

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saints Bartholomew and Titus -- August 25th*



### *The Twelve Apostles: Timid Men Who Won the World*

It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive, in fact, it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true religion, of the Gospel way of life and future judgment, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men!

In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: The

weakness of God is stronger than men. That the preaching of these men was indeed divine is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed he turned these into a proof of the truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, the others fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied him!

It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of His power, they would not have risked so much.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"  
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

August 25, 2013  
The 14th Sunday

ON THIS WEEKEND some 50 million Ukrainians, both in Ukraine and around the world, will mark their Independence Day. It was in 1991, some 22 years ago, that the Soviet Union collapsed and the nations of this union became free. The People of Ukraine are now free, but the economy is struggling and times are tough. And so today we all pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine, even as we invite all of you to attend the Independence Day festivities at the Tryzub Facility in Horsham, PA. SLAVA UKRAINEE!

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SATURDAY: Lisa Judith, neonate girl of Michael and Karen (Tenenbaum) Maxim, New York City. We all pray that the Good Lord Almighty will bless this little angel, her parents and Grandparents with good health, much love and a strong Faith in God for many good years - NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

THE PARISH AUXILIARY will meet on Thursday, Sep. 5 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall to prepare for the fall Catering Ministry season. We are already scheduled to serve a big wedding reception on Sep. 14, so please come and be a part of this most important ministry.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, Sep. 5 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall to discuss our plans and programs for this fall and winter season. We ask and invite the following to serve on this advisory council: Joanna Timbario, Gina Plisiewicz, Joe Brown, Horace Hitchens, John Horulko, Nelia Naida, Borys Pawluk Sr., Julia Molinaro, Josie DeNolfi, Denise Daniels and Frank Katarynick.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF and Catechists will all meet on Wednesday, Sep. 11 in the Rectory at 6:30 pm. Our School Program is so very vital to our Parish and People that we must ask all our School personnel to gather and prepare for the coming school year.

REGISTRATION DAY for our Sunday School will be Sunday, Sep. 22 at 10 am. The First Day of classes will be Sunday, Sep. 29 at 10 am. All parish youth, from Preschool through Highschool, must attend this most important educational program!

BURIED ON SATURDAY: Caroline Glowa, 95, wife of the late John Glowa and mother of Eileen and Carie. Caroline (nee) Kozak was a faithful and pioneer parishioner, who loved the Lord and our Church. We all pray that the Lord will now take her home to heaven, VICHNA PAMYAT!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Parishioners  
Sunday, 9 am Health of Robert (The Fonock-Maruszczak Family)  
Thursday, 7 am +Lubomyr Tryciecky (The Davis Family)  
Friday, 7 am +Frank Bosak (Luke Kusek Jr.)  
Saturday, 8 am +Caroline Glowa (The Chavarria Family)  
Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful  
Sunday, 9 am +Oleh G. Pawluk (The Pawluk Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: O Faithful, let us glorify and adore the Word, Who with the Father and the Spirit has no beginning, and Who for our salvation was born of a Virgin. For He has deigned to ascend the Cross and suffer death and by His Resurrection He has raised up all the dead.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: Into hades You did descend, O Savior Almighty, destroying its gates. As our Creator You raised again with You all the dead. And so we cry out: "Save us, O Savior."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Inheritance.

*R. Ronald*