



## **Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin**

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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 16, 2019**  
**Volume 55: Number 24**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of June 16 - 23, 2019**

**Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**THIS IS A FAST FREE WEEK**

Sunday, June 16 – Pentecost – Father’s Day

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Baptism: Matthew Case Pecorella

Panakhya: +Mary Andreas – Mark and Laura Andreas and Sons

Coffee Hour

12:00 Noon – Pentecost Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers



Monday, June 17

6:30 PM – Practice for Men Altar Servers

Thursday, June 20

6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal for Archpastoral Liturgy

Sunday, June 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints – Tone 8 – Graduate Sunday

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Kathryn Malinowski (5Yr. An.); +Anne Tyrawski (5 Yr. An.),

+Anna (35 Yr. An.) & +Philip (56 Yr. An.) Krasnopera, +Xenia

(71 Yr. An.) & +Konstantin (58 Yr. An.) Hnatow – Michael

Tilson and Linda Hnatow

Coffee Hour

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**ORDINATIONS HERE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL** - On Saturday, June 29, our Parish will host His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel who will celebrate a Hierarchical Liturgy and ordain to the Holy Diaconate, Timothy Kelleher who will be attached to our Parish and to the Holy Priesthood, Deacon Oleh Kravchenko. The festivities will begin at 10:00 AM. Many priests and clergy will be attending this special Liturgy. I am hoping that all of our Parishioners will make the attempt to be here for this auspicious occasion. Our Sisterhood is preparing a dinner following. **RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED!!! By Sunday, June 23!!!** – There is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

When they returned from the Temple and gathered together in the Upper Room for morning prayers, suddenly the Holy Spirit descended upon them, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles:

"When the day of Pentecost came, they all had met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were staying. Then the tongues of fire appeared to them and, as they separated, they came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit prompted them." (Acts 2:1-4)

The descent of the Holy Spirit took place on the Jewish Pentecost (Acts 2:1), which coincided with the fiftieth day after the glorious Resurrection of Christ. Therefore, the Apostles referred to this memorable event as Pentecost (I Cor. 16:8). But the celebration of this event as a separate feast came somewhat later. In the second half of the fourth century, St. Gregory of Nyssa (+394), in his homily "On Pentecost", already referred to it as the "Great Festivity of Pentecost". For the Christians it marked the completion of the redemptive works of Christ and the inauguration of the New Covenant, the Covenant of Grace which was poured down by the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a constant reminder of our own "Baptism by the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5), which we received at the time of our Chrismation. As the priest, anointing our body with the holy Chrism, pronounced the words: "THE SEAL OF THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT", the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon us, taking possession of our soul. We became a living "Temple of the Holy Spirit" (I Cor. 6:19).

St. Peter did not hesitate to confirm this truth when describing the baptism of Cornelius' house: "The Holy Spirit came down on them in the same way that it came down on us (the Apostles) at the `beginning'" (Acts 11:15). Similarly, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (+387) explained to his students: "While our body is anointed with the visible ointment, our souls becomes sanctified by the Holy and Life-giving Spirit" (Catechesis 21:3). The Holy Spirit gives us a new divine life and, therefore, we profess Him to be the "Giver of Life".

The divine life is the life of grace, making us "partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4) and true children of God: "The Spirit you receive is not the spirit of slaves - but the Spirit of children, and it makes us cry out, `ABBA, FATHER!' The Spirit Himself gives testimony to our own spirit that we are the children of God (cf. Rom. 8:15-16). Chrismation, then, is our own "Pentecost" when the Holy Spirit pours upon us His gifts, enabling us to "live a life worthy of our Christian calling" (Eph. 4:10) as children of God.

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In the Old Testament, the Jews were ordered by God to celebrate the "Feast of Harvest" on the fiftieth day after the Passover (Ex. 23:16) in thanksgiving for the harvest, and were expected to make an "offering of the new fruits" of their crops. They also referred to this feast as the "Feast of the First Fruits" (Numbers 28:26). Since officially, the harvest lasted for seven weeks, the day was also called the "Feast of Weeks" (Deuteronomy, 16: 9-10).

After the exile, the Rabbis had a custom of motivating their liturgical celebrations with certain events of their sacred history. Thus, they tied the Passover with the miraculous liberation of their people from the Egyptian captivity and the Feast of the Harvest with the Covenant of Mt. Sinai. According to the records, the Mount Sinai events took place on the fiftieth day after the crossing of the Red Sea.

