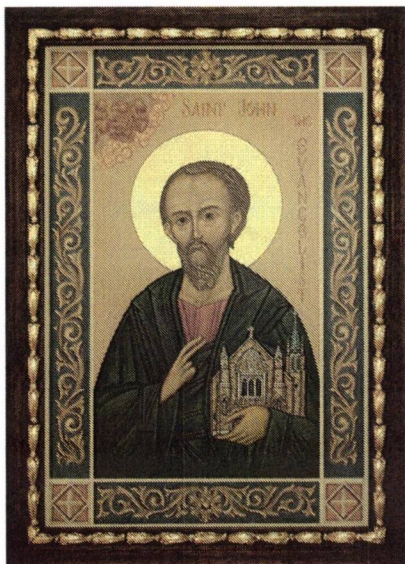




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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23 )  
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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***We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.***

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

***The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.***

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# **DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA**

## **THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST**

### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge.

***Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.***

There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee.

***Refrain: O Good Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.***

Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten. (***Refrain***)

The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... ***O, only begotten Son and Word of God...***

### **THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. Thou wentest before him with blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages.

***After the Third Antiphon verses, chant the Apolytikion of Pentecost.***

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.

### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST**

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall sing and praise of Thy power. O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee.: Alleluia.



## **APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT**

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## **KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT**

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 ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN**

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*thrice*)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.* Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Dynamis!**

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## **THE EPISTLE**

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**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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## **JUNE/JULY SERVICES**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH  
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS  
(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturday's away)**

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**June 8th Sunday — PENTECOST (No Matins)  
Divine Liturgy 10AM followed by Kneeling prayer**

**June 15th Sunday— SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS  
Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM  
\*\* FATHER'S DAY \*\***

**June 16th Monday— Beginning of St. Peter & Paul Fast  
Abstain from Meat, Dairy, Eggs on Wed.  
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**June 21st Saturday — Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM**

**June 22nd Sunday — ALL SAINTS OF ANTIOCH  
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA  
Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**June 29th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE NEW MARTYRS  
THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL**

**\*\*The Parish Life Conference is being held at Antiochian Village from Wednesday 6/25 thru Sunday 6/29. There is no coverage for our Divine Liturgy for this Sunday. Let Fr. Seraphim know if you plan to visit the monastery.**

**July 6th Sunday— Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

## **Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:.**

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet, Sassic Family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

## **For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:**

Prayers are offered in memory of...

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### **THE SYNAXARION**

**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 unde-filled hope of the Apostles.

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**“the Divine Eucharist is a continuous Pentecost. ...because every Divine Eucharist God the Father is invoked upon to send His Holy Spirit to come down and sanctify the Holy Gifts and those present: *‘send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here presented’* ..... The invocation is that the Gifts may be changed into the Body and Blood of the Lord, but the purpose of the change is the sanctification of the communicants and their union with God.”**

**(Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis, The Heavenly Banquet).**



## THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



As we celebrate the Feast of PENTECOST today, it is important that we note that this day is a fulfillment of a promise that Christ gave to His Apostles at the Last Supper. As they gathered for one final Passover meal, our Lord explained to them that although He would be leaving them, He would not be abandoning them – He would send them the Holy Spirit, Who would guide them in all things. When Jesus was about to return to His Heavenly Home, He instructed the Apostles to go back to Jerusalem and wait.

Obediently, they did what they were told. With the rushing of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit entered the Upper Room where the Apostles were patiently waiting and came into their hearts. The Holy Spirit changed them instantly from timid, fearful men into fearless witnesses for Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and shared their first-hand knowledge of the Risen Lord, and 3,000 people became Christians that very day because of what they heard.

When we think of Pentecost, there is a great danger of simply viewing it as an event that happened in the life of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit did NOT come solely to these 12 men. The Spirit comes to ALL OF US, and we are all capable of receiving the same power, enthusiasm, joy and excitement for spreading the Word of God that the Apostles were given. The Holy Spirit came to us on the day of our baptism. When we pray fervently, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Every time we come to confession, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Every time we receive the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit comes to us.

We must remember that we are given a great responsibility that goes along with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are charged to do what the Apostles were asked to do: *"Go and teach all nations!"* We know what the Apostles were able to accomplish for Christ and His Church through the Grace of the Holy Spirit. How about us? What are we doing?

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Indeed He is Risen

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