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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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**June 20, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 25**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of June 20 - 27, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, June 20 – Pentecost – Father’s Day - Tone 7**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Honoring Our Graduates**

**Father’s Day Dinner**



**Wednesday, June 23**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**6:00 PM - Akathist to Our Lady, Curer of Cancer – Blessing of Oil**

**Friday, June 25**

**8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, June 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints – Tone 8**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Panakhya: +Michael Wardigo (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Coffee Hour – UOL Meeting**

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**SCRIPTURE READNGS**

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

**Monday – Ephesians 5:9-19; 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**

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

## **PENTECOST: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

There is nothing quite as frightening and devastating as the wind. Those who have the misfortune to be in the path of a tornado compare its force to the force of a locomotive. Sailors consider the gale forces that toss their vessels about to be their worst enemy upon the sea.

Today, however, our Holy Orthodox Church gives us a different perspective on the effects of "wind", for this was the means used by our Heavenly Father to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit upon the world. The second chapter of the Book of Acts of the Apostles details the events that occurred on the first Pentecost. In obedience to Christ's directives the Apostles returned to Jerusalem after the Lord's Ascension, gathering in the same Upper Room where they had shared the Mystical Supper with their Master. After ten days, the stillness of the early morning was interrupted by the rush of a mighty wind. According to the Savior's promise, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the form of TONGUES OF FIRE, strengthening their faith and filling them with the BURNING DESIRE to proclaim the message of the Risen Christ to everyone! Armed with this new-found "power" they went out into the streets of Jerusalem and preached with such conviction that some 3,000 converts were baptized that very day!

On this great Feast Day, Orthodox Christians are reminded that the Holy Spirit is still the source of all gifts, uniting us together into the community which we call "the Church". Indeed, He is the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life!

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### **THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY**

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit entering the life of the Church. How does the Holy Spirit work in the Church today?

The Holy Spirit warms us, the Holy Spirit is the spirit of love that is shared between God the Father and God the Son. This love is God (1 John 4:8). When the Holy Spirit enters our lives, we are warmed with God's own love. Although we are creatures, we have a created sharing in God's own life of love. The more we contemplate and allow God's Word to penetrate our being, the more we are filled with God's love.

The Holy Spirit moves us. God's Holy Spirit is not a spirit of idleness. The Holy Spirit moves us to action. Love causes us to reach out to others and to share with them the gift of Love whom we have received.

The Holy Spirit guides us. Love could be misinterpreted. God's Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit of Truth will not allow us to deceive ourselves, provided that we desire the Truth. The Spirit invites us to examine the distinctions between feeling and dedication, between fanaticism and zeal. The Spirit strengthens our faith.

Our conclusion must be that the Holy Spirit of God moves in each one of us who is a member of the Body of Christ, giving us life. The same Holy Spirit works in the Body of Christ, the Church, as a whole. The Church, as one Body, proclaims our faith to the world.

The Holy Spirit is very much a part of our lives as Christians in today's world. The Holy Spirit has always been the Church's very breath of life. So God's Spirit will continue to animate the Church – unto fulfillment in the kingdom of God.

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### **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 them" (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.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Valeria Podoguts, 6/20; Lidiya Otamas, 6/21; Sophia Nazarenko, 6/22; Marina Otamas, 6/25; Joseph Lum, 6/26 & Alexander Novikov, 6/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**ELECTRONIC DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events may not occur.

**OUTDOOR WALK IN FREEZER** – is being ordered for the Parish. It will reside in the back of the Church outside the back doors of the hall. Our problem in preparing for any of our bigger sales is the space in which to store our food. The cost of the freezer complete will be about \$15K dollars. We need your help. A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken for the next few months to help us to reach this goal. Thank you.

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

## **GRADUATE SUNDAY**

### **I'M ALIVE AND LIVING IN A WORLD OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES**

None of us can say exactly what the future holds for us. But as we move forward with God as our guide, we can be certain that the future will be full of phenomenal experiences for all of us. And although the future is uncertain, perhaps we can begin to influence the possibilities that abound by establishing a permanent bond of harmony and love in the world around us. Like a seed planted in the ground, this unbridled sense of peace and harmony will soon grow and spread on its own, from person to person, from city to city, until the whole world is infused with good will. Yes, the future holds great things for us, and together we can look forward to it with an expectation of unlimited peace and harmony. "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27)

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### **KINDERGARTEN**

**Ethan Michael Engels** – graduated kindergarten from Brandywine Valley Christian School and will be attending first grade at Lancashire School. His hobbies include walking with his Grand Dad, swimming, playing video games, playing t-ball and playing board games with his Baba.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

**Nicholas Czernik** – graduated from Salesianum High School on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. Nicholas will be starting college at Temple University School of Science and Technology at the main campus in the fall. He will be majoring in computer science.

