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Pentecost Sunday • The Descent of the Holy Spirit



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Refrain of the Second Antiphon: O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thine own strength. We shall sing and praise Thy power. O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, 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 as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.



EPISTLE READING

For the Sunday of Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 18:4, 1

Their line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-24, 32-36)

When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, the multitude came together,

and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God!”

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the

Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

“David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Alleluia – Psalm 32:6, 13

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday of Pentecost

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

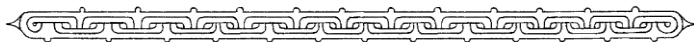
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were 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.”

Hymns to the Theotokos (Tone 4): Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No mouth, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily. Every mind is overawed by your child-bearing. Therefore with one voice, we glorify you!

Communion Hymn (Psalm 142:10): Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.



ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Excerpt)

St. Seraphim of Sarov

I must further explain, your Godliness, the difference between the operations of the Holy Spirit who dwells mystically in the hearts of those who believe in our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and the operations of the darkness of sin which at the suggestion and instigation of the devil, acts predatorily in us. The Spirit of God reminds us of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and always acts triumphantly with Him, gladdening our hearts and guiding our steps into the way of peace, while the false, diabolical spirit reasons in the opposite way to Christ, and its actions in us are rebellious, stubborn, and full of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

... Of this grace, which was manifested to the whole world and to our human race by the God-man, it is said in the Gospel: *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men”* (John 1:4); and further: *“And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness has never swallowed it”* (John 1:5). This means that the grace of the Holy Spirit which is granted at baptism in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, in spite of man's fall into sin, in spite of the darkness surrounding our soul, nevertheless shines in our hearts with the divine light (which has existed from time immemorial) of the inestimable merits of Christ. ... The acquisition of this is the aim of the Christian life, which I have been explaining to your Godliness.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Pentecost Sunday

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, there is no fasting all week.

Monday, June 1: Bible Bowl study (online), 6pm

Tuesday, June 2: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, June 3:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, June 4 & 5: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, June 6:

- Men's breakfast and fellowship, 8:30am
- Vespers for All Saints, with Fr. Jeremy Davis and our deanery clergy, 7pm

Sunday, June 7: All Saints Sunday

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy with Fr. Jeremy Davis, beginning 8:30am
- Church school end-of-year presentations and cook-out. See Michelle's sign-up sheet to contribute to the potluck!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Parish Life Conference – June 17-20 (Cleveland)
- Deanery picnic – Saturday, July 11 in La Grange. All of the churches in the Chicago deanery are sponsoring together this day of food, fellowship, and fun. We are seeking volunteers from All Saints; please see Eric and Cristina Pope.

- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop John, and the ordination of Subdeacon Joseph Freve to the diaconate – Sunday, July 12

volunteer schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun May 31 <i>Pentecost</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Domitille	Tobey L	Lydia A	G-K
Sun June 7 <i>All Saints</i>	Jim K	Cristina P	Domitille	<i>volunteer</i>	<u>All Church</u>
Sun Jun 14	Paul K	Dn Walid	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun Jun 21	Steve K	Sarah C	JoAnne T	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
Sun Jun 28	Joseph L	Sephora	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
Sun July 5	Rich C	Debbie K	Richard B	Lydia A	G-K
Sun July 12 <i>Bishop John</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	<u>All Church</u>
Sun July 19 <i>Typika</i>	Jim K	Domitille	Tobey L	<i>volunteer</i>	L-P
Sun July 26	Paul K	Cristina P	Domitille	Zach C	R-Z

***For Sunday coffee hour,** the last names of our church members have 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, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line,** and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 31-JUNE 4, 2026

PENTECOST WEEK

Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

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 1: Monday of the Holy Spirit

St. Justin the Philosopher

Wisdom of Sirach 42 / Ephesians 5:8-20 / Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 2: Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Wisdom of Sirach 43 / Romans 1:1-17 / Matthew 4:12-25

Wednesday, June 3: Kevin of Glendalough

Wisdom of Sirach 44 / Romans 1:18-32 / Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday, June 4: Metrophanes, 1st Bishop of Constantinople

Wisdom of Sirach 45 / Romans 2:1-11 / Matthew 5:13-20

Friday, June 5: Abba Dorotheus of Palestine

Wisdom of Sirach 46 / Romans 2:12-16 / Matthew 5:21-26

Saturday, June 6: Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt

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

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