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June 8, 2025 –HOLY PENTECOST

This Week

Sat June 7, 4:30pm – **HOLY PENTECOST.** Festal Vespers w/Litya.
Sun June 8, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy with Kneeling Vespers.
(Brief) All-Parish Meeting.

Sat June 14, 4:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun June 15, 9am – *All Saints.* Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

Sat June 21, 4:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun June 22, 9am – *All Saints of North America.* Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Hymns of Pentecost

(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!

Glory ... Now & ever ... (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.

Instead of "Holy God"

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. *Alleluia!*

Instead of "It is truly meet"

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! / No tongue, however sweet or fluent, / is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily. / Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing. // Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par′thians and Medes and E′lamites and residents of Mesopota′mia, Judea and Cappado′cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg′ia and Pamphyl′ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre′ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel: John 17:1-13

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FEAST, THE GREAT DAY, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Prayers

For health of: Archbishop Nathaniel Popp, Archbishop Alexander Golitzin, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Marcia Lutz, Bernard Kusior, Julia Jay, Nina Fatula.

Especially remember in prayer Rebecca Ream, who is acutely ill, together with her family (Dave, Jesika, and Justin).

The newly-departed: Christina Murianka (5/18). Robert Long (5/23).

Come, O people, let us worship the Godhead in three Persons: the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit.

For the Father timelessly begot the Son, co-eternal and co-enthroned with Him; and the Holy Spirit was in the Father and is glorified with the Son.

We worship **one** Power, **one** Essence, **one Godhead**, and we say:

"**Holy God**, Who hast created all things through Thy Son
with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit;

Holy Mighty, through Whom we know the Father;
and through Whom the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the world;

Holy Immortal, Comforting Spirit,
Who proceedest from the Father and restest in the Son.

O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee!"

– from the Vespers of Pentecost

Attendance

Sun Apr 27 Liturgy: 23, 0 children (Communion: 17)
Sun May 4 Liturgy: 28, 0 children (Communion: 23)
Sun May 11 Liturgy: 22, 0 children (Communion: 17)
Sun May 18 Liturgy: 27 adults, 2 children (Communion: 22 adults, 1 children)
Sun May 25 Liturgy: 28, 0 children (Communion: 22)
Sun Jun 1 Liturgy: 30 adults, 4 children (Communion: 25 adults, 4 children)

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's full participation in the mystery of the Faith, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive it (through prayer, fasting, and confession) and are at peace with each other. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, if they are able.