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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.

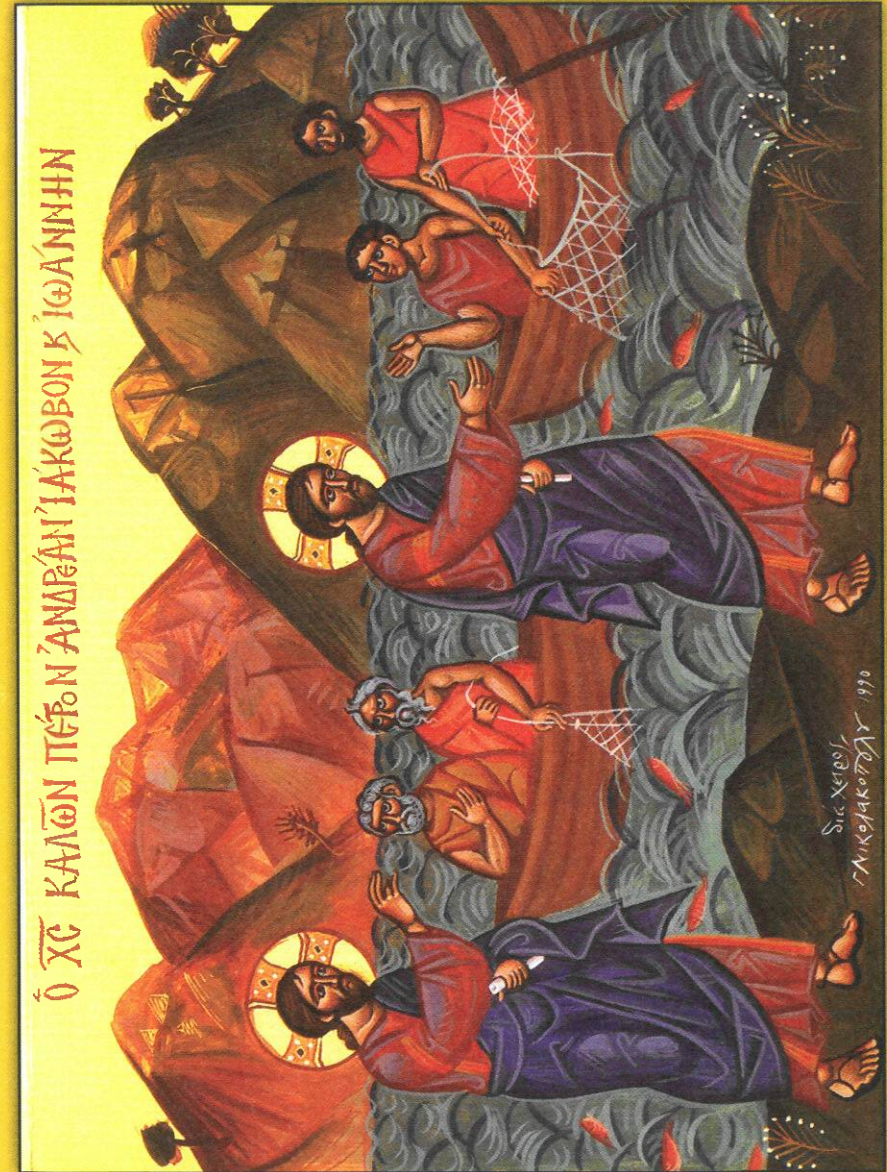
Just imagine the decision required of those fishermen on the shores of Lake Galilee. Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen, true, but they were businessmen. Perhaps even prosperous businessmen. Fish was a staple in the diet, and fishermen could often make a very good living. The brothers 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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the First Apostles

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE

The stone was sealed by the Jews, soldiers guarded Your most pure body! And You, O Saviour, arose on the third day granting life to the world. The heavenly powers acclaimed You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your majesty. Glory to Your plan of salvation. You alone love mankind Troparion, Resurrection Tone One.

You, being God, arose in glory from the grave, raising the world with You. Mankind praises You as God; Death reigns no more. Adam sings with exultation, O Lord; Eve freed from bondage cries joyfully: O Christ, it is You Who gives Resurrection to all! Kontakion, Resurrection Tone One.

