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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is UKR.

EMERGENCY CALLS - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS - Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

June 7, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of June 7 - 14, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE
FAST FREE WEEK
Welcome Home!!!!

Sunday, June 7 – P E N T E C O S T – Green Sunday – Tone 7
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Kneeling Prayers

Tuesday, June 9
6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, June 13
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, June 14 – All Saints – Tone 8
9:15 AM – Hours
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Panakhya: +Wira Bilinsky (2 Yr. An.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pentecost – Trinity Sunday – Matins: John 20:19-23; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11;
John 7:37-52-8:12

Monday – Day of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday – Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; Matthew 4:25-5:13

Wednesday – Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday – Romans 1:28-2:9; Matthew 5:27-32

Friday – Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday – Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48

1st Sunday after Pentecost- All Saints – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Hebrews
11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38-19:27-30

PROPERS FOR PENTECOST

ANTIPHON 1

The heavens declare the glory of God * and creation proclaims the works of His hands.

Through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God * Savior, save us.

Day to day pours forth speech * and night tonight proclaims knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God * Savior, save us.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth * and the words to the very ends of the world.

Through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God * Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit * now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God * Savior, save us.

ANTIPHON 2

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble * May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you.

Save us Holy Comforter * who sing to You. Alleluia.

May He send you help from His sanctuary * and support you out of Zion.

Save us Holy Comforter * who sing to You. Alleluia.

May the Lord bless you according to your heart * and fulfill your every plan.

Save us Holy Comforter * who sing to You. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit * now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only Begotten Son and

ANTIPHON 3

Verse: Lord in Your strength the king will be glad * and he will rejoice greatly in Your salvation.

Tropar – Tone 8 - Blessed are You, Christ God * Who has revealed the fishermen to be most wise * by sending upon them the Holy Spirit * and thereby catching the universe in Your net . * Christ God Who loves mankind glory to You.

Verse: You have given him his heart's desire * and you have not denied him the request of his lips.

Tropar – Tone 8 - Blessed are You, Christ God * Who has revealed the fishermen to be most wise * by sending upon them the Holy Spirit * and thereby catching the universe in Your net . * Christ God Who loves mankind glory to You.

Verse 3: For You have gone before him with the blessings of goodness * You have placed on his head a crown of precious stones.

Tropar – Tone 8 - Blessed are You, Christ God * Who has revealed the fishermen to be most wise * by sending upon them the Holy Spirit * and thereby catching the universe in Your net . * Christ God Who loves mankind glory to You.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Verse: Lord, be exalted in Your strength * we shall sing and praise Your power.

Tropar – Tone 8 - Blessed are You, Christ God * Who has revealed the fishermen to be most wise * by sending upon them the Holy Spirit * and thereby catching the universe in Your net . * Christ God Who loves mankind glory to You.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit * now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONDAK - Tone 8 –When the Most High descended and confused tongues * He scattered the nations * But when He distributed the tongues of fire * He called all to unity * Therefore with one accord * we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

Instead to “Holy God”

As many as have been baptized into Christ * have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3X)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit * now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ * have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKEIMENON – TONE 4

Their voice has gone out into all the earth * and their words to the very ends of the world.

Verse: By the word of the lord were the heavens established * and all their hosts by the Spirit of His mouth.

Alleluia

Verse: By the word of the Lord were the heavens established * and all their hosts by the Spirit of His mouth.

Verse: The Lord looked down from Heaven * He beheld all human children.

Instead of "It is right in truth"

Magnify my soul the Holy Spirit * Who proceeds from the Father.

Irmos – Tone 4: Rejoice, Queen, glory of motherhood and maidenhood. * Every mouth, however, eloquent and sweet of speech * is incapable of worthily chanting praise * and every mind is amazed when it tries to understand Your birth-giving of Christ. * For this reason with one accord we magnify you.

COMMUNION VERSE

Your good Spirit will guide me * in the straight land. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PENTECOST



"And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues of fire which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues even as the Holy Spirit prompted" (Acts 2:1-4).

The Icon of Pentecost reflects on this important event. It is characterized by calm and composed characters in contrast to the Scripture story of a "a sound from heaven as of a violent wind blowing," and the Apostles in a standing position.

