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SUNDAY/JUNE 7

PENTECOST – TRINITY SUNDAY

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts" of the Year)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy;
followed by Vespers with Prayers of Kneeling;
Coffee Hour

4:00p.m. Memorial Service at
Parish Cemetery

MONDAY/JUNE 8

Day of the Holy Spirit

St. John of Kronstadt

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. Compline

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Martyrs of China

9:30a.m. Akathist to Martyrs
6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class:
"Christ the Sender of the Spirit"
Part I: The Grace of Pentecost

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Leave-Taking of Pentecost

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Church Open 12:00-2:00p.m.

***This is a Fast-Free Week,
We do not fast on Wed. or Fri.***



New Birth

The Service of Kneeling, which is the Vespers of the Monday of the Holy Spirit, is one of the most solemn acts of worship during the whole liturgical year. During this service on the day of Pentecost we glorify God by recounting His great acts of salvation in history. We solemnly kneel before God recognizing our sinfulness and we earnestly implore Him for forgiveness. We pray for God's visitation, protection, and renewal through fresh outpourings of the Spirit. We sing triumphantly: "Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders!"

Today all nations beheld wondrous things in the city of David when the Holy Spirit came down in tongues of fire, as Luke the divine author has clearly told...

The Holy Spirit is light and life and a living source of knowledge, Spirit of wisdom, Spirit of understanding, righteous, just, perceptive, ruling, and cleansing from offenses, God and godlike, fire produced from fire, speaking, working, and distributing gifts...



Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 08, 1976 Nadzhda Soroka
June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla
June 11, 1953 Chariton Mishalenko
June 12, 1979 Nadezhda Lebedz
June 14, 1978 Anna Williams

Those Wishing for instructions on Holy Confession & Holy Communion

Are asked to speak with Fr. James. A small class, meeting for 2 or 3 times will be held. This class is designed especially for those who wish to learn why and how to make a Confession and perhaps have never done so. The time of the class will be determined by the availability of the attendees.

Cemetery Care Offerings – Additional Listing

Have been received in memory of:

Pearl Kulwinski

Henry Olszyk

Joan Filippini and beloved church family

Mary & Stephen Szwahla

Other offerings have been received without any names indicated

A Recognition of Graduates

Will take place on Sunday, June 14th. Please make Fr. James aware of those graduating as soon as possible.

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent – 2 Week Fast

This Lent's duration is determined by the date of Pascha. The later the Pascha, the shorter the Lent. The Lent begins Monday, June 13th and ends after the Divine Liturgy on June 29th. A Fast is observed from all meat, dairy fish, wine and oil products. Modifications to the Fast that permit fish, wine or oil are indicated on the wall calendar.

Adult Study Classes – June 10, 17 & 24

These classes are held in the Conference Room from 7-8:30p.m. The topic is "Christ the Sender of the Spirit". Who is the Holy Spirit and What is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Annual Parish Picnic

Is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th with a rain date of July 26th. Mark your calendars

June Month Church Cleaning

Please speak with Proto-Deacon Paul Sokol or Peter Bakaletz, if you can help out. A day and time will be arranged.

Parish Feast Day – Monday, June 29

Ss. Peter & Paul Day. After the Divine Liturgy and procession, a festal meal will be served. Please bring a covered dish. A list is on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

OCA & Diocese 2009 Assessments

This month of June is the last month in which an envelope is provided for your \$180 assessment. All parishioners are asked to pay this assessment in full by June 30. To be properly credited, you must use the assessment envelope or indicate "assessment" on your check. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Offerings for the week of June 7

Olive Oil - for the health of Nicholas (7th birthday); in memory of Michael and Justina; for the health of Mark (birthday); in memory of Emilia and Vaschen.

Wine - in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Maria, Elena, Anastasia, Grigore and Alexandru; for a safe journey.

Flowers – in memory of Joan.

Reminder about Preparation for the Receiving of the Eucharist

The discipline includes the following:

- A recent Confession (at least in the period of the previous Lent);
- Attendance at the previous evening divine service (Vespers/Matins/Compline/Vigil);
- The reading of Pre-Communion Prayers privately either the evening before or the day of Holy Communion;
- A total fast from midnight from all food, drink and smoking (medicines may be taken),
- Being on time for the Divine Liturgy.

Church Air-Conditioning

Is operable most Sundays, please dress accordingly.



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

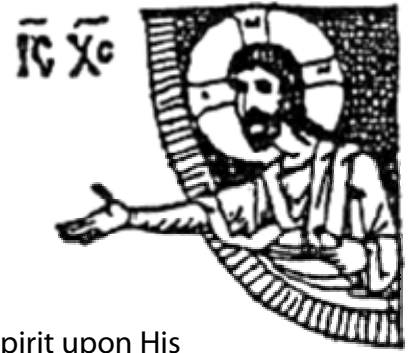
Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

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!

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 from the dead, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. What does the Lord Jesus Christ say about the Holy Spirit?



If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.

– John 14:15-17

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

– John 14:26

When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will declare to you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.

– John 16:13-15

CONTEMPLATION – THE DESCENT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

- ❖ How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.
- ❖ How, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind.
- ❖ How there appeared fiery tongues, one on each of the Apostles.
- ❖ How the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
- ❖ How some mocked them saying, "They have had too much new wine."
- ❖ How the rest wondered and marveled, hearing the Apostles speak to them of the wonderful works of God in their own languages.
- ❖ How the small are made great by God the Holy Spirit.
 - ❖ How the fearful are made fearless by Him.
 - ❖ How He makes the 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 a rational flock – the true sheep of the House of Israel.
 - ❖ How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, traveled throughout the world without means and without friends.
 - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed the Lord's Gospel.
 - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

