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**BULLETIN OF JUNE 3 2012**

**SUNDAY/JUNE 3**

**PENTECOST – DESCENT OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT (TRINITY SUNDAY)**

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and Vespers  
4:00p.m. General Memorial at Parish Cemetery

**MONDAY/JUNE 4**

**Day of the Holy Spirit**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to the  
Holy Spirit

**THURSDAY/JUNE 7**

*Visitation of Iveron Icon*  
St. Grigol of Khandata Church  
130 So. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Manville  
7:00p.m. Reception of Icon  
8:00p.m. Akathist to Icon; 9:00p.m. Matins  
12:00midnight Divine Liturgy & Molieben

**FRIDAY/JUNE 8**

*Visitation of Iveron Icon*  
St. Elizabeth Church  
38 Princeton Ave., Rocky Hill  
6:00p.m. Molieben & Akathist

**SATURDAY/JUNE 9**

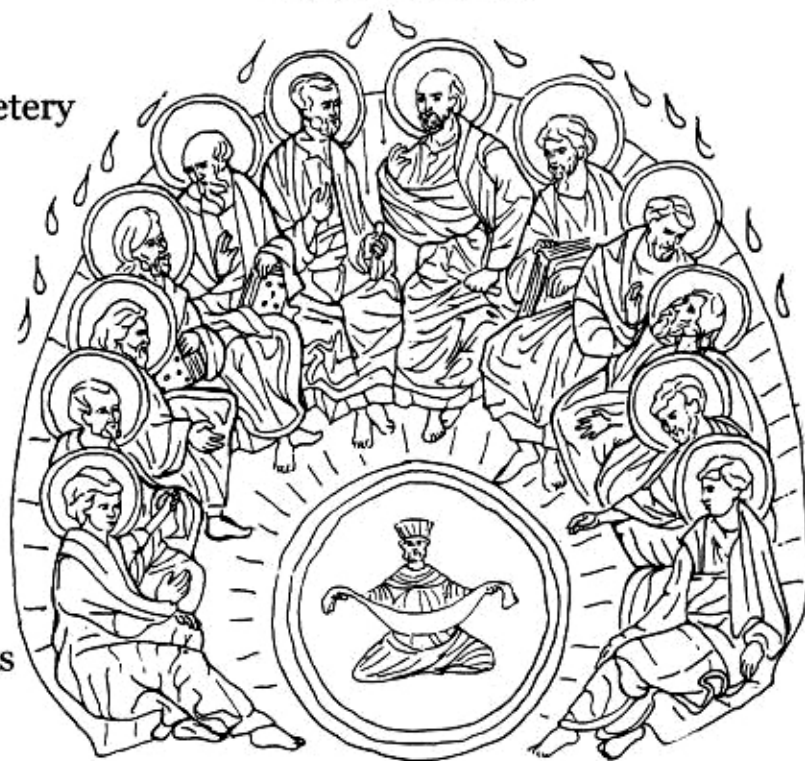
9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
12:00p.m. Baptism of Anna Gorbatuk  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/JUNE 10**

**All Saints Sunday**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Church School; 11:45a.m. Movie: "12 Big Lies"

**PENTECOST**



*You may notice that there is an unusual figure in this icon, - in the center and below the Apostles. This figure is called "Cosmos" and it represents the world we live in.*

### **Offerings for the week of June 3**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for health on birthday of Elizabeth Stanton; for the health of Christine and John (anniversary).

**Wine** – for a safe journey; in memory of Archpriest Michael Lewis.

**Flowers** – in memory of Joan and Sandy.

### **Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!**

June 13 40<sup>th</sup> Day Vassily Neudachin

June 03, 1952 Michael Tacak

June 03, 1985 Anna Susko

June 05, 1953 Eva Hnatuk

June 06, 1938 Eutyches Gumenuk

June 06, 1972 Charles Fetchko Jr.

June 07, 2004 Helen Kulina

June 07, 2009 Fannie Huzinec

June 08, 1976 Nadezhda Soroka

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

June 03 - Inga, Eka and Marina

June 10 - Nana, Nona and Nino

June 17 (fasting) - Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek and Stone

### **Ushers Schedule**

June 03 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

June 10 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone

June 17 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko

### **Incense Fragrances In Usage**

Week of June 03 "Sinai"

Week of June 10 "Flowers of Cyprus"

Week of June 17 "Byzantium"

### **Graduation Recognition Sunday – June 17**

We want to honor our graduates on this Sunday. Please let Father James know the names and type of graduation, as soon as possible.

### **Fast-Free Week of Pentecost**

There is no fasting during the week of Pentecost, Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Lent**

Is observed June 11<sup>th</sup> thru the feast of the Apostles on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Social calendar should be in accordance with the fasting regulations. If you do

not wish to serve "lenten foods," simply schedule your social event until after the Apostles' Fast.

