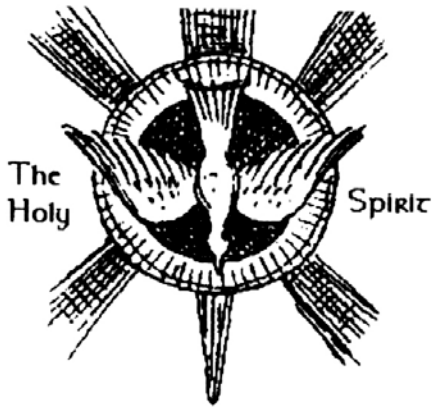


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**BULLETIN OF JUNE 8, 2014**



## **PENTECOST: THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **Holy Pentecost**

*One of the Twelve Great Feasts*

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy; Vespers  
 w/ Kneeling Prayers  
 Coffee Hour/Open Pool

### **MONDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **Day of the Holy Spirit**

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

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **All Saints**

8:40a.m. Prebaptismal Prayers  
 9:00a.m. Baptismal Div. Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour/Open Pool

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life - come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.*

### **READER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Gabriela Jones

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Joanne Patrick



### **A Warm Welcome!**

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

### **Feast of Pentecost – Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Today, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, 50 days after Pascha. As a reminder, on this day we will have Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers immediately following the Liturgy.

### **The Day of the Holy Spirit – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

will be celebrated with the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.

### **Fast-Free Week**

During the week after Pentecost (June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>) we do not fast, even on Wednesday and Friday. This week is given to us to celebrate the renewal of the Holy Spirit received on Pentecost.



### **The Fast of Ss. Peter & Paul**

begins on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (the day after All Saints Sunday) and extends until the celebration of the feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Baptisms**

- ❖ Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Nicholas David Reynolds
- ❖ Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Liam Alexander Moss (tentative)

### **Prayer for Graduates – Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

As we come to the conclusion of the academic year, we offer thanks to God for His blessings. This prayer will be offered at the end of the Liturgy on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### **Open Pool**

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.

### **Collection for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry**

Last Sunday's collection for OCPM totaled \$281. May the Lord bless you for your charitable offerings!

### **Offerings: Did You Know?**

- ❖ In July, our mission resumes paying assessments (\$393/month) to support the diocese of Washington and the OCA.
- ❖ Altar wine or items from the "Liturgical Needs" list, posted at the candle stand, can be donated for the health of or in memory of our loved ones.
- ❖ Offerings: 1) help the Church fulfill her work and 2) help us grow in Christ. Offerings are a matter of faith not just finances.



| CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/14 |         |        |         |      | CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2014 |         |        |         |        | FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT         |         |          |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| OPERATING                  |         | OTHER  |         | ALL  | OPERATING               |         | OTHER  |         | ALL    | ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 6/8 |         |          |
| Income                     | Expense | Income | Expense | Net  | Income                  | Expense | Income | Expense | Net    | Checking                   | Overdue | Mortgage |
| 32,051                     | 28,976  | 5,950  | 9,569   | -544 | 1,257                   | 2,560   | 281    | 281     | -1,303 | 8,642                      | 0       | 358,659  |

The tenth day after the Ascension of Jesus Christ was the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. It was the Jews' great feast of Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

All the Apostles, the Mother of God, and the other disciples of Christ and other of the faithful, were all together in one room in Jerusalem. It was the third hour of the day by the Hebrew reckoning of hours, according to our system – nine o'clock in the morning. Suddenly a sound came from Heaven, like a rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. There descended on them tongues that looked like fire, which rested on each one of them. There were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, previously unknown to them. Thus the Holy Spirit, according to the promise of the Savior, descended on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, as a sign that He gave the apostles the ability and zeal to preach the teachings of Christ to all peoples. He descended in the form of fire as a sign of the power to cleanse sins, to sanctify and warm souls.

On the occasion of the feast of Pentecost, there were in Jerusalem many Jews who had come from various nations. Hearing the noise, a great multitude of people came together around the house where the disciples of Christ were. They were all bewildered and asked each other, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? How are they able to tell in our languages the mighty works of God?" In disbelief they said, "They are filled with new wine." Then the Apostle Peter, standing with the eleven, said that they were not drunk, but that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them, that it has been prophesied by the Prophet Joel, and that Jesus Christ, Whom the Jews had crucified, had risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven and poured out on them the Holy Spirit. Finishing this sermon about Christ, the = Peter said, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, Whom you crucified."



The sermon of Peter so moved those who heard it that many more believed in Jesus Christ. They asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then you shall also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." So those who believed in Christ readily accepted baptism, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Thus began the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church of Christ.