Since the Feast of the Harvest was celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Jewish Passover, the Greek speaking Jews (cf. Tob. 2:1; II Macc. 2:31-32) simply referred to it as "Pentecost" (In Greek, Pentecost means the fiftieth day). Thus, at the time of Jesus, the Feast was generally known as the "Feast of Pentecost" and was celebrated in commemoration of the Covenant with great pomp and ceremony.

Before his Ascension, Jesus instructed His Apostles to stay in Jerusalem and to wait for the "promise of His Father", which was to be fulfilled in a few days (Acts 1:14). After the Ascension, they returned from Mount Olivet to the Upper Room where they spent their time in "continuous prayer" (Acts 1:4-5) and worship "in the Temple" (Luke 24:53). This was, if you want, the first retreat of prayer and meditation made by the Apostles, the Mother of God and the close followers or disciples of Christ.

According to the Jewish tradition, Moses awakened his people in the middle of the night in order to proclaim the Law of God to them. For this reason, in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost the Jews would keep an all-night vigil during which they read the harvest and covenant themes from the Scriptures. The readings were interspersed by the singing of Psalms and spiritual hymns. Some prophecies were also read, including the Prophecy of Joel, saying: "I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on my servants will I pour out my Spirit in those days. (Joel 3:1-2)

We can imagine the Apostles at that all-night vigil. They listened to these prophetic words with avid expectation. Down deep in their hearts they must have sensed their imminent fulfillment, and this did happen on the very next morning.

## SCRIPTURE READING

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

Monday 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### PENTECOST SUNDAY AND OUR BAPTISM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"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! Wherefore, O Lord and Creator of All, we cry out: "Glory be to You!"*

**(Vespers for Pentecost)**

With these words we begin our liturgical celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, solemnly concluding the yearly remembrance of our salvation. These words are taken from the famous homily of St. Gregory the Theologian, "On the Holy Spirit" which he delivered in Constantinople on the day of Pentecost, 381 A.D. (Oration 41:5).

According to St. Gregory, the descent of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of God's promise, since Jesus Christ assured His Apostles that He would send them the "promise of the Father" (Luke 24:49). By the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles received even more than that which they had hoped. The descent of the Holy Spirit brought to its completion the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity which St. Gregory called the "great and exalted mystery". In our holy Orthodox Church we celebrate this mystery of Pentecost, as is so beautifully indicated by another part of the Vespers service:

"We have seen the true light we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, wherefore we worship the undivided Trinity for having saved us." (Vespers for Pentecost)

This "true faith" inspired St. Gregory to deliver his sermon about the divinity of the Holy Spirit, who "completed the work of Christ." Gregory's sermon was addressed against the followers of his predecessor in the See of Constantinople, Archbishop Macedonius (+362) who denied the divinity of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

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Since Pentecost was originally a feast of the harvest, the Jews used to decorate their homes with the fruits of the harvest - flowers, green foliage, garlands, etc. - in order to add more pomp and solemnity to their celebrations. The Christians also adopted this same custom. To them, however, the green branches and flowers took on a symbolic meaning - the divine life and gifts of the Holy Spirit. For this reason, the clergy wear green vestments for the liturgical services on Pentecost and its post-festive period.

Since we were created to God's image and likeness and we received the Holy Spirit at the time of our Chrismation, by living our life in Him we gradually restore our human nature to its pristine perfection. Justly, our holy Father of the Church call the process of our growing in the divine life our "deification" or "divinization". And this we achieve only through our cooperation with the Holy Spirit Who sustains us and makes us grow in the divine life. Therefore, with piety and devotion, let us constantly implore Him with the well known Prayer to the Holy Spirit extensively used by our people: "Heavenly King, Consoler, the Spirit of Truth present in all places and filling all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain and save our souls, O Good One!"

Let us meditate on the verses from Vespers:

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! \* Wherefore, O Lord and Creator of All, \* we cry out: "Glory be to You!"

The Holy Spirit provides every gift \* He inspires prophecy, and perfects the priesthood, \* He grants wisdom to the illiterate \* He makes simple fishermen to become wise theologians, \* and establishes perfect order in the organization of the Church. \* Wherefore, O Comforter, equal in nature and majesty with the Father and the Son glory to You!

