



St. Michael Youth Program

June 2016

Jesus said, "...Surely, I will be with you always..."

Home Discussion

During the month of June, we celebrate two Feasts: 1) **The Holy Ascension**, when Jesus was lifted up to Heaven, and 2) **Holy Pentecost**, (the "birthday of the Church") The Holy Apostles and teachers, after the Day of Pentecost, were inspired by the Holy Spirit to proclaim to all the nations: the good news of God's love and the forgiveness of sins.

Apostle: one who is sent. The Holy Apostles were given a mission: to spread the good news of the Gospel, to teach and to baptize in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Saint: one who is called by God to be holy and who chooses to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Book of Acts: Also known as "The Acts of the Holy Apostles" is read in the church after Easter as a letter (epistle) and was written by the Luke the Apostle. Luke recorded the working of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the Holy Apostles to proclaim the Gospel.

Calendar

June 5 - Sunday of the Blind Man - Jesus heals a man who was born blind and demonstrates his work as the Son of the Father, the Lord of the "new creation." [John 9:1-38]

Fast of the Holy Ascension (June 9) Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven following several appearances, promising to return, and commanded the Apostles to teach and baptize disciples. [Acts 1:1-12; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 24:36-53]

June 12 - Fathers of the First Council of the Church [John 17:1-13] The Apostles Creed, was first written by the Church Fathers at the Church's First Council.

June 19 - The Great Feast of Pentecost (Father's Day) [John 20:19-23] We celebrate the coming of The Holy Spirit who was sent by God the Father on the Holy Apostles.

June 26 - The Sunday of All Saints [Matthew 10: 32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30]

June 29 - Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul [Matthew 16:13-19] **Peter declares the Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God"** This Feast is the celebration of God's work through the Holy Apostles mission to world.

Memory Verse

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 6:33)

Prayer to a Patron Saint

Pray to God for me, O Holy Saint (name), well pleasing to God: for I turn to thee, who art the speedy helper and intercessor for my soul.

(Christians call upon the saints in prayer as they do family and friends because they know them as fellow members of God's great family of all ages.)

Activity

Have you memorized the Apostles Creed? Learn of much of it as you can and participate in saying it with everyone when attending the Liturgy.

Do you have an icon of your patron saint? If not, visit the Bookstore to find one.

Can you name the twelve Apostles?

Look up the patron saint of each family member and read about their life.

What qualities or actions do you admire most? How can the actions of your patron saint guide your daily life? Draw a picture of an important time in your patron saint's life.

Special Events

Vesperal Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Ascension - Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

The Great Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 19) [also Father's Day]

Vacation Bible School (VBS): **Monday-Friday, June 20-24; 8:30 a.m. to noon.**