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OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Sunday, June 16;

First Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Sunday



All Saints Sunday

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish all fathers a blessed and peaceful day.

Our annual
Parish
BBQ will take
place on the last
Sunday of June
(30th) after
Liturgy as usual.



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All Saints Sunday continued...

Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p. 131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

Saint Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to Saint Peter's five categories. The list of Saint Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which

encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honoured whenever the Feast of All

Who is your favourite saint (or patron saint)?



The saints can inspire us to live holy lives. But how does one find a favourite or patron Saint? I (Fr. Bo) recommend becoming familiar with the lives of all sorts of saints, and then choosing the one(s) that most inspire or challenge you. You can read the lives of many saints in great books such as "The Lives of the Saints", the "Prolouge of Ohrid" and the "Synaxarion" which are all great sources of the hagiographies (stories of the lives of saints) of Eastern Saints. Western Saints are awesome too, check out other sources like "Butler's" lives of the Saints. A good and free source of hagiographies is the internet (not all sites are equal though, use your good judgement). Sites like the OCA.org (Orthodox Church of America) have a great collection of easy to read stories. You can also search for free online texts such as the "Prolouge of Ohrid".

There are literally thousands of saints of every kind, from old men and women, to children. From wise Spiritual Directors, to Fools for Christ. From Martyrs to joyful Unmercenaries. Ancient saints and modern day ones.

Once you are inspired by the story of one of the Saints, do some extra reading. Many books will tell you in great detail about their struggles and victories. Some of the saints wrote prolifically and perhaps have some words that will truly inspire you to follow in their holy steps. Why stop at one? Consider having a bunch of favourites. All Saints would be happy to help you grow closer to God.

2019 Clergy Retreat

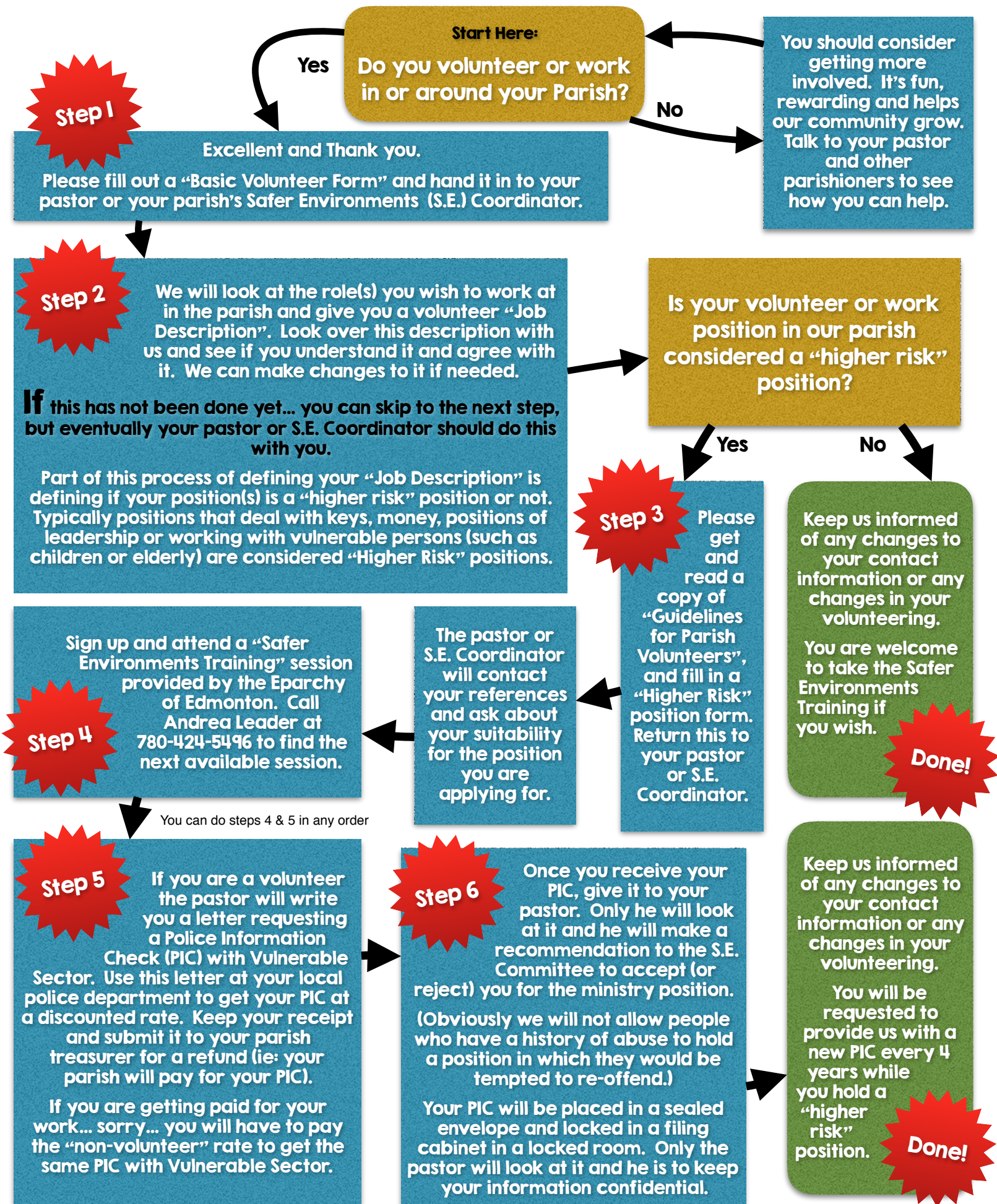
Thank you for your prayers as the clergy & seminarians of the Edmonton Eparchy gathered in retreat this past week.

