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BULLETIN OF JUNE 4, 2017

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(One of the "12 Great Feasts")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
With Vespers & Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hr.

MONDAY/JUNE 5

Day of the Holy Spirit

10:30a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost
Church, Manville – All invited!
7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
the Holy Spirit

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 7

FRIDAY/JUNE 9

These are Fast Free Days

SATURDAY/JUNE 10

Martyrs of China

9:30a.m. Akathist to Martyrs of China;
Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

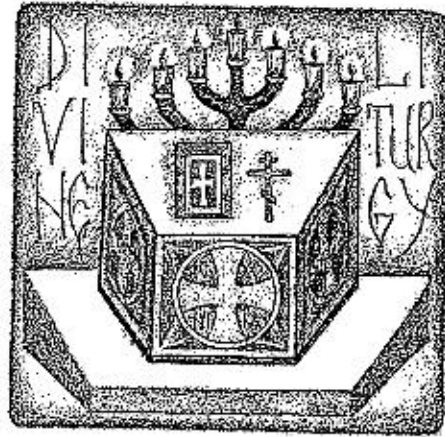
SUNDAY/JUNE 11

All Saints Sunday

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy;
Prayers for Graduates; Coffee Hour

MONDAY/JUNE 12

Beginning of 17 Day Holy Apostles Fast,
ending of Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul – June 29
(a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish,
wine and oil – modifications will be found
on your parish wall calendar)



Hymn of Leo the Wise

Come, O people, let us worship the Divinity
in three persons,

the Son in the Father with the Holy Spirit.

For the Father begets a Son,
beyond time and of the same royalty;
and the Holy Spirit is in the Father,
sharing the glory of the Son.

One Energy, one Essence, one Divinity,
we worship you and cry:

Holy God,

who accomplished everything through the Son,
with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit;

Holy Mighty,

who has made us to know the Father,
and who sent the Holy Spirit into the world;

Holy Immortal,

the comforting Spirit,

who proceeds from the Father

and dwells in the Son;

Holy Trinity, glory to you!

(Vespers of Pentecost, sticheron on "Lord I call," tone 8)

Offerings Week of June 4

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, and Anastasia; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Nicholas (birthday); for the health of Mark (birthday); in memory of Gabriela, Floarea, Gheorghe, Elena, Petre, Aurelia, Ilie, Ion, Elena, Alexandru, Sasinca, Maria-Valeria, Mihail, Anicuta, Alexandru, Elena, Paraschiva, Maria, Grigore, Anastasia, Aurelia, Elena & Toma.

Wine: for safe travel for Zachary and spiritual well-being

Flowers: Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

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
June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla

Coffee Hour Schedule

June 04 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
June 11 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina
& Sarchisian
June 18 (Fasting Foods) Wypych,
Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda
& Sue

Counters Schedule

June 04 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.
June 11 Ciprian C. & Jill P.
June 18 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

June 04 Timothy S. & Peter B.
June 11 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
June 18 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Sunday Readers Schedule

June 04 – John Z. June 11 – Austin K.

The St. George Gazebo

Is a great place to sit, talk, read, pray or rest. It is NOT a place for eating. Parents please advise your children.

The Holy Fire From Jerusalem

The Holy Fire is available after any service. Ask.

Recognition of Graduates 2017

On Sunday, June 11th, we will honor our graduates. Please be sure that Fr. James has the particulars as soon as possible

Patronal Feast Day – June 28/29

On this the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul.

Try to take June 29th off to observe the feast.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Reader Samuel

On Saturday, July 1st, Reader Samuel will be ordained at 10:00a.m. at the Mission of St. Simon of Cyrene in new Brunswick by Archbishop Michael. You are all invited.

Why Are You Talking In Church? Listen to the words of St. John Chrysostom

“It is not allowed to say a word in church to the person next to you, even if one has met a friend he has not seen for a long time – this is done outside the walls of the church. The Church is not a barber shop, not a shop with incense, not a workplace, but a place for the Angels and Archangels, the Kingdom of God, Heaven Itself.”

A Warm Welcome to Archpriest Samuel Kedala!

Thank you Father Samuel, for serving with us today on Pentecost!

Vacation Planning – Be Mindful Of

- Finding the location of an Orthodox Church of Sunday Liturgy;
- If you are prepared to receive Holy Communion, you must make contact with the priest by phone, e-mail, in person in a good amount of time before the Liturgy. It is bad manners to approach the Chalice and the priest has to question who you are.
- Request a Prayer for Travelers before you make your journey;
- Bring a small icon and prayer book;
- Make your offerings to your parish church before you go.

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 Christ, the = 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.