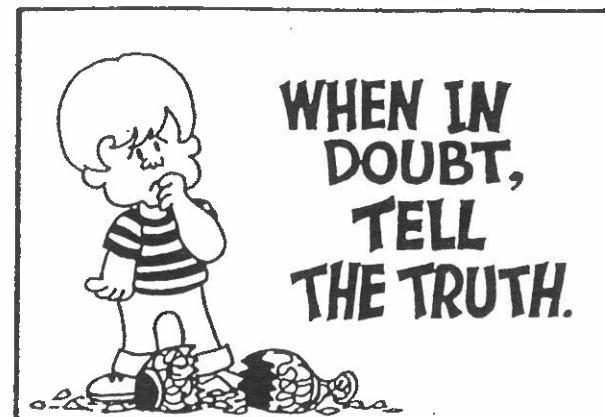
May Your kindness O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in You! Prokimenon, Resurrection Tone One.

Let us sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; He freely was crucified. He suffered and was buried for us; He arose from the dead. Let us all say: O Christ, confirm Your Church in the Orthodox faith. Give us Your peace. You are gracious and You love mankind Vesper Hymn, Tone One.

The prophecy of Isaiah has been fulfilled in you, o Virgin! You have given birth, and after birth you remained the same. The Lord born of you is God; He has renewed all creation. Do not reject the supplications we offer to you, O Mother of God. You have carried the compassionate Lord; have pity on those who come to You. Intercede for the salvation of our souls Vesper Hymn, Tone One.

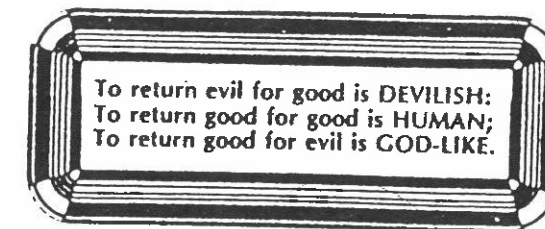
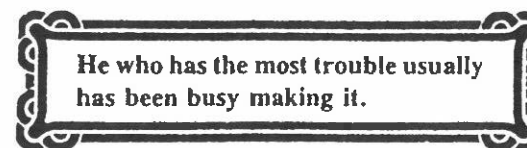
Let creation rejoice; let the heavens be glad. Let all people cheerfully clap their hands. Christ our Saviour has nailed our sins to His Cross. He has crushed death by His death. He has granted life to us by raising Adam; he alone loves mankind Vesper Hymn, Tone One.

Let us sing a hymn of praise to the Word. He is co-eternal with His Father. He was born of the Virgin in a wondrous way. He freely accepted crucifixion and death for us. He arose in glory. Let us all say: Glory to You, O Lord, Life-giver and Saviour of our souls! Vesper Hymn, Tone One.



Trouble is
only
Opportunity
in
work clothes.

- Amen.



BE A FRIEND IN DEED

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 1**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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June 19 – June 25, 2022

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. + **Charles Kostura** req. by cousin, John Kostura

Sunday

8:00 a.m. +**Helen Platko** req. by Sandra Rickert (at St. Mary)

10:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
livestreamed

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. +**Metro Cremo** req. by wife, Elizabeth

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. +**Michael Kovack** req. by Marie Wanchick

Thursday

8:00 a.m. +**John Malusky** req. by MM John Jones & Sons

Friday **Birth of John the Baptist** (Solemn Holy Day)

9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners** (at St. Mary)

6:00 p.m. **H&B John & Terry Ammon** req. by Family

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p.m. +**Jeanette Lohin** req. by The Holly Family

Epistle Readers: 6/4 – Marie Wanchick; 6/5 – Ellen Sinkovich; 6/11 – Dolores Kramer; 6/12 – Laura Mitchell; 6/18 – Gail Burgess; 6/19 – Judy Kostura; 6/24 – Ellen Sinkovich; 6/25 – Dolores Kramer; 6/26 – Paulette Murphy; 6/29 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/2 – Marie Wanchick; 7/3 – Jannifer Keer. (If you cannot be present for any time, kindly contact another reader to cover for you).