From the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit the Christian faith quickly spread with the help of God, and the number of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ multiplied. Instructed by the Holy Spirit, the apostles preached boldly to all about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, about His suffering for us and resurrection from the dead. The Lord helped them with many great miracles which were performed by the apostles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. At first the apostles preached to the Jews, and then dis-

persed to various countries to preach to all the people. To perform the sacraments and to preach Christianity the apostles established, by the laying on of hands, bishops, presbyters, and deacons. This grace of the Holy Spirit, which was clearly conferred on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, is now conferred in our Holy Orthodox Church invisibly in its sacraments, through the successors to the apostles, the pastors of the Church, its bishops and priests.

**Troparion – 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 – 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!

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ❖ is God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity;
- ❖ proceeds from the Father;
- ❖ is sent into the world by Jesus Christ;
- ❖ inspires God's People to speak God's truth and to do His will; and
- ❖ is the Giver of Life who upholds and sustains creation in its existence, life, and growth.



Fifty days after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. What does the Lord Jesus Christ say about the Holy Spirit?



*If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.*

– John 14:15-17

*But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

– John 14:26

*When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will declare to you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.*

– John 16:13-15

## CONTEMPLATION – THE DESCENT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

- ❖ How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.
- ❖ How, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind.
- ❖ How there appeared fiery tongues, one on each of the Apostles.
- ❖ How the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
- ❖ How some mocked them saying, "They have had too much new wine."
- ❖ How the rest wondered and marveled, hearing the Apostles speak to them of the wonderful works of God in their own languages.
- ❖ How the small are made great by God the Holy Spirit.
  - ❖ How the fearful are made fearless by Him.
  - ❖ How He makes the simple wise.
  - ❖ How He makes the inarticulate eloquent.
  - ❖ How, from fishermen, He makes fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.
  - ❖ How, from shepherds of an irrational flock, He makes shepherds of a rational flock – the true sheep of the House of Israel.
    - ❖ How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, traveled throughout the world without means and without friends.
    - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed the Lord's Gospel.
      - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



## ON THE FAST AND FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL

*From "These Truths We Hold"*

From the 4th Century on, the Church of Rome has celebrated the Feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29. This became the usage of the Universal Church. Spiritually the Feast is linked with Holy Pentecost, as the witness of the Apostles is the immediate fruit of the descent of the Holy Spirit which came upon them.



The Feast is preceded by the Fast of the Holy Apostles which begins on the Monday following All-Saints' Sunday (1st after Pentecost). The two most important Apostles of the early Church were Peter and Paul and, according to Church Tradition, they were both martyred in Rome, Paul by beheading and Peter by crucifixion. Thus this Feast became especially prominent in Rome.

Although St. Peter had a special zeal concerning Christ and is considered the chief of the Apostles, he did not have any special authority over the other Apostles, but was only first in honor. When there were important questions in the Church, it was a Church council that decided them, and St. Peter himself was sent by a council to preach the Word of God.

According to St. John Chrysostom, St. Paul sought dishonor more than we seek honor, death more than we seek life, poverty more than we seek wealth, sorrows more than we seek joy, and that he prayed for his enemies more than others pray against their enemies. For him there was only one thing to be feared: that he might offend God! He desired nothing more in life than to please God and the whole meaning of his life was his love for Christ.

## ON THE SAINTS

*St. Symeon the New Theologian*

The Church is the body of Christ, His bride, the world to come, and the temple of God. The members of His body are all the saints. However, not all of the saints who will please God have yet appeared, nor yet is thus complete, nor the world to come yet filled. I say this about God's Church. There are, though, many unbelievers in the world today who will believe in Christ; many sinners and debauched who will repent and change their lives; many undecided who will be persuaded. There are many, a great many, up to the sound of the last trumpet, who will prove well-pleasing to God and who have not yet been born. All those who are foreknown by God must be born, come into being, before the world beyond our world, the world of the Church, of the first-born, of the heavenly Jerusalem, is filled up. Then shall the end come and the fullness of the body of Christ be complete.



## I HAVE NO HANDS BUT YOURS

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A soldier in World War II was given the task of gathering up the pieces and fragments of a statue of Christ that was destroyed when the cathedral that housed it was destroyed by bombs and mortar. He found every piece and fragment, and they were turned over to an artist, whose labor of love it was to reconstruct the icon. Even though it took him months, he accomplished the work, and the statue was returned to its pedestal.

One part of the Christ was missing, however. The soldier could not find the hands of Christ. Both the soldier and the artisan considered their work incomplete without the hands. However, one day as the craftsman was viewing the statue with the missing hands, he got a wonderful idea. Instead of Christ's hands being raised in blessing, as they originally were, the craftsman placed an ornate, but simple, sign at the base of the handless replica. These were the words of the sign: "I have no hands, but yours." Will you give your hands – your time and abilities – to your church?