to be a servant to Me; O Israel, by Me you shall never be forgotten.



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS (1 Corinthians 3-8,11)

Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that He was buried; that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one abnormally born, He appeared to me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
(2 Samuel 22:50)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Therefore will I proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (Luke 5:1-11)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

V. A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, He asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God,
Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God
from True God, begotten not made
Of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made
For us and for our salvation.
He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake, He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy,
Catholic and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE
(Psalm 138:2)

V. I bow low toward your holy temple; I praise you
name for your fidelity and love. For you have
exalted over all Your name and Your promise.

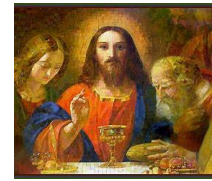
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Gracious Father, may we who place these gifts
before You count no sacrifice too great to make in
Your service. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus
Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



COMMUNION VERSE
(1 Samuel 3:9b)

V. If you are called, reply, "Speak Lord, for Your
servant is listening."



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the
Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly
present. I love You above all things and I long for
You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You
sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my
heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite
myself with You; may I never be separated from You.
Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord
and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Almighty Father, You gave Your Son
the power to perform signs and miracles. Through
the mystery of this Holy Eucharist, may we rejoice
with Him as we obey His Word. We ask this
through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE CALLING OF HIS FIRST CHOSEN

"[And] He [Jesus] went up the mountain and called
to Him, those whom He wanted, and they came to
Him. He appointed twelve, whom He also named
Apostles, to be with Him, and to be sent out to
proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast
out demons. So He appointed the twelve: Simon
whom He gave the name Peter ; James son of Zebedee
and John, the brother of James (to whom he gave the
name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder) and
Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and
Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus,
and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and
Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

- Mark 3:13-19

The life and times of Jesus,, continues to be told in today's Gospel as Jesus, the Messiah to the Jews and the Christ to the Gentiles, calls His first chosen.

As we conclude today, the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany, which is now referred to the first five Sundays in the Ordinary, we read that Jesus, chose twelve Apostles. From Andrew to Peter, from John and James, and eventually from Matthew to Nathanael as well as the others, He called the twelve, to follow Him. It is interesting that twelve Apostles has been said to represent the twelve tribes of Israel found in the Old Testament, from the book of Deuteronomy 27:12–13. It should also be noted that there were twelve precious stones decorating the new Jerusalem as found in the Book of Revelation 21:19.

But His calling of the twelve, began with a miracle witnessed by Peter, his brother Adnrew, and others. It is noted that Jesus was a teacher and not a fisherman and that Peter, his brother Andrew and their partners, John and James, the sons of Zebedee, made their livelihood by fishing and knew more about fishing than Jesus. But who was this man Jesus, who told Peter to “put out into the deep waters, and lower your nets for a catch?” We read that Peter and the others were cleaning their nets. They were finished for the day. But, yet, there was something in this man Jesus that caused Peter to say: “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at Your command, I will lower the nets.”

There are miracles that happen every day, and when a miracle takes place in the life of an individual, they come to know it is not just coincidence or “blind luck,” but are reminded that the Lord is very real and in their life. To be a “disciple of the Lord” is to first answer His call to “Come and follow Me.” Discipleship is much more than just attending Church on a Sunday. Discipleship “unto the Lord” becomes a way of life, where and when we walk with the Lord daily in prayer and private times, and seek wisdom, understanding, guidance and purpose. It is the putting on a ‘new self’ (Colossians 3:10); it is “putting on the Lord Jesus” (Romans 13:14); it is “letting this mind be in you as was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). To be a disciple of Jesus is to be transformed like Peter, who put his faith and belief in His Master and teacher. his “Rabboni”

The Lord calls upon each of us to bring the “good news” of the Gospel to those whom God would direct us to. There are many who are in need of hearing this “good news,” for we live in a world filled with confusion and chaos. Jesus not only called the twelve, but He calls to each of us. Let us be reminded today of these words of Jesus as found in John 15:16: “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go out and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”



THE PASSING OF THE TWELVE

What ever happened to the original “Twelve Apostles of Jesus?” In early Church history, we find very little written about the Apostles and mostly comes from tradition.

The message of the “Good News” of Jesus’ teachings, would later be expounded upon, through the Letters of St. Paul, who has been called the “Apostle to the Gentiles” as Peter was known as the “Apostle to the Jews.”

Of all the Original Twelve apostles of Jesus, the New Testament records the death of only two: **Judas Iscariot**, who either hanged himself or fell and burst open, as found in Acts and **James**, son of Zebedee and brother of **John**, whom Herod killed “with the sword” as we read in (Acts 12:2). And finally, the New Testament of Holy Bible has Jesus imply, in John 21:18-19, that Simon Peter will die by crucifixion, but no event is not recorded in the text.

The question is asked: how did the other Apostles die? While there is tradition, and a wide variety of local legends, some information comes from the writings of Eusebius of Caesare, a Greek Syro-Palestinian historian of Christianity, In about 314 AD, he also became the bishop of Caesarea Maritima in the Roman province of Syria Palaestina.

