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**COME
AND
ABIDE
IN
US**

SUNDAY/JUNE 15th
PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with
Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hour
4:00p.m. Memorial at Parish Cemetery

MONDAY/JUNE 16th
Day of the Holy Spirit

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church
in Manville on their Patronal Day

TUESDAY/JUNE 17th
7:00p.m. Compline

7:30p.m. Adult Study Class:

The Message of the Emerging Church Movement
– An Orthodox View

SATURDAY/JUNE 21st
Leave-Taking of Pentecost

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Holy Trinity;
Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 22nd
Sunday of All Saints (Tone 8)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question/Answer Period

Fast-free Week: June 15-21

We do not fast on any day this week.

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent: June 23-28

Is of 6 days duration this year. The later Pascha
is, the shorter the lent. A fast is observed from
meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil.

Each of the Four Lents of the Year are
appropriate times for receiving the Mysteries of
Confession & Communion

**Contemplation – the Descent of God the
Holy Spirit upon the Apostles**

How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.

*How, suddenly there came a sound from heaven
as a rushing mighty wind.*

*How there appeared fiery tongues over the
Apostles, one on each of them.*

*How the Apostles were filled with the Holy
Spirit and began so speak in various tongues as
the Holy Spirit have them utterance.*

*How all men wondered and marveled, hearing
the Apostles speak in different tongues.*

*How some mocked them saying: "They have had
too much new wine" (Acts 2:13).*

*How the small are made great by God the Holy
Spirit.*

How the fearful are made fearless by Him.

How He makes simple wise.

How He makes the inarticulate eloquent.

*How, from fishermen, He makes fishers of men
for the Kingdom of God.*

*How, from shepherds of an irrational flock, He
makes shepherds of rational flock.*

*How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit,
traveled throughout the world without means
and without friends.*

Appropriate Summer Dress for church

Summer may be a "laid-back" time but we must always dress honorably for **all** church services. If coming from a leisure event, have a change of clothes in your auto.

In general inappropriate clothing would be

- the wearing of shorts (okay for pre-teen children);
- blue jeans of any style or make;
- tank tops, sleeveless shirts or blouses
- T shirts with any writing, logo or graphics;
- Sneakers;
- Tight or revealing clothing;
- Exposure of any body piercings.
- Fashionable clothing drawing attention.

June Adult Study Classes – Tuesdays,

7:30-8:30p.m. in Conference Room

Presentations open to the public.

June 17th: *"The Message of the Emerging Church Movement – An Orthodox View"*

June 24th: *"On Spiritual Life in the Church – The Encyclical of the Holy Synod of the OCA"*

Flowers from your garden

Are welcome to add beauty and perhaps fragrance at the divine service. Vases are in coat room.

Vacation Planning – Orthodox Churches

An online directory of churches in North America on the site: Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.org

Parish Picnic Date – Sunday, July 20th

At the Picnic Grounds in New Brunswick. Please mark the date on your calendar. More information will be forth-coming. Be sure to invite family members and former parishioners.

Namesday Greetings

St. Augustine/June 15: Austin Kachek; Many Blessed Years!

Congratulations!

To all fathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law and godfathers, on the "civil" holiday today.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

June 15, 1959 Leon Martinchuk
June 15, 1973 Maksym Yadlowsky
June 16, 1953 Olga Pawlik
June 17, 1977 David Kloss
June 18, 2002 Irene Marmarinos
June 19, 2006 John Makovsky
June 19, 1929 Anna Vozny
June 19, 1939 Maria Kosovan
June 19, 1939 Michael Kosovan
June 20, 1954 Peter Kulina
June 20, 1997 Susan Smith
June 21, 1960 Chariton Cimpko
June 21, 1975 Jerome Wilhousky



A Hand-Painted Icon of All Saints of America has been commissioned

This Icon being written by Austin Kachek will have all 12 Saints of the America depicted. It will be a beautiful large icon to honor our saints.

The feast day of the American Saints this year is June 29th.

Contributions are sought, mark an envelope "American Saints Icon." It would be wonderful if all of our parishioners offered something. The cost of the icon is \$1,250. Offerings of \$200, \$200, and \$100 have been received.

Ss. Peter & Paul Day – Sunday, June 29th

On our patronal feast day a luncheon will be held. If you wish to bring some food dish, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

Church Cleaning this June Month

After Pascha, wax on the pews and carpeting needs to be removed and hanging lampadki cleaned. Please offer to help, speak with Protodeacon Paul or Peter Bakaletz.

June OCA Seminary Appeal

You are asked to use your Seminary Envelope. The Parish Council will directly send the funds – by passing the Central Church Administration – directly on a rotating basis to one of our 3 OCA Seminaries. We need to support theological education.

Offerings for the week of June 15th

Olive Oil - in memory of Emilia; in memory of Joan; in memory of Michael; for the health of Vaschen; for the health Matthew, Leigh, Katie and Alex (graduation).

Wine - for the health of Justina; for forgiveness and salvation of Gabriela-Antoaneta.

Church School Year of 2007-2008 Completed

Appreciation is extended to Protodeacon Paul Sokol, Anastasia Kita, Theodora Combs, and Jill Peterson for their ministry of teaching in these past months. May the Lord bless you and the plantings you have put into the minds and souls of your students.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- is God, the third person of the Holy Trinity;
- proceeds from the Father;
- is sent into the world by Jesus Christ;
- inspires God's People to speak God's Truth and to do His will; and
- is the giver of life who upholds and sustains creation in its existence, life and growth.

Fifty days after His resurrection, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples.



WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him or knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you.

