



St. Michael Youth Program

June 2017

Seeking God's Kingdom and His Righteousness

Home Discussion

During the month of June, we remember the Holy Apostles who, 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 preach 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 11 - Sunday of All Saints [Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30]

Fast of the Holy Apostles (June 12-28) Following the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on Pentecost, they prepared for their missionary work with prayer and fasting

June 18 - (Father's Day) Jesus calls Simon Peter and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John saying "Follow me!"[Matthew 4:18-23]

June 25 - [Matthew 6:22-33] Jesus teaches the importance of not serving two masters, and to seek God's Kingdom

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

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (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

- Create or decorate your home icon prayer corner.
- 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

The last day of Church School Classes - **Sunday, June 11**
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Life Conference (July 5-9) - with Kid's Club; Teen Room; Bible Bowl (Friday, July 7, 7 p.m.)