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

**Marianne Nedoszytko** – graduated from the University of Delaware in December of 2020 with a Masters Degree in Linguistics and Cognitive Science. Currently she is working for a travel research company.

**George Anthony Pantelopulos** – graduated with his doctorate from Boston University in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry. Currently he is working at the NIH in Bethesda, MD being part of the Best Research Group for diabetes, digestive and kidney disorders. His hobbies are bike riding, weight lifting, reading and Japanese culture and cooking.

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### **SPECIAL THANKS ARE OFFERED TO:**

Mark Andreas, Laura Andreas, Matthew Andreas and Stephen Andreas for cleaning out the area behind the Church and planting grass there.

Tom Bringle, Lorraine Neff, Patricia Bringle and Richard Bringle for their work on the planters at the elevator doors to the Church.

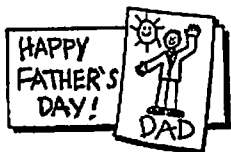
Tom Bringle, Kathy Duncan, John Cramer, Sandy Cramer, Lorraine Neff, John Plachuta, Patricia Bringle and Michael Kapelus for cleaning out the office.

Irene Maskaly for taking all of the items and delivering them to the Ronald McDonald House.

John Plachuta for donating all the materials and to him, Tom Bringle and Richard Bringle for installing the new shelving in the Office.

Thomas Bringle for sanding, staining and polyurethaning the front doors of the Church.

May God reward their kindness a hundred fold and may He keep them in His tender, loving care!



**UOL FLEA MARKET** – is scheduled for Saturday, August 7. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. More on the drop off dates later. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.).

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 20 - John and Sandy Cramer

June 27 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

July 4 - David and Eve Lazaration

July 11 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus



## **MEETINGS**

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, June 27 during coffee hour

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

**AUTONOMY LOST AND REGAINED – The Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolia of Kyiv, 1633-2019** (<https://www.ukrhec.org/exhibits>) – Check out the newest exhibit at our Ukrainian History and Education Center.

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of June 21 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of June 28 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 12 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of July 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of July 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

June 20 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

June 27 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 4 - Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 11 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 18 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 25 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

### **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Sunday, June 20 – Pentecost – Father’s Day Dinner – Graduate Sunday

Monday, June 28 – Apostle’s Fast Begins

Sunday, July 18 – Metropolitan Antony: Blessing of the Patron’s Path

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

June 27 - Linda Hnatow

July 4 - Jean Roeth

July 11 - John Plachuta

July 18 - Andrew Duncan

### **RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: \***

If you are not vaccinated, masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. \* **PLEASE:** if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** 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.

**NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICERS** – Summer is upon us which means that many of us are going to be on vacation. The problem that we face as a Parish is that the bills are the same whether or not you are here; the lights are used, the air conditioning is running, etc. We need your help as we are falling behind on our bills due to the lack of funds. Please be generous in your offering to God and if you are away, please try to help make up the deficit in funding. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

### **GOSSIP DEPARTMENT**

Coming out of church, Mrs. Peterson asked her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is tinting her hair?"

"I didn't even see her," admitted Mr. Peterson.

"And that dress Mrs. Hansen was wearing," continued Mrs. Peterson, "Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper costume for a mother of two."

"I'm afraid I didn't notice that either," said Mr. Peterson.

"Oh, for heaven's sake," snapped Mrs. Peterson. "A lot of good it does you to go to Church!"

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, 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, 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, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, 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, Victor Melnychenko, 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, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, 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.**

## **PENTECOST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**A**t His Ascension, Our Lord instructed His followers to stay in Jerusalem "until you are clothed with power from on high." This was in reference to the Holy Spirit, Who had been promised to be sent. The Lord's instructions were followed. This first Christian group, numbering some 120 persons including the Holy Virgin and the Apostles, gathered in a room each day and all "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer."

This was done for 10 days. On that 10th day, the 50th day after Christ's Resurrection, the Holy Spirit came. It was Pentecost, the Old Testament feastday. The Book of Acts tells what happened: "Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house . . . And there appeared tongues as of fire, resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . ."

The holy city was packed with people for the feastday. Because of the sound of the wind, a multitude quickly gathered. Amazingly, the strangers heard the disciples speaking in their own different languages.

The Apostle Peter, renewed in faith and vigor, spoke to the throng as he had never spoken before. He spoke of Jesus of Nazareth Who had been put to death, but Who had risen from the grave. The preaching had a profound impact on the crowd. They were moved by the message, and some 3,000 people were added to the Christian ranks that day.

But the Descent of the Holy Spirit is not just a relic of the past. There is always an outpouring of the Spirit where believers gather in anticipation and in prayer, beseeching His coming. Pray that He might come and abide in us and save our souls.