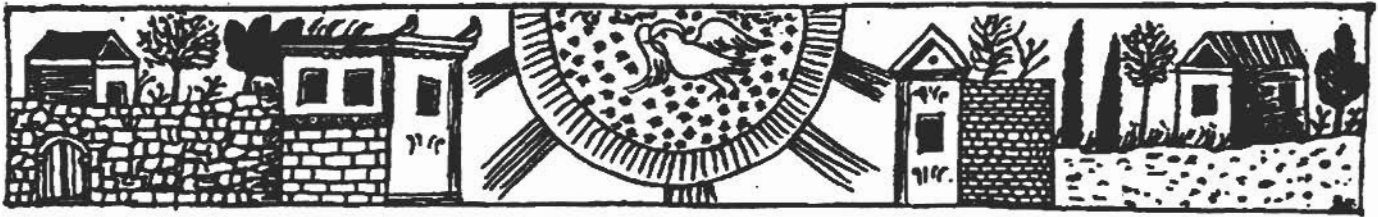
—John 14:16-17

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

—John 14:26

When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the Truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

—John 16:13-15



PENTECOST – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

The tenth day after the Ascension of Jesus Christ was the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. It was the Jews' great feast of Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

All the Apostles, the Mother of God, and the other disciples of Christ and other of the faithful, were all together in one room in Jerusalem. It was the third hour of the day by the Hebrew reckoning of hours, according to our system – nine o'clock in the morning. Suddenly a sound came from Heaven, like a rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. There descended on them tongues that looked like fire, which rested on each one of them. There were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, previously unknown to them. Thus the Holy Spirit, according to the promise of the Savior, descended on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, as a sign that He gave the apostles the ability and zeal to preach the teachings of Christ to all peoples. He descended in the form of fire as a sign of the power to cleanse sins, to sanctify and warm souls.

On the occasion of the feast of Pentecost, there were in Jerusalem many Jews who had come from various nations. Hearing the noise, a great multitude of people came together around the house where the disciples of Christ were. They were all bewildered and asked each other, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? How are they able to tell in our languages the mighty works of God?" In disbelief they said, "They are filled with new wine." Then the Apostle Peter, standing with the eleven, said that they were not drunk, but that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them, that it has been prophesied by the Prophet Joel, and that Jesus Christ, Whom the Jews had crucified, had risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven and poured out on them the Holy Spirit. Finishing this sermon about Jesus Christ, the Apostle Peter said, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, Whom you crucified."

The sermon of Peter so moved those who heard it that many more believed in Jesus Christ. They

asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then you shall also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." So those who believed in Christ readily accepted baptism, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Thus began the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church of Christ.

From the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit the Christian faith quickly spread with the help of God, and the number of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ multiplied. Instructed by the Holy Spirit, the apostles preached boldly to all about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, about His suffering for us and resurrection from the dead. The Lord helped them with many great miracles which were performed by the apostles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. At first the apostles preached to the Jews, and then dispersed to various countries to preach to all the people. To perform the sacraments and to preach Christianity the apostles established, by the laying on of hands, bishops, presbyters, and deacons. This grace of the Holy Spirit, which was clearly conferred on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, is now conferred in our Holy Orthodox Church invisibly in its sacraments, through the successors to the apostles, the pastors of the Church, its bishops and priests.



Troparion – tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Kontakion – tone 8

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!

Dear Friends,
Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!

Well, we have come to the close of another academic year here at St Tikhon's Seminary. Three years down, and two to go. Time here seems to be flying, but so much is being packed into each year we feel like our heads are spinning sometimes. We must ask for your forgiveness, as our letters were not as frequent as we would have liked them to be. This year has been the most eventful, busy, stressful, and blessed year yet at seminary.

As you may know our son, Justin Alexis was born on July 18th 2007. Shortly after he was born we moved to a house closer to the seminary and more accommodating for our family. For the first two years at seminary we lived in a very small apartment with no yard, directly on Main Street. From the first day we wanted to move, but financial limitations did not allow us to do so. However, this year we were able to move and are very happy. Although the rent is more expensive than what we were paying, in all other respects, it is a much better situation.

The school year started off with a bang. I was given two days notice that I would be ordained to the Diaconate on October 14th, which was Founders Day at St Tikhon's. Although we are here to follow the Lord's call to the priesthood, it was a sobering surprise to receive the phone call telling me to get ready for ordination. Serving at St Tikhon's Monastery Church this past year has been an amazing blessing.

Another joyous event has happened to us this year. My sister, Tamra, was chrismated into the Church on Palm Sunday of this year. She had been interested in Orthodoxy for the last few years, but never made the first step. This year she came for a visit and made the choice once and for all. She moved here from Florida to spend some time with us and to be catechized here. We are so thankful to God for allowing her to enter His Holy Church. While living here, she met a good friend of ours here at the seminary. Now they are engaged and are going to be married in July of this year. Glory to God!

I am still working at St Tikhon's Bookstore, where I will take over this summer as store manager. This is a blessing as I feel I can have a part in bettering the operation of the Bookstore and thus benefit the Monastery and the Seminary. However, I am a little nervous as to how I will be able to balance being a husband, a father of three, a deacon, a full-time student, and now a full-time store manager. It will definitely be a struggle and a time to practice balancing all that parish life will bring. Please don't forget me in your prayers.

Even though we didn't write much this year, we never forgot you in our prayers. Being at seminary would not be possible without your generous support and prayers. As the dean of St Tikhon's Seminary, Fr Michael Dahulich says, you are providing a way for the Church to have another priest. And when a seminarian is ordained and gets a parish, he will forever remember at the Divine Liturgy, those who were his benefactors and who were kind to him. I thank you as always from the bottom of my heart, and ask that you continue to pray for my family and for me.

In Christ,

Dn. Joseph McCartney

