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Great Feast of Pentecost

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

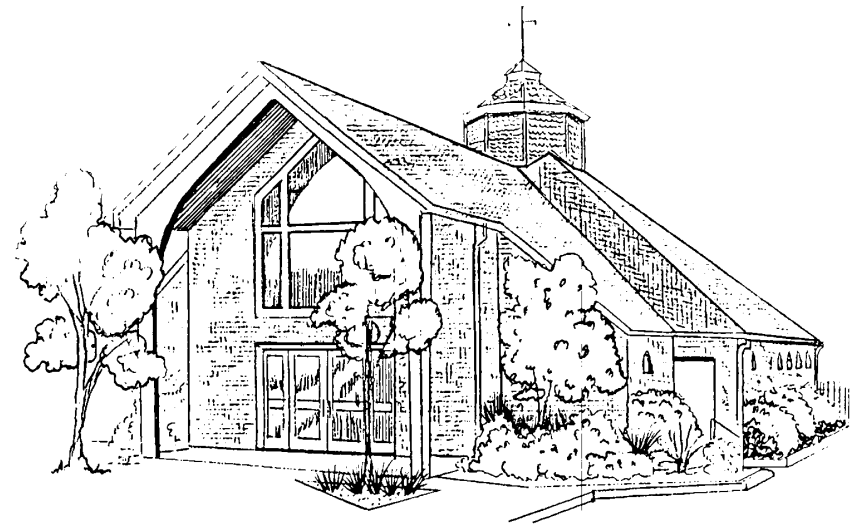
Verses

In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit
In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.

In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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June 12, 2022
The Great Feast of Pentecost

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: St. John 7:37-52, 8:12

Saints of the Day

Venerable Onouphrios the Great of Egypt; Venerable Peter the Athonite; Martyr Antonina of Nicaea; Venerable Arsenios of Konevits.

A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, thank you for your generous support of the Parish since Hurricane Ida. We are now in the middle of making the necessary repairs. The Parish Hall is getting a new metal roof. The men's room will see new fixtures and repairs. Parts of the Parish Hall will be re-stuccoed and painted. The narthex of our temple will soon have a beautiful new icon of the Transfiguration written by Cheryl Pituch. All of this in the 45th year in the life of our Parish. Thanks be to God! --Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 12th – Kneeling Vespers—immediately after Liturgy

Saturday, June 18th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, June 24th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, June 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, June 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, July 2nd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, July 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, July 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



On Cheesefare or Forgiveness Sunday, the possum family was watching the forgiveness line through a crack under the altar. We heard people ask each other for forgiveness by saying “forgive me a sinner,” and the response, “God forgives. I forgive. God forgive us all.” We saw everyone kissing each other on the cheeks three times. But why forgive people you may never have offended and with whom you may not need to be reconciled? The Orthodox Church teaches that the forgiveness line ritual serves to remind us that all of us have sinned and all are called to forgive the sins of others. Studies have shown that, within a church, the ritual helps to resolve petty squabbles and builds a sense of community. How blessed Orthodox people are to be in a church where everyone can exchange a kiss of peace and actively seek reconciliation for slights and wrongs. Having experienced this, Orthodox believers are taught humility and better equipped for spiritual growth--Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” – Proverbs 16:32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Guild shall hold its June meeting on Sunday, June 19, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The Parish Council shall hold its June meeting on Sunday, June 26, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

God willing, Fr. Peter will be out of town for the Parish Life Conference June 15-18. Great Vespers will not be served that Saturday, June 18; however, Orthros and Liturgy are scheduled for June 19.

With God's help, Orthros, Divine Liturgy and the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost shall be served consecutively on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

There is no fasting from Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 17.

The Apostles Fast begins on Monday, June 20, and ends on Tuesday, June 28, inclusively.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Friday, June 24, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through May 2022 totaled \$107,008.09. The expenses through May 2022 are \$103,549.29.