Come all you nations of the world \* let us adore God in three holy Persons: \* Father, Son and Holy Spirit - Three in One. \* From all eternity the Father begets the Son \* equal to Him in eternity and majesty \* equal also to the Holy Spirit \* glorified with the Son in the Father \* Three Persons, and yet a single Power and Essence and Godhead. \* In deep adoration let us cry out to God: \* "Holy is God Who made all things through the Son with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit! \* Holy the Mighty One through Whom the Father was revealed to us and the Holy Spirit came to this world! \* Holy the Immortal One, the Spirit, the Counselor Who proceeds from the Father! \* All Holy Trinity, glory to You!"

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## FATHER'S DAY

Today, all over the country, children honor their beloved fathers. This third Sunday in June has been set aside to honor all fathers who not only gave life to their children, but also have seen to it that their children are reared in the love of God. In the words of Saint John: "I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning." (I John 2:14).

Shortly before father's day several years ago a reporter on the Arkansas Democrat of Little Rock answered the telephone to hear a boyish voice declare: "I want to get my daddy's name in the paper." The reporter asked what his father had done to be placed in the paper. "Nothing, he's just my daddy", said the voice with all the indignation an 8 year old can muster. When the newsman asked how he wanted it worded, the boy answered: "I'd say 'Gordon Shaw who lives at 821 East State Street, has one son. He is eight years old, but will be nine on August 12th. His name - that's me - is Danny Shaw. He goes to Kramer School. His dad is a fine dad'." Then he added: "I just wanted to give my dad a father's day present." The sentiment in the heart of that boy strikes an echo in the heart of every son and daughter on this Father's Day. Who of us would not want to see his father's name in the paper? Who of us would not want to see their father recognized, rewarded, honored?

Today a father's job is harder than it ever was. Providing food, shelter and clothing is just part of it. He must steer his children through the confusing paths of modern life. He must protect his flesh and blood from a host of moral enemies. He must give his children a sterling, clear-cut example when there are countless debasing models all around. Most fathers, thank God, are living up to their holy calling.

At least once a year we want to tell our Dads that we appreciate their sacrifice, their affection, their comradeship. We may not have the chance to put their names in the newspaper but we must find the time and the opportunity to put their names before God in prayer and to say to each of them simply and sincerely: "Thanks Dad, for everything."

Ask the Heavenly Father to bless your earthly father. A good Dad is loving and understanding. Is it no wonder that Jesus taught us to address His Father as our Father? They tell of a father who hurried into a hospital room to see his seven year old son at death's door. "Daddy, am I going to die?" the lad asked. "Why do you ask, son? Are you afraid to die?" "Not if God is like you, Daddy" the boy replied. What a Dad that father was! Yes, and what wonderful dads we have in this parish. We greet and congratulate every one of you, fathers, this morning. We ask God to bless and strengthen you. We will ask God to reward you. We will ask God to help you continue being the best dads in the world!



## **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.

### **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

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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!"

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### **PENTECOST**

"O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life; come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all sins, and save our souls, O Gracious Lord." This ever-popular hymn is sung today and on other occasions to invoke the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

"Comforter" is a translation of the Greek word "parakletos". Paraclete came into other languages just as it stood. It is commonly used today to describe one who consoles in time of sorrow. In the past, however, "comforter" meant much more. The English translation of Paraclete comes from the Latin "fortis" or brave. It is someone who helps a weak or depressed person to be brave and to give strength. Today we would say that it is a person who helps another "cope" with life. It is someone's cause, an advocate in another person's defense and one who gives another a new outlook and new vision or perspective on life.

Our Lord promised His Apostles a Paraclete to guide them in truth and strengthen them to fulfill their mission of evangelizing the world. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you all that I have told you" (John 14:26).

We are Temples of the Holy Spirit. His indwelling and effectiveness depend to a great extent upon our cooperation. "If you love Me and obey the commands I give you, I shall ask the Father and He will give you another Paraclete, to be with you always" (John 14: 15-16).

**Dad's Greatest Job  
-Author Unknown**

I may never be as clever as my neighbors down the street,  
I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet;  
I may never have the glory that some other men have had,  
But I've got to be successful as a little child's dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true.  
There are things I would accomplish ere my working time is through;  
But the task my heart is set on is to guide and to be glad,  
And to make myself successful as that little child's dad.

