

SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

HOLY PENTECOST

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, 6/1/26

6:00 PM – Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 6/3/26

6:00 PM – Vespers, Confession & Orthodoxy 201

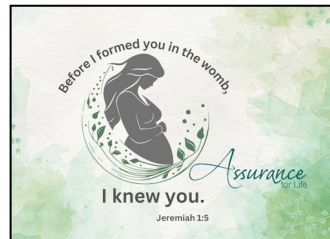
Sunday, 6/7/26

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Streaming Father Cosmin's Service in the Social Hall)

12:00 PM – Agape Fellowship

ASSURANCE FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

We have a fund raiser for Assurance for Life (a specialty medical clinic) that offers free medical, emotional, practical and spiritual support for individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. In the last 40 years they have saved over 5,300 lives. As a non-profit, this organization is dependent on donations. Grab a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or a check and return on Father's Day, June 21st. They are located in the social hall.



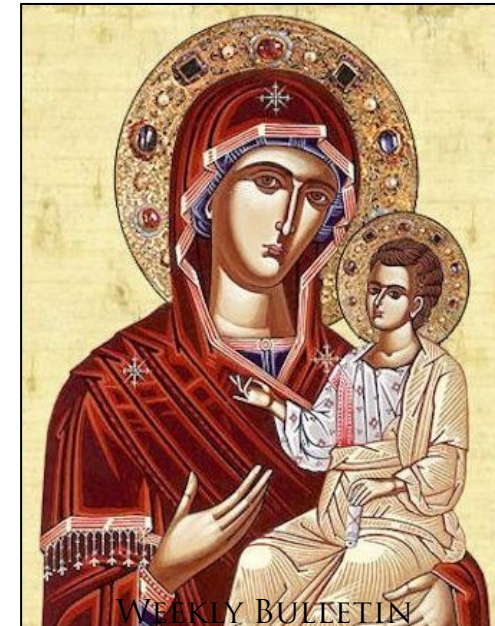
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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026
HOLY PENTECOST

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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 18.4,1.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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."

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Apolytikion for Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. Glory to You Who loves mankind.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

For as thirsty men, when they have taken a bowl, eagerly drain it and then desist, so too they who hear the divine oracles if they receive them thirsting, will never be weary until they have drunk them up. For to show that men ought ever to thirst and hunger, "Blessed," It said, "are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt.5:6)

St. John Chrysostom
Homily 51 on John 7, 4th Century

There are times when our prayer is fervent and it is easy for us to pray. There are times when our thoughts are so scattered or we are upset with something or so distracted that we find it virtually impossible to concentrate in prayer. This is especially true when we try to keep a rule of prayer each day. Some days it goes very well, but other times -if not most of the time?- our efforts seem almost to be in vain.

A monk of the Holy Mountain
On the Prayer of Jesus | by St. Ignatius Brianchaninov p.107

...you are the image of God. Therefore, be spiritual, despising the flesh, which is only your temporal home; be holy, kind, wise, just, watchful, and courageous, unchangeable in good, and satisfied with everything.

St. John of Kronstadt
My Life in Christ | by E.E. Gouliaeff p.308

