



**"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE AGE!"**

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

---- Memorial Day Pilgrimage ----

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA

7:00p.m. Vespers w/ Litiya

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

FATHERS OF THE 1ST COUNCIL

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

O LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 31st

Mat. Emily

Sunday, June 7th

Troy Duker



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BULLETIN OF MAY 24, 2009

Please Remember in Prayer

Carole Boris (newly-departed), Archpriest Michael, Monk Christian, Nadia, Kathy & Bill Parrish, Diane Evanusa, Marie, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos. Requests? Let Fr. John know.

Feast of the Ascension – Thursday, May 28th

This week we celebrate the Lord's Ascension into Heaven, which occurred 40 days after His Resurrection from the dead. As this is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church's liturgical year, we all should try to be present for at least one of the divine services: 7:00pm Vespers on Wednesday, May 27th and 9:00 Divine Liturgy on Thursday, May 28th. More information about this feast is on page 2.



Orthodoxy 101 – Class Cancellation

The class scheduled for Monday, June 1st, has been cancelled.

Memorial Service – Saturday, June 6th

It is the tradition of the Church to offer prayers for the departed on the Eve of Pentecost. We will have a Memorial Service on this day, Saturday, June 6th, at 9:00am.

Feast of Pentecost – Sunday, June 7th

On Sunday, June 7th, 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 Divine Liturgy.



Interested in Hosting Our Annual Picnic?

Please speak with Fr. John. A date has not yet been set but we are currently looking for volunteers to host the parish get-together. Thank you!



Baptism of Constantine Michael Cook

On Sunday, June 14th, Baby Constantine Cook will receive Holy Baptism. The Baptismal-Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00am. Following the service there will be a luncheon in his honor. All are invited!



Next Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 28th, following the coffee hour. All welcome to attend.

A Letter from the Parish Council

is available for pickup at the candle stand. Please pick up your letter and write your name down on our list so as to reduce mailing costs.

Can You Offer a Ride to Church?

Please see Fr. John. Why not fill your empty seat with a fellow traveler to the Kingdom of God?





THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD INTO HEAVEN

When the day of the Jewish Pentecost drew near, the disciples of Christ returned from Galilee to Jerusalem. On the fortieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ they were all together in one house. Jesus Christ appeared to them and spoke with them saying, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs shall accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Then the Savior said to the disciples that soon the Holy Spirit would come upon them, and until that time He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem. He said, "I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Conversing with the disciples, the Savior led them out of the city as far as Bethany, to the Mount of Olives. The disciples, overjoyed with the words of the Savior, surrounded Him and started to ask, "Lord will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" The Savior said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

When He had said this, Jesus Christ lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. While He blessed them, He parted from them and He was lifted up to Heaven, and soon a cloud took Him out of their sight. Thus our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ascended in His physical body to Heaven and sat down at the right Hand of God the Father. His human soul and body took on the indivisible glory

with His divinity. In His divinity, He always is and will be in Heaven and everywhere.

The disciples worshipped the ascended Lord and for a long time continued to stand and gaze into Heaven after Him. Then two angels in white robes appeared before them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into Heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come to earth in the same way (that is, in the flesh), as you saw Him go into heaven."

After this the disciples of Jesus Christ returned to Jerusalem with great joy and stayed there together, awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit. All of them, together in soul, spent the time in prayer and were continually in the Temple of God, praising and thanking God. With them were several women and Mary, the Most-holy Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, with their relatives. In those days the apostles, prayerfully, by casting lots, chose from among the other disciples of Christ the twelfth apostle, Matthias, to take the place of Judas the betrayer, who perished.

Ascended into Heaven, Jesus Christ, according to His own promise, invisibly always comes to earth among those who believe in Him and will come again to earth in visible form to judge the living and the dead, who will then rise from the dead. After this will begin the life of the next age, another, eternal life which for true believers and pious people will be completely blessed, but for disbelievers and sinners will be a time of great torment.

Troparion

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Kontakion

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying, "I am with you and no one will be against you!"



ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

By Fr. Alexander Schememann

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 fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness 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 fullness 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.

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS



God is the life of all free beings. He is the salvation of all, of believers and unbelievers, of the just and the unjust, of the pious and the impious, of those freed from the passions and those caught up in them, of monks and those living in the world, of the educated or the illiterate, of the healthy or the sick, of the young or of the old. He is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather, which are the same for everyone without exception.

St. John of the Ladder

If a man has no care whatever for himself because of love for God and virtuous deeds, knowing that God will take care of him - such hope is true and wise. But if a man takes care of his own affairs and turns to prayer only when unavoidable misfortunes overtake him and he sees no way of averting them by his own power, only then beginning to hope in God's aid - such hope is vain and false. True hope seeks the Kingdom of God alone and is convinced that everything earthly that is necessary for this transitory life will unflinchingly be given.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

JUNE CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

- 6/9 George & Monica Stoicovy
- 6/12 Fr. John & Mat. Emily Parsells
- 6/17 Alan & Denise Royal
- 6/22 Francis & Renie Abdow
- 6/24 Bill & Kathy Parrish

Birthdays:

- 6/9 Jennifer Alexion
- 6/15 John Krynitsky
- 6/16 Sandra St. Germain
- 6/19 Richard Evanusa
- 6/28 Renie Abdow
- 6/30 Bill Parrish

Namesdays:

- 6/29 Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
- Paul St. Germain
- Troy (Paul) Duker

Not on the list? Please see Fr. John.

DON'T BE A FISH OUT OF WATER

St. John Chrysostom, the superb homilist who was called the "Golden-mouthed", was especially concerned for the spiritual and moral development of his flock and, as a result, he was especially interested in teaching them how to pray. As trees cannot live without water, so man's soul cannot live without prayerful contact with God, he taught. If you deprive yourself of prayer, you will become like a fish out of water because as water is life for a fish, so is prayer for you.