Below is a brief description of what history and traditions has to say about the Apostles,

Judas Iscariot: According to the Bible, he either committed suicide by hanging himself (Matthew

27:5) or fell down and exploded from within (Acts 1:18).

John son of Zebedee: Reportedly according to tradition, the only one to have died a natural death.

James, son of Zebedee: killed by King Herod as found in (Acts 12:2). The Bible gives no further information about his death, The fourth-century church historian **Eusebius** quoted an earlier lost work by **Clement of Alexandria**, which claimed that James' was so calm at his trial, converted one of his accusers .

Simon Peter: It is widely believed that Peter suffered crucifixion, as implied by Jesus in John 21:18-19. Tradition holds that this occurred in Rome, c. 67 AD, and is mentioned by second-century sources such as Tertullian, an African Bishop and the apocryphal Acts of Peter. The Acts of Peter claims that Peter accepted crucifixion willingly, Eusebius dismissed this book as heretical.

Andrew: Reportedly martyred by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross ("St. Andrew's cross"). According to legend, he taught a gathered crowd while on the cross and refused their offer to take him down. This information comes from the second-century Acts of Andrew, which Eusebius, the Christian historian also dismissed this book as heretical.

Philip: According to the fourth-century gnostic book of the Acts of Philip, Philip died after being hung upside-down with iron hooks through his ankles by the proconsul of Hierapolis. According to this book, before dying Philip cursed his enemies, causing seven thousand people to be suddenly swallowed up by an abyss. In return, Jesus appeared and rebuked Philip for "returning evil for evil" and told him that he would be admitted to Heaven, but only after being tortured outside its gates for forty days as punishment. Like Andrew, Philip allegedly refused a crowd's offer of rescue. The New Advent Catholic encyclopedia calls this work "purely legendary."

Bartholomew: According to the third-century schismatic bishop Hippolytus, he was crucified in Armenia A different tradition claims he was beheaded in India on the orders of King Astreges, who belonged to a demon-worshipping cult. Some traditions add that he was flayed alive before, or

instead of, suffering either of these two fates. The New Advent encyclopedia says the manner of his death is "uncertain" and adds that other than his name, "Nothing further is known of him".

Thomas: Tradition holds that he was sent to India to preach, where he was killed by being stabbed with a spear. This claim is made by local Indian Christians, and a gnostic works called the Acts of Thomas, which Eusebius dismissed as heretical as well as the Gospel according to Thomas found in 1945 in Egypt along with other works known as the Nag Hamadi collection.

Matthew: Catholic.org says, "Nothing definite is known about his later life", and it is even "uncertain whether he died a natural death or received the crown of martyrdom". The Christian History Institute says, "We have nothing but legend about Matthew's death." Even among those who do believe he was martyred, there is no evidence as to where. Another source says there is conflicting information about whether he was martyred in Egypt or in Persia. The manner of his death is unknown, and some churches even say he died a natural death

James, son of Alphaeus: There are several people named "James" in the New Testament and early Christian history, and it is uncertain which, if any, should be identified with this apostle. He is often identified with the "James the Less" mentioned in Mark 15:40 as the son of Mary and Clopas, which is fairly uncontroversial. However, the Catholic church also identifies him with James, the brother of Jesus, which is not widely accepted by Eastern Orthodox and Protestant churches. If this identification is correct, the Jewish historian Josephus says that James was stoned by the Pharisees and seconded by Hippolytus. However, other sources say that James, son of Alphaeus was martyred by crucifixion in Egypt.

Jude/ Thaddaeus: It has been said that he went with Simon to preach in Armenia, The Catholic Patron Saints Index says he was clubbed to death; however, the apocryphal Acts of Thaddeus says he died naturally. Still another account says he was crucified No additional information is given in the history of the church

Simon the Zealot: According to Catholic.org, and other Western traditions hold that Simon was martyred in Persia with Jude, by crucifixion, while Eastern tradition says he died naturally in Edessa. Other sources, give his place of death as Samaria (Israel), or Iberia (Spain), or Colchis (Georgia), or even Britain. Some sources dispute the crucifixion account and claim he was instead sawn in half.

Matthias: Chosen in Acts 1:21-26 to replace Judas Iscariot. According to the 14th-century historian Nicephorus, Matthias died by crucifixion in Colchis, in the modern nation of Georgia. Alternatively, the 17th-century historian Louis-Sébastien Le Nain de Tillemont says that he was stoned and then beheaded in Jerusalem.

