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Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Holy Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit



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Entrance Hymn for Pentecost Sunday: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Troparion for Pentecost (Tone 8): Most blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, / who when Thou didst make the fishermen most wise, / didst send down upon them the Holy Spirit, / and by them didst draw the world into Thy net. / O Lord of mercy, 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 mankind to unity. Thus with one accord, we glorify the all-Holy Spirit!

In place of the Thrice-Holy Hymn:

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE READING

For Pentecost Sunday

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

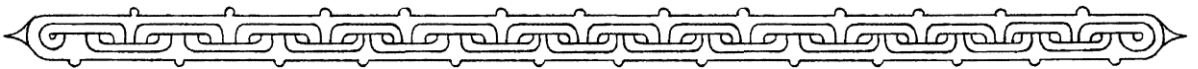
THE GOSPEL READING

For Pentecost Sunday

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, 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 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."



Hymn to the Theotokos for Pentecost: O thou who without experience of corruption wast found to be with child, and didst lend flesh unto the Word who devised all things, O thou Mother who hast not known wedlock, O Virgin Theotokos, vessel of the Uncontainable One, dwelling place of thy boundless Fashioner, thee do we magnify!

Communion Hymn for Pentecost: Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

- Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost at the end of the Liturgy
- Church School presentation and end-of-year celebration

This week:

- **Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am. *No Wednesday morning prayers at the church this week.*
- **Wednesday, June 7:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, June 10:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Next Sunday, June 11: All Saints Sunday.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour.

A NOTE ON FASTING: The Church does not require fasting this week on Wednesday and Friday, in honor of Pentecost. The fast of the Holy Apostles begins next Monday, June 12, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29.

HELP SUPPORT ORTHODOX MISSIONARIES! Please consider attending the Mission Team Chicago Benefit Dinner that this year will be at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church (1401 Wagner Road, Glenview) on **Monday, June 5**, 6:30-8pm.

You don't want to miss hearing from Bishop NEOFITOS of Eldoret and Northern Kenya, the keynote speaker, sharing about the growth of Orthodoxy in Kenya. It promises to be an enlightening and inspiring evening where we can learn more about the incredible mission work being done by the Orthodox Church around the world.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. Register by May 31, at secure.ocmc.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101401. Please consider becoming an MTC Dinner sponsor to help underwrite the event and impact the growth of Orthodox missions directly. Proceeds from this event will benefit missionary efforts within His Grace's Diocese and OCMC's ongoing ministries around the world.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP will be at St. George in Cicero, **June 12-15**, for kids ages 6-12. Register online at www.stgeorgechi.org/camp. Fee is \$80, but please see Fr. Andrew for help with funding.

ALL SAINTS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION is slated for the weekend of June 24-25. His Grace Bishop Anthony will be with us for services all weekend.

The summer **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** for our diocese will take place at the Oak Brook Marriot, June 28-July 2. Register online at antiochianevents.org. All of those participating in the Bible Bowl or attending services at the conference need to register online for a minimal fee. Please see Fr. Andrew if you would like help covering any costs.

Our **ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Phoenix, July 24-30. Patriarch John of Antioch and Metropolitan Saba will both be there! If this would be of interest to anyone, registration is open at antiochianevents.org.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday June 4 <i>Pentecost</i>	Doug J	Debbie K	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
Sunday June 11 <i>All Saints</i>	Jim K	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
Sunday June 18	Paul K	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	R-Z
Sunday June 25 <i>Bishop Anthony</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	Domitille	Lydia A	A-F

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*

:: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ::

Fr. Thomas Hopko

The Old Testament feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover—the commemoration of the Exodus of the Israelites from captivity and slavery in Egypt—in celebration of God’s gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the New Covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning—the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, the “passing over” from death to life and from earth to heaven, the “exodus” of God’s People from this sinful world to the eternal Kingdom. The New Testament Pentecost also is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law” with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4, *“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 as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”* The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost as the apostles received *“the power from on high”* and began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. Traditionally, this moment has been called the “birthday of the Church.”

In the liturgical services for the Great Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit’s coming to man, and the Church’s hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God’s self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. ...

On Pentecost, we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the 50th day stands as the beginning of the era that is beyond the limitations of this world, 50 being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish as well as Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an “apocalyptic day,” which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an “eschatological day,” which means that it is the day of the final and perfect *end*—in Greek, the *eschaton*. When the Messiah comes and the Day of the Lord is at hand, the “last days” are inaugurated, in which *“God declares, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”* This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church, preached on that first Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2: 1 7; Joel 2: 28-32).

The Great Feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. Rather, it is the celebration of what must happen—and indeed does happen—to us in the Church today. We have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we have received His Most Holy Spirit. We are the *“temples of the Holy Spirit.”* God’s Spirit dwells in us (Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 2-3, 12; 2 Corinthians 3; Galatians 5; Ephesians 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of Chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

During the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost, the kontakion speaks of the reversal of Babel, as God unites the nations into the unity of His Spirit. And the troparion proclaims the gathering of the entire universe into God’s “net” through the work of the inspired apostles. In the hymns “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light”—sung on Pentecost for the first time since Holy Pascha—we invoke the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” while proclaiming that “we have received the heavenly Spirit.”

[At the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost,] three lengthy prayers are recited, during which we kneel for the first time since Pascha. The Monday after Pentecost is the Feast of the Holy Spirit, while the Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence, since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in us as we pursue holiness and sanctity in our own lives—that holiness and sanctity which constitute the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world: *“Thus says the Lord: ‘Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy’”* (Leviticus 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:15-16).

Thus, Pentecost ushers in a new era, in which we are called to pursue sainthood by acquiring the Holy Spirit, by opening ourselves to the fullness of Christ’s revelation to mankind, and by anticipating the Kingdom of God, yet to be fully revealed, but already fully present in our midst as we entreat the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” now and in the life of the world to come.





DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 4-10, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, June 4: Holy Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit

Numbers 11:16-29 / Joel 2:23-32 / Ezekiel 36:24-28

John 20:19-23 / Acts 2:1-11 / John 7:37-52, 8:12

Monday, June 5: Holy Spirit Monday

Ephesians 5:8-19 / Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 6: Hilarion the New of Dalmation Monastery

Romans 1:1-17 / Matthew 4:12-25

Wednesday, June 7: Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra

Romans 1:18-32 / Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday, June 8: Kalliope the Martyr

Romans 2:1-11 / Matthew 5:13-20

Friday, June 9: Righteous Father Columba of Iona

Romans 2:12-16 / Matthew 5:21-26

Saturday, June 10: Martyrs Alexander and Antonina

Romans 2:17-29 / Matthew 5:27-32

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