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*Happy 2nd
Anniversary
Holy Apostles
Mission!
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"Thy began uttering strange doctrines in strange words, strange teachings of the Holy Trinity."

- Vespers of Pentecost Stikhera

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ: *Christ is in our Midst!*

In the Kneeling Vespers service of Pentecost, the first stikhera verse of the "Lord I call..." mentions these words. We know that at the time, these strange words referred to the multiple languages the Apostles were able to communicate each to a given person of that dialect. But today, this verse can mean something else.

I cannot help but monitor where Christianity as a whole has been headed in recent years, and how watered down things have become to some. Basic beliefs of the faith are often optional, if even given any credibility at all. And then the Orthodox show up. Preaching the *same* thing. Confessing the *same* thing. Doing the *same* thing. To the world our witness must seem to be "strange words," and certainly "strange teachings on the Trinity" (just ask the "new-ager" I once met in a bookstore...). But that is O.K. The Apostles were thought to be drunk at first glance, but in only 300 or so years, these simple and humble fishermen's preaching brought the mighty Roman empire to its knees. Such is the result of commitment and faith!

Our commitment to Christ and His Church must be the same as that of the Apostles; to be able to go out and fearlessly proclaim the message of the Resurrection to a world that was not ready to accept it—and now, a world that at one time accepted it and now even openly rejects it! Sometimes I feel that working with a "clean slate" might have been easier. Either way, this is our common purpose and goal, the salvation of all of mankind. Especially at our Mission in which our Heavenly Patrons are those blessed Twelve who did just that - even to the extent that all of them were martyred, save one! By their prayers may we all be strengthened as we enter into our third year of founding, to speak these Divine Teachings to the world around us and draw it into the Lord's net.

With love and God's blessing,



Our Mission @ a glance:

Orthodoxy 101 Class: Our popular adult class will resume formally in the fall. Father still meets on an individual basis with inquirers. The group decided to take the summer off due to other commitments and obligations. Please stay tuned for more details after the summer recess.

Congratulations and Many Years to Sally Anne Marasco who was officially received into the Catechumenate of the Orthodox Church on Sunday, May 14, before the Divine Liturgy. Let us the faithful pray for her, that the Lord will in due time, unite her to His Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church - May God grant her MANY YEARS!

In honor of our Mothers this past Mother's Day, our Mission donated special Mother's Day cards to the local YWCA of Harrisburg. With this gift, 10 mothers and their families were given lodging and a meal off the street for the night. We also plan a similar gesture this month in honor of Father's Day.

Mechanicsburg Jubilee Day: Mechanicsburg's annual Jubilee Day is this coming June 15, all day. Since it is the largest one-day street fair on the east coast, we have decided to have a booth and let people know who we are! Anyone interested in helping with this event please contact Linda Kurtz or Fr. Tim.

The Monthly Mission Council Meeting will be held Thursday, June 22, at the **Petrosky Residence** at 7:00 pm. Everyone in the parish community is invited to attend and to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church

Summer Time Change/Church School: Please note that starting June 4, our parish will begin the summer schedule of services. Church School will be on recess until the fall, and the Divine Liturgy will begin at **9:00 am**.

Property decision: At a recent All-parish meeting, our parish decided to move forward in pursuing a piece of real estate that we have been looking into

for the past few months. We voted to take the initial steps to see if this property would be capable of sustaining our growing community. Stay posted for updates in forthcoming newsletters.

Parish Pizza Hut Outing! On Pentecost Sunday, June 11, following the Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Vespers, we will be having a parish outing at a local Pizza Hut where a portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit our parish!

Sts. Peter & Paul Fast: A reminder, that while the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are about to begin—with all the barbecues, baseball game hotdogs and the like, the Church enters the short, yet important Apostles' Fast. Beginning on June 19, and ending at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on June 29, the Apostles' Fast is the oldest fast in the Church! Especially as they are our Heavenly Patrons, let us strive to keep this fast in their honor all the while striving to better ourselves spiritually.

Happy Anniversary Holy Apostles Mission! This June 22, our Mission celebrates its second anniversary! Let us give thanks to God for all of His blessings, and look forward to continuing to build up the Body of Christ here in Mechanicsburg.







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Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Pentecost</p> <p>When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit!</p>				1 Ascension of our Lord	2	3 Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, Litya, Panakhida & Confessions 6pm
4 TONE 6 Festal Divine Liturgy & Moliben 9:00am w/Fellowship following Altar Server Team #2	5 Note the Summer time change!	6 Orthodox/ Catholic Meeting 12 Noon in Harrisburg	7	8	9	10 Memorial Saturday Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, Litya & Confessions 6pm
11 Pentecost Festal Divine Liturgy & Vespers of Pentecost 9:00am w/Fellowship following Altar Server Team #1	12 Pizza Hut Fundraiser following Services!!!	13	14 Fr. Tim's Birthday ☺☺☺	15 Mechanicsburg Jubilee Day 8am-9pm	16	17 Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm
FAST FREE WEEK!!!						
18 TONE 8 All Saints Father's Day Divine Liturgy 9:00am & Fellowship following Altar Server Team #2	19 Beginning of the Apostles Fast	20 Second Anniversary of Holy Apostles Mission!	21	22 Mission Council Meeting 7pm @ the Petrosky Residence	23	24 Nativity of the Baptist Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, Litya & Confessions 6pm
25 TONE 1 All Saints of North America Divine Liturgy 9:00am & Fellowship following Altar Server Team #1	26	27	28	29 Sts. Peter & Paul 	30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Our Patronal Feast Day!	



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Prayers for the newly Departed:

Daniel Medill (+4/24), Jaroslav Pelikan (+5/13)

If anyone has any additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.