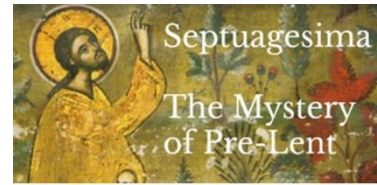


OUR PARISH CALENDAR
February 10th – February 16th

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours
 9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

- Mon. 2/10 **Private Prayer and Devotion**
 Scholastica, Virgin
 Soteris, Virgin and Martyr
 Austrebeta, Virgin
- Tue. 2/11 **Mass of Thanksgiving**
 Lucius of Adrianople, Bishop & M
 Gregory II of Rome, Bishop
 Paschal I of Rome, Bishop
- Wed. 2/12 **Mass of Health & Healing**
 Meletius of Antioch, Bishop
 Anthony Kauleas, Bishop
 Modestus of Sardinia, Doctor & Martyr
- Thurs. 2/13 **Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
 Titus, Bishop, NT
 Dorothy, Martyr
 Amand, Bishop
- Fri. 2/14 **Mass to the Holy Saints of God**
Valentine's Day - USA
 Valentine, Martyr
 Abraham of Carrhaw, Bishop
 Maro, Abbot

Sat. 2/15 **Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**
 Faustinus & Jovita, Martyrs
 Agape, Virgin & Martyr
 Walfrid, Abbot



NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

72nd Anniversary of the death of Prime Bishop
 Francis Hodur

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist in the
 Traditional Rite of the PNCC.

10:00 am – Monthly meeting of the Parish
 Committee



SAINT VALENTINE – FEBRUARY 14th

This Friday, February 14th, is Valentine's Day. Amid all the flowers and chocolate and gifts, the Church remembers St. Valentine, a Roman priest and martyr of the 3rd century. According to tradition he was condemned to death by Claudius II for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians who were being persecuted, both serious crimes. Given the choice of renouncing his faith or suffering death, St. Valentine was martyred by being beaten to death with clubs and beheaded of February 14th. An inscription bearing his name was found in a catacomb in Rome.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, let us please remember all our brothers and sisters, who are in need of the blessings of God for health and healing. Let us remember all our dear brothers and sisters who are in need of prayer.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illnessness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

**“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.”
- Matthew 25: 35.**

The next date for helping those in need will be held on **Saturday, February 15th**, from **10 am** while supplies last.

As we are in the winter months, again, we ask for the assistance of our parishioners and friends, if possible, in donating the following non-perishable food items that are used in our monthly food ministry.

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese
- Tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack packs



Collecting plastic tops

One of our dear parishioners, Maryanna Foster, who works closely with veterans, has asked for our help in collecting **white or clear plastic bottle tops** that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need. A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



Can Soda Tabs

We are also collecting tabs from soda cans that are then donated to aid the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled children. Please save your can soda tabs. There are containers that are located in our Parish vestibule for this purpose. Thank you for your help and may God bless.



BLESSING OF HOMES

I will continue this week to visit the homes of our parishioners for the traditional blessing with chalk. I will be placing calls this week for this blessing.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

At a meeting of the Eastern Diocesan M & E Commission, held recently, it was decided that beginning with Septuagesima Sunday, all parishes in our Diocese, would distribute Lenten collection boxes to parishioners. It should be noted that each parish will determine what charitable organization(s) they wish to donate all monies collected at the end of the Lenten season. Thank you.



**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

On Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon, during the month of February, a “call to prayer” the following two prayers are said.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the ways to salvation.

Let us Pray: Almighty and Eternal God, You desire that all should be saved. Enable those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Help them grasp the mystery of the Incarnation, so that they may come to know, love and serve Him and thus become faithful witnesses of His Gospel. We ask this in His Holy Name. Amen. +

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



**DISCIPLESHIP 2025:
KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST**

The Eastern Diocese will focus on
The Person of Jesus Christ,
His Identity and Mission.

Please join us for the second in a series of virtual
“Know and Grow” presentations on
Thursday February 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., will help us to
explore the topic:

Jesus: Fully Human and Fully Divine
Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point,
with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical
life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact

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~ *Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism
Commission*

A REFLECTION ON TODAY’S GOSPEL

**“My eyes have seen the King, the Lord of
hosts!” - Isaiah 6:5**

Jesus showed Saints Peter, James and John His transfigured glory, radiant beyond all measures (Matthew 17:1). He showed these same apostles His power over death in the raising of the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:37). Finally, He showed them His agony in the garden of Gethsemane at His approaching death.

Where Jesus shows us glory or suffering, He calls us to put out into the deep (Luke 5:4), to be not afraid (Luke 5:10) and to follow Him wherever He leads (Luke 9:23). It is up to the Lord, whether he lets us see majesty or suffering. It is up to us to receive His grace and say “Yes” to Jesus.

There is glory and grandeur in our life of faith. There are many tiny mustard seeds, small beginnings (Zechariah 4:10), crosses, rejections, persecutions and failures. Whether we are permitted to see things great or small, successes or failures, so much more are we called to rejoice and give our all to belong to the Body of Christ. We are richly blessed to serve Jesus in whichever way He calls us. Who are we that the Lord Jesus King of the Universe, would call us to such a noble task as to be fishers of men and women? (Luke 5:10). Answer His call. Catch people for Jesus.

Prayer: Father, I will be attentive to whatever You let me see. Grant me the grace to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

Promise: “Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.” - Luke 5:10.

Praise: Praise Jesus, the “Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25). In Him, we will be raised from the dead and live eternally. Alleluia, forever.