### **Talk by Bishop Michael on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.**

On this evening, Bishop Michael will visit us and present a talk on "*The Church as the Body of Christ.*" The talk will take place in the lower hall and all are invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Bring someone with you!

### **Movie on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45a.m.**

The feature film this month is "*The 12 Biggest Lies.*" Every person on the planet walks around with opinions based on what they think they know, and those opinions direct how all of us act and react. But very few ever question the substance that forms those crucial opinions.

From the very nature of how the world began; from morality to religion; from population control to political correctness; from Israel to islam; from atheism to God...our entire world runs on what we believer. Join us in examining at least "12 things" that may not make the measure of what is true. All are invited! The film is 90 minutes long and will be shown in the Conference Room in the Lower Hall.

### **Photos Appearing on the Parish Website: Recent Events**

- Bright Monday Celebration (April 16)
- Visit of Bishop Peter to Parish (May 27)
- Marriage of Peter & Heather (May 27)
- Cemetery Power-Washing (May 31)

### **Parish Council Conference June 16<sup>th</sup>**

This Diocesan sponsored Conference will be held at Holy Assumption Church in Clifton, on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

### **Parish Patronal Feast Day is June 29<sup>th</sup>**

On this day we honor our patrons, Ss. Peter & Paul. Plan now to be present for this celebration. Vigil on the eve, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. and the Divine Liturgy with Procession at 9:30a.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Since it falls on a Friday, there is no meat or dairy permitted. A luncheon will follow.

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## ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Beloved in the Lord:

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

Like the changing of the seasons, our liturgical calendar of feast days of the Church follows an orderly progression, each one leading to the next. Not long ago we celebrated the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and then His Ascension into Heaven. Today we have reached the final grace -- the actual fulfillment of the Lord's promise: the Descent of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Holy Church!

Indeed Pentecost is a great feast for us. Great beyond all description are the gifts which God gives to us in His love on this day. Let us then rejoice together and be glad as we give glory to our Lord for the fulfillment of His promise. We read in the Gospel of John that He said, *"I will not leave you as orphans ... if I go away, I will send you another Comforter."* Who cannot see His boundless love and care for us, His children? Yes, He ascended into Heaven to sit on His royal throne at the right hand of the Father ... but on this day, He has given to us the Holy Spirit and through Him sends us innumerable heavenly graces.

Saint John Chrysostom helps us to understand this ever more clearly when he writes in his commentary:

Indeed, which of the graces necessary for our salvation is not given us through the Holy Spirit? Through the Holy Spirit we are freed from slavery and called to liberty; we are raised to the status of sons and daughters; we are in a sense recreated and we lay down the heavy and foul burden of our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we are given priests and teachers; from the same source come revelations and the gift of healing; and all the other adornments of the Church have their origin in Him.

The golden-mouthed orator reminds us of the words of the "saint he loved the most" the blessed Paul: *"It is one and the same Spirit who does all this ... He divides His gifts among us as He wills"* (1 Cor. 12:11). Great indeed is the power of the Holy Spirit, promised to us by Christ and fulfilled on Pentecost. Again, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom:

Through the Holy Spirit we have obtained the remission of our sins and we have washed away all defilement. By this gift, we who have had recourse to grace have been changed from human beings into angels. I do not mean that our nature has been changed, but something much more wonderful: while remaining human, we live the way the angels do.

Having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, granted to the Apostles on that first Pentecost and given to us at our Chrismation, let us re-affirm our faith in the Triune God and express it ever more perfectly daily in His Holy Orthodox Church. Let us fulfill our destiny, growing ever closer to Christ, living more and more like the Saints, becoming more and more like God -- true sons and daughters of the Father, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Truly, He is the promise of Christ fulfilled for us on this day.

With my prayers, my blessing and my love,

**+ MICHAEL**

Bishop of New York and New Jersey





## Church as a boat

One of the favorite images of the early Church Fathers was to represent the Church as a boat. They remembered the ark of Noah which saved him and his family. Even today the central part of the Church building is called the nave from the Latin word "navis" which means ship.

The sea is compared to the world and the stormy waters are the evils that threaten us. The boat is that which keeps us safe from the storms. It is guided by the captain, Christ. The bishop is the pilot. The priests are the crew. The deacons are the leading oarsmen. The church school teachers and others are the stewards.

In the Church, Christ is in the midst of His people, guiding the ship of the Church over the stormy waters of life into the calm harbor of the Kingdom. All present, together with those already gone to be with the Lord, are being led by Christ to the Father. This journey is celebrated in each Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is a movement of God's family, His Church, to His Kingdom.