Our retreat master was Fr. Roman Dusanowskyj from Sydney, NS.

Here are some photos that were taken. To see them in colour, look at our online bulletin at: www.dormition.eeparchy.com



Fr. Bo's "Working Together for Safer Environments" Flow Chart:



News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Jean Miskiw, Helen Moneta, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Stella Dronyk, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Annie Polack, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos.** (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Rosemary Wolchansky, James McKinnon and Ann Horseman** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you all many years!
- If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with the corrected birthdate and your name.
- **The Annual "Aid to the Missionary Church in the World" collection** is taken up throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton on Pentecost Sunday. If you missed it, but you would still like to contribute please do.

- **Liturgical Singing with Namisha** is over till the fall. Thanks to all who participated.
- **"Called to be Holy" Men's Retreat** - Nov 1 & 2. See eeparchy.com for details
- **"Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe"** Mexico City November 9-16, 2019. For more information call or email: Maria Blomme at 403-724-6084 maria.blomme@ama.ab.ca or Iris Semeniuk at 780-436-9248 iesemeniuk@icloud.com.
- For information about **Camp St. Basil's Summer camp** please go to <http://stbasilschurch.com/camp-st-basil.html>
- For information about the **Eparchial Acolite Camp** please contact Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM Telephone: (780) 434 8010, frjot@telus.net, Elizabeth Dokken e.dokken@icloud.com, Greg Zacharko waterboyz1@outlook.com, or Walter Kowalchuk walterk@mac.com
- On July 7th, the Melkite Liturgy will be celebrated at 1pm.



It's TIME to unplug the kids...
...maybe the whole family!

Info & Registrations at
CampOselia.com

Teen Camp

Family Camp

Elementary Camp

Mixed Camp

Jr. High Camp

June 30 - July 2

July 2 - July 6

July 14 - July 19

July 21 - July 26

July 28 - Aug. 2



**Camp
Oselia**



**Camp Oselia's
Pink Flamingo
Fundraiser**
Flamingo Week June 24-28

How does this fundraiser work?

On each day of the week, from June 24th to the 28th (Flamingo Week), we will randomly draw an entry from our draw barrel and go and put our wacky flock of flamingoes on somebody's lawn for the day.

You can enter all of your Edmonton and area friends, family, neighbours, co-workers, even businesses into our draw barrel for only \$2 each at **CampOselia.com**. That's it. We will send your nominated people an email letting them know that you have personally and lovingly "Flamingoed" them.

The people whom you have "flamingoed", of course, will have the opportunity to return the favour by "flamingoing" you back... and perhaps others might nominate you too. Therefore we suggest you purchase a \$20 "Anti-Pink-Flamingo" insurance policy if you want to keep your front lawn flamingo free.