Candle Offering: Mother of God; Jesus Christ; and the Sacramental Table for the Intention of the Quandel Family

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What Is left behind IN discipleship.

anonymous: Notice that Peter and Andrew are said to have left behind their nets, whereas James and John their father and a vessel. There are generally three things that each person who comes to Christ should leave behind: acts of the flesh, material goods, parents in the flesh. By leaving behind the fishing nets means leaving behind acts of the flesh; by leaving behind the vessel means material goods; by leaving behind their father, all parents. And notice that first they leave behind their nets, then their vessel and, third, their father. It is appropriate to leave behind worldly acts first, for they are particularly harmful to spiritual things. Second, worldly goods, for it is not as harmful to have something in the world as to do some act, though also to have is harmful. Last, one's parents, for they too can be harmful, though less harmful than the riches and actions of this world. So they left behind their vessel, that they might become helmsmen of the church's vessel; they left behind their nets, that they might no longer bring fish to the earthly city but people to the heavenly city; and they left behind a father, that they might become the parents of all spiritual beings.

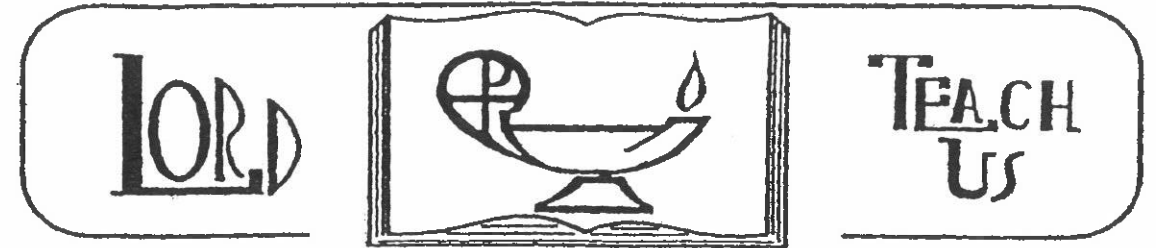
Incomplete work on Matthew, Homily 7.

JESUS CHOOSES THEM FOR WHAT THEY CAN BECOME.

ANONYMOUS: Before he says or does anything, he calls the apostles so nothing may be concealed from them as to Christ's words or works and they may later say in confidence; "For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." He sees them not bodily but spiritually, regarding not their appearance but their hearts. And he chooses them not as apostles but because they could become apostles. Just as an artist who sees precious, and not rough-hewn, stones chooses them—not because of what they are but because of what they can become. Like the sensitive artist who does not spurn the unshaped good—so too the Lord, upon seeing them, does not choose their works but their hearts. INCOMPLETE WORK ON MATTHEW, HOMILY

Did You Know That ...

- ...true worship acknowledges God's true worth?
- ...the honest man takes pain to do the right thing and enjoys the pleasure of a good conscience; while the fool takes pleasure and then suffers pain?
- ...he who travels far to marry will deceive or be deceived?
- ...a pure heart enables us to see God in everything?
- ...we have only one life which soon will pass so only what is done for Christ will last?
- ...God's great power deserves our grateful praise and worship?
- ...problems are opportunities to discover God's solutions?
- ...to believe in heaven without hell is like believing in good without evil?
- ...to see yourself as you really are, take one good look at Christ?
- ...there is no education like adversity?
- ...as we grow more Christ-like, we grow more beautiful?
- ...the heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of?
- ...salvation is what we receive, not what we achieve?
- ...if we are too busy to pray, we are too busy?
- ...servants of Christ must be masters of themselves?
- ...time spent alone with God can ease the pain of loneliness?
- ...if you wish to learn the value of money, try to borrow some?
- ...necessity never made a good bargain?



In Times Of Temptation

What a wretched man am I! Who can free me from this body under the power of death? All praise to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So with my mind I serve the law of God but with my flesh the law of sin Romans 7: 24, 25.

No test has been sent to you that does not come to all men. Besides, God keeps his promise. He will not let you be tested beyond your strength. Along with the test he will give you a way out of it so that you may be able to endure it 1 Corinthians 10: 13.

My point is that you should live in accord with the spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh Galatians 5: 16.

Since he himself was tested through what he suffered he is able to help those who are tempted Hebrews 2: 18.

The Lord indeed knows how to rescue devout men from trial, and how to continue the punishment of the wicked up to the day of judgment 2 Peter 2:9.

You are of God, you little ones, and thus you have conquered the false prophets. For there is One greater in you than there is in the world 1 John 4: 4.

My brothers, count it pure joy when you are involved in every sort of trial. Realize when your faith is tested this makes for endurance James 1: 2, 3.

This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. Sin will no longer have power over you; you are now under grace, not under sin Romans 6: 6, 14.