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JUNE 23 – 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, JUNE 24 Ephesians 5:9-19 Matthew 18:10-20</p> <p>TUESDAY, JUNE 25 Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 Matthew 4:25-5:13</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26</p> <p>THURSDAY, JUNE 27 Romans 1:28-2:9 Mathews 5:27-32</p> <p>FRIDAY, JUNE 28 Romans 2:14-29 Mathews 5:33-41</p> <p>SATURDAY, JUNE 29 Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48</p> <hr/> <p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyghostbpt.org. The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 <i>[NO BIBLE STUDY]</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, JUNE 22, Memorial Saturday Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p>*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 <i>[NO BIBLE STUDY]</i></p> <p>*SATURDAY, JUNE 29 <i>[NO VESPERS]</i></p> <p>*SUNDAY, JUNE 30 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost Obednitsa Service, Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m. <i>[Deacon Gregory Curran presiding]</i></p> <p>*Fr Mark will be gone from June 25th through July 1st.</p>

HOLY PENTECOST

Commemorated on June 23

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time; and, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.



THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

The all-night Vigil service begins with a solemn invitation:
"Let us celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit,
The appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope,
The mystery which is as great as it is precious."

In the coming of the Spirit, the very essence of the Church is revealed:

"The Holy Spirit provides all,
Overflows with prophecy, fulfills the priesthood,
Has taught wisdom to illiterates, has revealed fishermen as theologians,
He brings together the whole council of the Church."

In the three readings of the Old Testament (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel 2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28) we hear the prophecies concerning the Holy Spirit. We are taught that the entire history of mankind was directed towards the day on which God "would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." This day has come! All hope, all promises, all expectations have been fulfilled. At the end of the Aposticha hymns, for the first time since Easter, we sing the hymn: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth..." the one with which we inaugurate all our services, all prayers, which is, as it were, the life-breath of the Church, and whose coming to us, whose "descent" upon us in this festal Vigil, is indeed the very experience of the Holy Spirit "coming and abiding in us."

To continue reading: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/06/12/45-holy-pentecost>

Acts 2:1-11***(Epistle)***

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When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

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And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

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And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

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And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

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Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

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And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

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Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

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Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

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Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

John 7:37-52, 8:12***(Gospel)***

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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.

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He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

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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.

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Therefore, many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."

41

Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

42

Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

43

So, there was a division among the people because of Him.

John 7:37-52, 8:12

(Gospel, Cont'd.)

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Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

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Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?”

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The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”

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Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived?”

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Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?

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But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”

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Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

51

“Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”

52

They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

12

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.”

CANDLE DESK DUTY

June 23 – George Kasper

June 30 – Carol Kirkman

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

CANDLES / DONATIONS / FLOWERS

- Altar Lampatki, for the health and happiness of Barbara Tabak on her 82nd birthday; love from Steph’, Zach, Abby, Ed, & Jeff (*actual birthday 6/21*).
- Lampatki over Royal Doors in loving memory of Grandfather Vincent Zujewski, from Alex and David Zujewski.

FATHER’S DAY LUNCHEON ... It was a delicious celebration! Thank you to LoveAnn Curran for coordinating the luncheon, and for cooking, along with Bob Denhup and baker, Barb Dulin.

REMINDER THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP! ... Coffee hour expenses have increased recently. It costs between \$50-\$80 to buy bagels, rolls, beverages, etc. Please donate what you can: Coffee – regular and decaf, milk, half & half, cream cheese, butter, or juice. Thank you!

SUMMER SCHEDULE ...

- 1) During the summer months from June-August, Saturday Vespers will begin at 5:00 p m.
- 2) July, August, and the first 2 weeks in September, Divine Liturgy will be held at Holy Ghost Park in Shelton.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, June 13



HOLY GHOST SUMMER CAMP: June 17-19

A three-day youth church camp at Holy Ghost Park was held to kick off the summer! Each day, the camp ran from 9-3pm. The following are a couple of pictures from the first day!



Photos by Cathleen McCormick

More 'fun' photos! It was a great week!! Many thanks to the volunteers as well!



DIVINE LITURGY, JUNE 23rd



Photo by Stephanie Smith

PROSPHORA REMINDER ... Anyone who is interested in purchasing prospora, please fill out the appropriate form, which can be found at the candle desk, **at least one week in advance**. The cost is \$2/each. Thank you!

FORCC MEETING UPDATE ... It seems as though June is quite a busy month for many of us. The FORCC meeting originally scheduled for June 20th will now be **rescheduled to Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 pm**. Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Southbury will host the meeting beginning with a Molieben service at 6:30. Mark your calendars for the change in date. Agenda and minutes will be forthcoming.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ... is rescheduled for **July 14th** at Holy Ghost Park, following Divine Liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 YOUTH RALLY... August 5th thru 10th -- flyer is attached
(more to follow).

PARISH METRICS (JUNE 23 THRU JUNE 29)

BIRTHDAYS

None Listed

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

JUNE 23 – Maria Buriak, 1918 (21); Mary (Paraskeva) Osedach, 1957 (61); Konrad Burik, 1968 (79); Alexander Bakos, 1989 (80)

JUNE 24 – Herman Vasiliev, 1918 (8 months); Peter Janosy, 1927 (9); Anna Hamilla, 1934 (40); Michael Novosad, 1983 (86); Nina Rasmussen, 1991; Vincent Zujewski, Sr., 2005 (91)

JUNE 25 – Theodore Svetov, 1917 (22); Rosalia Ropa, 1917 (21); Olga Sarnak, 1917 (2 months); Stephen Bratkowsky, 1953 (56)

JUNE 26 – John Sckovish, 1984 (69); Joyce Guerera, 1992; George Kasper, Sr., 1997 (82); John Konder, 2011 (93)

JUNE 27 – Andrew Fedor, Sr., 1952 (79); Nikanor Tyszun, 1956 (77); Elia Ostrowsky, 1962 (83); Stephanida Grischuk, 1963 (72); Elia Popovich, 1969 (72); George Pistey, 1981 (73); John Zavatsky, Sr., 1987 (71); Edward C. Pistey, 1994 (84); Carole Rydberg Krasowski, 2016 (70)

JUNE 28 – Terenty Gudas, 1920 (11 days); Ilarion Gorelick, 1922 (43); Leon Tomashewsky, 1952 (62); Anna Rogers Tanych, 1952 (62); Alexander Kranyak, 1993 (78); Helen Baltes, 1995 (78)

JUNE 29 – Paul Zhyrko, 1920 (40); Michael Lavsky, 1946 (60); Elizabeth Lukac, 1955 (87); Anne Ostrowsky, 1967 (89); John Shemet, 1968 (75); George Trehonuk, 1980 (87); Mary Ostopchuk, 1989

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!

