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May 31, 2026 – GREAT AND HOLY PENTECOST

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Schedule

Sat May 30, 4pm – Festal "Small Vigil"
Sun May 31, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy, *followed immediately by the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost*

Tues June 2, 3:15pm – Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Ss C&H
Fri June 5, 5:30p – Vespers & "Open Mic Night" for young adults at SsC&H

Sat June 6, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun June 7, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship. *All Saints.*

(June 8 - 28 – Apostles' Fast)

Sat June 13, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun June 14, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship. *All Saints of N. America. Parish Council Meeting at Coffee Hour.*

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for 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!

Kontakion for Pentecost (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

These scriptures are given in the bulletin for anyone who has difficulty hearing during the service (and so we can read them again at home).

If you are able to hear in church, it is better to set the bulletin down and "hear with the ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.

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 7:37-52;8:12

ON THE LAST DAY, THAT GREAT DAY OF THE FEAST, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this

crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Prayers

The newly-departed: Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15). Vera Eckert (4/25).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Elizabeth Meyer, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay.

For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon.

For our diocese's seminarians and families: Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz (Luka, Noah, & Magdalena), Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

Announcements

Helping Harvest Food Distribution is THIS TUESDAY, at Ss. Constantine & Helen. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Stephanie Selis for more information. (This is for distributing food already prepared/packaged by Helping Harvest. If you have items to donate TO the food drive, please leave them in our narthex instead.)

This Friday evening, June 5, Ss Constantine & Helen parish is hosting a Young Adult Fellowship, a.k.a. "Open Mic Night". All young adults (and young at heart) from our parish are invited. Vespers is served at 5:30, then fellowship at approx. 6:15.

Attendance

Sun Apr 12 PASCHA (Sat night): 26
Sun Apr 19: 28 adults, 2 children (Communion: 18 adults, 2 children)
Sun Apr 26 Liturgy: 25 adults, 0 children (Communion: 16 adults, 0 children)
Sun May 24 Liturgy: 37 adults, 7 children (Communion: 27 adults, 3 children)

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	Church Clean-up
May 3	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
May 10	Mat. Alexandra & Haven Black	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
May 17	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
May 24	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
May 31	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Russ & Peggy Hay
June 7	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Kyle & Daria Teter
	June 8 - 29: Apostles' Fast	
June 14	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
June 21	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
June 28	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

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

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, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and 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 are **prepared** to receive it (through **prayer**, **fasting**, and a recent **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, as they are able.*