

The 4th Sunday of the Holy Resurrection

April 30, 2023



“Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish...”

(Jn 21:13)

Divine Liturgy
Sunday at 4:30 pm
St Andrew Church
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From our Pastor...

The miraculous catch brings us back to the time when Jesus first called Peter and the Apostles: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to be fishers of men" (Mt. 4:19). In this Gospel, it seems as if Peter and his friends, in their confusion, reverted to what they knew best: "I am going fishing..." "We will go with you" (Jn. 21:3). Nevertheless, even though they were skilled fishermen, their nets remained empty.

When Jesus calls us for a mission, that is the place where we will flourish. Perhaps it might make sense for us to revert to our old and trodden paths, yet our efforts will be wasted in vain. Only by following Jesus will we bear fruit.

Fr. Jacques

Saint of the week: St George

George, whose name in Greek means "farmer," was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor started persecuting Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded, offering his blood for Christ. Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today.

St George, the glorious warrior and martyr, is considered the patron saint of knights, soldiers, scouts, fencers and archers, among others; he is also invoked against the plague and leprosy, and against venomous snakes. His feast is on April 23rd.

May his prayers be with us, amen!



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First Reading: Hebrews 13:18-25

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

The Gospel: John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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