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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Today, we are pleased to be led in the Divine Services by Fr. Daniel Hubiak who is covering for Fr. John who is away this weekend.

Egg Hunt – 3rd Try

Today Sunday, May 26th, during the coffee hour. Each family was requested to bring baskets for their children and two dozen filled plastic eggs.



SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

4th Sunday of Pascha

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hr. / Open Pool

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

7:00p.m. Blessing of Water

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH

Mid-Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

5:00p.m. No Class
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

5th Sunday of Pascha

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hr. / Open Pool
 4:00p.m. Marriage Service;
 Reception to Follow

Prayer for Graduates

will be offered on Sunday, June 16th. Please be sure to let Fr. John know if anyone in your family is graduating this year. Thank you!

Parish Council Meeting

Today's meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 16th.

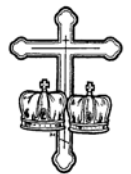


The Feast of Mid-Pentecost – This Week

On this feast we bless water, recalling how the Lord cried out to all in the midst of the feast, "If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink!" The Blessing of Water will be served on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00pm, and the Divine Liturgy will be served on Wednesday, May 29th at 9:00am. All are encouraged to attend!

Marriage of Gregory and Danyella

On Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00pm the Marriage service will take place at Christ the Savior. The reception will follow at the Parish Center. All invited! The couple is registered at Walmart and Amazon.com.



Fr. John Is Away

Should you need to reach Fr. John, you may via the church cell.

Sermons in Audio

Since Palm Sunday, audio recordings of the Sunday sermons have been posted on orthodoxdelmarva.org. You may also find the weekly bulletin on our website.



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 2nd

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, June 9th

Gabriela Jones



The Pool to be Opened Today

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.

Living: Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, John Trax, Maleah Morsey, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina, Liliana, Irene Clenney, Katie Hawley, Alice Peters, Jenny Barbarita, George & Ellen. **Departed:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Kathryn, Avramia.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 2/28/13					CASH FLOWS IN MAY 2013					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 5/26		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Due 2/2014
8,403	7,750	5,220	5,660	+213	5,479	2,578	4,096	2,960	+2,692	+3,760	0	-18,733

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

The time of Pentecost is 50 days. Indeed, the word Pentecost, means "fifty." In the middle of the feast, that is on the 25th day, always a Wednesday, we celebrate the feast known as Mid-Pentecost. The feast unites and connects Pascha (the beginning) with Pentecost (the ending).

The symbol of water provides the theme for the feast of Mid-Pentecost. "Whoever is thirsty should come to Me and drink." As the Scriptures says, "Whoever believes in Me, streams of life-giving water will pour out from his heart." Christ said this about the Spirit which those who believe in Him were going to receive (John 7:37-38). This passage is also part of the Gospel reading for the Sunday of Pentecost.

Anticipating the gift of the Holy Spirit by Christ, the Troparion and Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost express the yearning of the believer with these words:

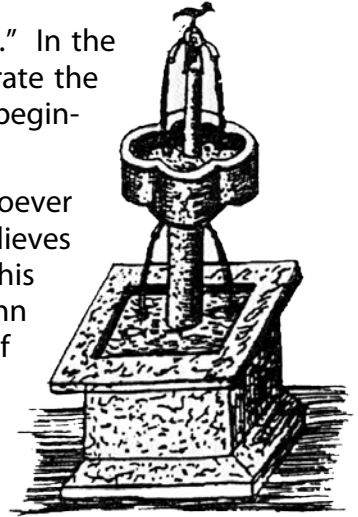
Troparion

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirsts let him come to Me and drink! O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Kontakion

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law: Come and draw the water of immortality! We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our life.

A Blessing of Water takes place on this feast. We may bring vessels to church the next time we come for services so as to bring the newly-blessed waters to our homes.



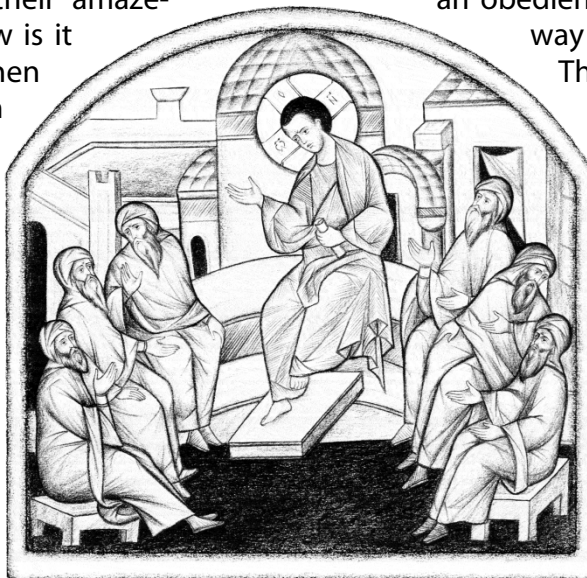
THE ICON OF MID-PENTECOST

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The iconography adopted by the Church to illustrate Mid-Pentecost shows us Jesus Christ teaching in the Temple, just as in the Gospel. Christ is sitting at the center of a circle of Jewish scholars and wise men. These express their amazement at His knowledge: "How is it that this Man has learning, when He has never studied?" (John 7:15). In answer to this question, Jesus speaks of His connection to the Father, of His divine origin.

Most often, the icons of Mid-Pentecost represent Christ's first encounter in the Temple with the doctors of the Law – this is the episode described by St. Luke, when Jesus was twelve years old (Luke 2:41-50). "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?," He says to His worried parents, thus openly declaring that He is the Son of God and that He must carry out His mis-



sion. On that day, Christ declares His independence from Joseph and Mary, escaping their tutelage. He tells them about His unique link with God the Father. He accepts filial obedience to the end, an obedience which will lead Him all the way to the Cross. "Not My will, but Thy will be done!" (Luke 22:42).

Divine Wisdom is revealed to the doctors of the Law who admire the wisdom of the Child, revealing Jesus as the Child-Emmanuel announced by the Prophets (Isaiah 7:14). The authority of His teaching is already confirmed during His infancy, for "He is before all things," He precedes creation (Colossians 1:17 and Proverbs 8:22-30), "He is begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father" (the Creed). He is "the Wisdom, the Word, and the Power of God" (From Matins of Pascha).