The rays, extending from the symbol of heaven at the top of the icon, represent the "tongues as of fire which appeared and parted and came to rest on each of them." The Scripture tells us that all were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Acts of the Apostles continues the narrative of Pentecost, "Now there were staying at Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when the sound was heard the multitude gathered and were bewildered in mind because each heard them speaking in

his own language. But they were all amazed and marveled, saying, "Behold, are not all these that are speaking Galileans?" (Acts 2:5-7)

Jesus had promised that "The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name will teach you all things" (John 14:16). Jesus had kept His word. Fortified with the Spirit of truth and strength, they began their apostolic mission, preaching the Gospel and baptizing converts.

Grace is imparted upon us by the Holy Spirit Who enkindles in our souls the desire for sanctity, assists us in complying with all the conditions required by consoling us and enlightening our understanding.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The promise of the Spirit is fulfilled and the mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed. Scripture states that there came a noise "like a strong, driving wind" and tongues of fire "came to rest on each one of them". (Acts 2:2-4)

The brevity of these two lines in the Acts of the apostles can easily deceive us from the impact of what happened. The event - the sending of the Holy Spirit - is the final event in the history of our salvation until the second coming of Christ. The Spirit that appeared as tongues of fire descending upon the apostles is the same Spirit that is with us today. The Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of our Lord's promise to be with us always - even until the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).

The true meaning of Christ's Cross and Resurrection becomes manifest at Pentecost. A new mankind enters back into divine fellowship. The wholeness of human life is illuminated with a new and special knowledge. The great event of sanctification which took place in the Apostolic community is represented in the Icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, it is the expression of the sanctification of our lives in the Church by the Holy Spirit.

The Icon of Pentecost is a marked contrast with the biblical description of the Descent of the Spirit. The Icon is characterized by serenity and composure in contrast to the "noise" described in Acts of the Apostles. The posture of the Apostles, all of them seated, some gesturing as if in subdued conversation with one another, reveals peace. The gift of the Holy Spirit remains the inner life of grace.

The Twelve Apostles form a semi-circle to express the unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. They are pictured in an inverse perspective; that is, their figures grow larger as they recede into the background. There is no uniformity in the apostles because the Holy Spirit appears in a diversity of graces and gifts. The center place, which is occupied by the Book of Scriptures, is reserved for Christ, the Word of God, and the Head of the Church.

The symbolic figure of the king sitting at the bottom center symbolizes the cosmos - or all the people and the whole world.

LET YOUR HOLY SPIRIT COME UPON US, O LORD!

The Feast Day of Pentecost is, without a doubt, one of the most significant holy days on the ecclesiastical calendar of our Holy, Orthodox Church. It is commonly referred to as the "birthday" of the Church, for it was on this day that the Apostles took to the streets of Jerusalem and converted and baptized some 3,000 souls! It is a time when many Orthodox Churches are festively decorated with branches and greens. But most importantly, the glorious feast is a time when Christ's great promise to His Apostles was fulfilled: "I shall pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide in you forever." Yes, Pentecost is a commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit into the world, the "Helper" of Whom our Savior spoke. One of the sticheras from the Pentecost Vespers beautifully captures these thoughts: "Behold, we celebrate today the feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the promise and the realization of hope. How noble and awesome is this great mystery!"

Listen to the moving tribute to the Holy Spirit found in St. Symeon the New Theologian's literary masterpiece, **DIVINE HYMNS OF LOVE**:

"Come, Hidden Mystery; Come, Treasure without Name! Come, O Powerful One Who fulfills, transforms and changes all things by Your will alone! Come, fill us with God's presence! Come, restore the image of God within us! Come, strengthen our faith! Come, breathe into us the life of the immortal and everlasting God! Come, Holy Spirit, come!"