I may never get earth's glory; I may never gather gold;  
Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told;  
But if the child who follows after is a Christian, I'll be glad,  
For I'll know I've been successful as a little child's dad.

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**History of Father's Day**

Fathers Day occurs on the 3rd Sunday in June. The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Alexander Czernik, 6/17; Jacob Dylan Duncan, 6/17; Janilyn Pinkowicz, 6/18; Valeria Podoguts, 6/20; Lidiya Otamas, 6/21 & Sophia Nazarenko, 6/22. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

### MEETINGS – MINISTRIES

**SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING** - Monday, June 24 @ 6:30 PM

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 PM

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 13.

### TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

June 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

June 23 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

June 30 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 7 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 14 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

July 21 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin



### READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 16 - Andrew Duncan

June 23 - Jean Roeth

June 30 - Linda Hnatow

July 7 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 14 - Jean Roeth

July 21 - Thomas Kasprzak

July 28 - John Plachuta

August 5 - Irene Maskaly



### GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 16 - David & Eve Lazaration

June 23 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

June 30 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

July 7 - John and Sandy Cramer

## **HALL USAGE**

Saturday, July 27 - Troop #70 1-4 PM – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** – will be Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure that Father Stephen receives the information about your graduate from Kindergarten, High School, College or University by Sunday, June 16. 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 Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

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

Week of June 17 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 24 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of July 1 - John Cramer, Sandy Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of July 8 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 15 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of July 22 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 29 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

## **Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 23 – Graduate Sunday

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle's Fast

Saturday, June 29 – Ordination to the Deaconate of Timothy Kelleher and the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Oleh

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 12 – UOL Retreat

Wednesday, October 16 – Saturday, October 19 – XXII SOBOR

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

**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 Nestor Kowal, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskij, Father Volodymyr Wronskij, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnатов, Betty Hnатов, Daniel Holoziak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, 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, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szwec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

## PENTECOST - The Birthday of the Church

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### **APOSTLES**

- Jesus instructed His Apostles and followers to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

### **BAPTIZE**

- On Pentecost Sunday, 3,000 people were baptized.

### **BIRTHDAY**

- Pentecost is the birthday of the Orthodox Church.

### **CHURCH**

- Same as "Birthday".

### **DESCENT**

- The Holy Spirit descended (came down) upon the Apostles.

### **FIFTY**

- Pentecost comes every year, fifty days after Paska.

### **FIRE**

- Fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

### **FRESHNESS**

- The Holy Spirit gave a fresh, new, fearless life to the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus on Pentecost Sunday.

### **GREEN**

- Green is the symbol of new life.

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

- The Holy Spirit came from heaven upon the followers of Jesus.

### **JERUSALEM**

- The city where the Apostles waited.

### **JOY**

- The Apostles were filled with joy on Pentecost.

### **ORDINATION**

- When the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, the Mystery of Ordination was established.

### **PENTECOST**

- The birthday of the Church.

## THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**T**he icon for the feast of PENTECOST has traditional elements that teach the spiritual structure of the Christian Church. Against the background of a temple, the Apostles are depicted in a circular form, giving the impression of unity.



But if the icon is a representation of the Church, then it must have more than Apostles depicted. And this is the case. Among the twelve are a number who were not of the original Twelve. There is St. Paul and the Evangelists Luke and Mark (who hold Gospels). The Apostles bear scrolls, for they are essentially teachers of Good News.

The Acts, describing the historic Descent of the Spirit, speaks of the multitude present on that occasion. Ancient icons did, in fact, depict multitudes in the lower central portion of the icon. This has been replaced by the strange symbolic figure of a king. The man is in a dark place, for the world before Christ was lacking faith; he is depicted aged, for the sin of Adam has aged him; the crown signifies sin, which ruled the world; the cloth he holds, with the twelve scrolls, signifies the Twelve Apostles who brought light to the world through their proclamation of the news of Jesus Christ.

Because Pentecost was the baptism of the Church by fire, we see the rays of fire descending upon the gathered group. And so we have, finally, the fulfillment of the revelation of the Holy Trinity: the Father as Creator, the Son as Saviour, and now the Holy Spirit, come as Comforter & Sanctifier of the Church.