All the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards making Camp Oselia the greatest, most exciting, safest, and coolest camp in the world!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 16 All Saints Sunday Father's Day 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy | 17 🐟 Beginning of the Apostles Fast 6pm Eparchial Youth Commission Meeting Rosemary Wolchansky's Birthday Lot's of Camp things happening all week | 18 Lot's of Camp things happening all week | 19 🐟 No Prayers nor Bible Study Lot's of Camp things happening all week | 20 🍷* 10am Meeting at Eparchial Pastoral Centre 4pm Eparchial Catechetical Commission meeting Camp Oselia Society Meeting Lot's of Camp things happening all week James McKinnon's Birthday | 21 🐟🍷 Ann Horseman's Birthday Lot's of Camp things happening all week Melkite Youth Gathering. Youth from Dormition welcome. | 22 🍷 Lot's of Camp things happening all week |
| 23 10 am Divine Liturgy Panachyda for + Mykola Suliatskiy (Luba Genyk's father) 2 years, after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy | 24 🐟 Pink Flamingo week  | 25 Pink Flamingo week  | 26 🐟 Pink Flamingo week Cheryl Moneta's Birthday 7pm Meeting | 27 🍷 Pink Flamingo week | 28 🐟🍷 Pink Flamingo week Last day of School | 29 🍷 Feast of St. Peter and Paul Camp Oselia Setup |
| 30 10 am Divine Liturgy Our Parish's Spring BBQ / Picnic after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy  Melkite Youth overnight at Dormition | 1 Canada Day  Melkite Youth overnight finishing | 2  &  John Sokolowski's Birthday | 3  | 4 🍷  | 5 🐟🍷  Bill Shostak's Birthday Possible Melkite Youth Gathering. Youth from Dormition welcome. | 6 🍷🍷*  |
| 7 10 am Divine Liturgy 1 pm Melkite Liturgy Ivan Genyk's, Andrea Kluck's and Darlene Pluto's Birthdays | 8 Camp Oselia Counsellor Training Peter Woitas' Birthday | 9 Camp Oselia Counsellor Training | 10 Camp Oselia Counsellor Training 7:00 Parish Council Meeting | 11 🍷 Camp Oselia Counsellor Training | 12 🐟🍷 | 13 🍷🍷 |
| 14 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy  | 15  Sophia Gerace's Birthday | 16  | 17  Rosemary Wolchansky's Birthday | 18 🍷  | 19 🐟🍷  | 20 🍷🍷* Dianne Kwas' Birthday |
| 21 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy  | 22  Marge Woitas' Birthday | 23  | 24  John Puto's & Fr. Bo's Birthdays | 25 🍷🍷  | 26 🐟🍷  | 27 🍷* Fr. Bo away for family Reunion |

Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

Troparion, Tone 8: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 4: Clothed as in purple and fine linen* with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world,* Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God:* send down Your loving-kindness on Your people;* grant peace to Your community,* and to our souls great mercy.

+ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: O Lord, Master of nature,* the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first-fruits of nature.* By their supplications, through the Mother of God,* preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace,* O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8

Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75:12,2)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Tone 4

verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of their afflictions.

verse: The afflictions of the just are many, and out of them all will the Lord deliver them. (Psalm 33:18,20)

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

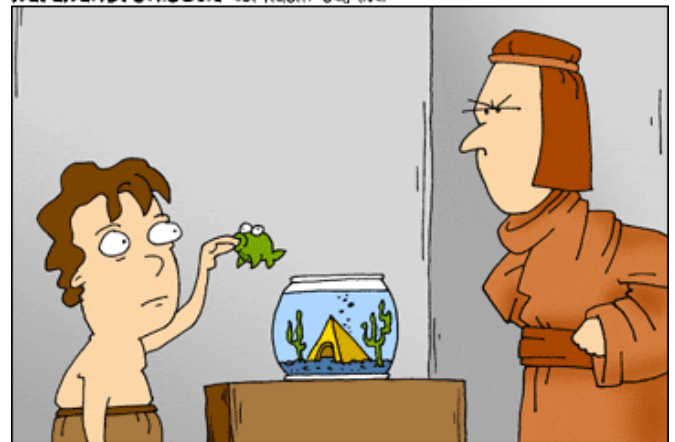
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:1) Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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Thanks to Brian Hockett (See Jonah 1-4)

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THE FIRST TIME JONAH DISOBEYED