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES

- * Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided.
- * There will be a special section for those who have breathing problems and cannot wear a mask.
- * The collection basket will be placed where you can drop off your offering. Collections will not be taken.
- * As we have been doing over the past months, the doors of the Church will remain open so no one needs to touch them.
- * **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, **PLEASE STAY HOME!!**
- * For everyone's safety, names and contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. That includes us as priests. **PLEASE** – if you have any symptoms, please stay home.
- * We have ordered thermal scanning thermometers for the Parishes. Again, if anyone comes with a fever over 100°, you will be asked to go home.
- * Bulletins will continue to be sent by email and by mail. Copies will be available in the Church for those who do not receive them. Bulletins are also uploaded on the Parish Website by the Thursday or Friday prior to the Sunday Service.
- * During indoor Church Services, the bathroom by the Elevator will be used. The Parish Hall bathrooms can be used in an emergency. This will allow us to sanitize in between each use. The person using the bathroom will be reminded to use a Clorox wipe to sanitize any surfaces which they have touched.
- * Anyone who is 65 or older and who has any health condition (other than being healthy) should stay home. The Hierarchs are recommending and not making this mandatory at this time. We shall continue to live stream all services until the pandemic is over.
- * The Bread that is used for Zapivka (after Communion) is cut by a person who has thoroughly washed their hands, dried them and wears gloves. This bread is then placed into a plastic bag (a few pieces) and offered to the faithful. Please do not come to take the bag of bread if your are not going to Communion.
- *** **HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ and He came to save the world, not to make everyone sick!!! This is part of the foundation of our faith. Father and the Altar Boys (or whoever will be holding the Communion Cloth) will be wearing a mask. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE** – when you come to Communion, tilt your head slightly and open your mouth widely, Father will drop Communion in your mouth. Please wait until you see Father remove the spoon before

you close your mouth. Please remember that I use the same spoon to consume the chalice. In 36 years of the Holy Priesthood I have never become ill from consuming the chalice.

* All of our faithful who have not confessed during the Great Fast or afterwards are required to go to Holy Confession prior to receiving the Eucharist. On Saturday, June 6 I shall be celebrating the Service for the Departed for memorial Saturday. I shall hear confessions prior to the 9:00 AM Service and afterwards from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Social distancing will be employed and I shall instruct you in this when you arrive.

* After the Liturgy, each person MUST sanitize the area in which he/she is using. We have been doing this since the pandemic began.

* Sanitizing wipes can be found at the entrance of the Church and at the back of the Church. Hand sanitizer will be placed also at the entrance of the Church and on the tetrapod.

* We shall have one person who is gloved who will operate the elevator.

*** AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

* If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to CALL ME (302) 798-4455. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Natalia Smith, 6/8; Katherina Smith, 6/8; Svetlana Duffy, 6/11 & Halyna Feleshchuk, 6/11. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SOMETHING TO DO – during this stay at home time: gather your treasures for the UOL Flea Market which is still scheduled for Saturday, August 1st!!!!

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, June 9th @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to:

Irene Maskaly – for planting all the Paskhal Flowers, for baking prosphora and for changing the candles in Church.

Alex Czernik – for donating 250 masks for the three Parishes.

Mark Andreas – for repairing, patching and painting the Icon on the right side of the Church.

Sandy Cramer and Linda Hnatow for decorating the Church

May God reward their kindness a hundredfold!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Deacon Adrian, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Szvec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

"THROUGH ALL THE WORLD THEIR VOICES RESOUND . . ."

The Feast Day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, commonly referred to as

PENTECOST, is a pivotal event in the history of the Christian Church. It was on this day that a group of frightened fishermen were strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, which came upon them in the form of fiery tongues and a rushing wind, as recorded in the Book of Acts. The mysterious happenings of that first Pentecost filled the Apostles with the zeal and dedication necessary to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the "ends of the earth", as they were commanded to do. Persecutions could not curtail their missionary activities. Death could not silence their message. Once they fully understood what it meant to be "fishers of men", the Apostles commended their entire lives to spreading the wonderful news concerning salvation through Jesus Christ to a skeptical, unbelieving world.

The icon gracing the cover of our Bulletin depicts a wonderful theological expression of the Feast Day of Pentecost. The Apostles are seated in a semi-circle, showing the unity of the body of the Church. Some of them hold books and scrolls in their hands, a sign of their having received the gift of teaching. At the bottom of this artwork is a symbolic figure of a "King", who represents all mankind. He sits in a dark place, since the whole world was engulfed by the darkness of sin prior to the coming of Christ. The crown on the man's head symbolizes the reign of sin over the world before our Saviour redeemed us. The white cloth in his hands with the twelve scrolls signifies the purity of the message brought to light by the Twelve Apostles.

It is significant to note that the grouping of the Apostles is completed by an empty, unoccupied place at the top of the circle. This "place of honor" is for Christ, the invisible Head of the Church.

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