**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Holy Pentecost

St. Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople

Eothenon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (John 20:19-23)

Mode of the Week: Festal/τῆς Εορτῆς

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**Upcoming Schedule**

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**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (6/11) Pete Tsamolias, Beth Zoumberis; (6/18) Kostas Iakovidis, Isabelle Saratsiotis


**Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:** (6/11) Natalia Saratsiotis; (6/18) Pressyteria Stacey Elhmer; (6/25) Aleca Hortman

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**Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:**

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάτων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

**To our Visitors and Guests:** We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

**Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!**
Epistle Reading

Eis πάσαν τὴν γῆν εξήλθεν ο̦̪θgenic̦ o̦̪θgenic̦ aυτῶν, καί εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ βῆματα αὐτῶν. Σημ. Οἱ οὐρανοί δηοροῦντα δόξαν Θεοῦ, ποίησαν δὲ χεριώ τοῦ αὐτών ἀνατρέπει τὸ στερημα. 

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. 

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands. (Psalm 18)

The reading is from the 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, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabsians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (7:37-52, 8:12)

Holy Pentecost

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 answered, "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 priest and Pharisaees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisaees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisaees 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."
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Holy Pentecost—(Ιεροπνεύμονα)

After the Savior’s Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His followers, who had been praying in the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles. Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension of Our Lord, the God loving Son of the Virgin Mary, and His brethren Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God became one of the Great Feasts.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pese Book):

- Hymn of Pentecost (Εὐλογισμος υπερ των επισκόπων και παλιγοθελών)
- Hymn of the Most Holy Virgin (Μητρας της Θεοτόκου)

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Prayer Requests:

- Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kasianii, Miltiad, Yali, Niola, Georgia, Pavlos, Jiti, Batty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Sokdy, Mona, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster

Prayers for those recently reposed:

- Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 3) Prayers for expecting mothers:
- Katina B., Maggie B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

- Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vratiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Weekday):

- Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and by reviving them in their work.
- Be exalted, O Lord, in Your power; we will sing and praise Your mighty deeds. Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.
- The Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today due to it being one of the Great Feasts.
- The Kontakion of Pentecost (Oref karaflo) is sung.

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues. * He divided the nations. * When He distributed the tongues of fire. * He called all to unity. * And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

- Instead of "Agios o Theos" (Οσιος ο Θεος)
- Instead of "Axion Estin" (Αξιον εστιν).

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

- St. Gregory Dialogos (+604) on the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell with us: “And my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” My friends, consider the greatness of this solemn feast that commemorates God’s coming as a guest into our hearts! If some rich and influential friend were to come to your home, you would promptly put it all in order for fear something there might not be when your friends come in. Let us all of us then who are preparing our inner homes for God cleanse them of anything our wrongdoing has brought into them.

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Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

- Nate, Chad, Alexandre, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

**This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:**

- Wednesday (6/7—No Fasting): Romans 1:18-28, Matthew 2:20-26
- Thursday (6/8—No Fasting): Ephesians 2:4-10, Matthew 10:16-22
- Friday (6/9—No Fasting): Romans 2:14-28, Matthew 2:27-32
- Saturday (6/10—No Fasting): Romans 17:1-12, Matthew 4:24-48

**Upcoming Celebrations This Week**

- Name Days:—Chronia Polia, Many Years! June 4: Mary Gordy June 8: Presvytera Kaloipe Vastakis, Kalie Crous
- Birthdays—Happy Birthday! June 5: Isabella Saratsiotis
- June 8: Sasha Economoupolous, Elizabeth Zoumbouris June 9: James Benette
- June 8: Dana and Rene Esquivel
- June 9: Erzebet and John Santon

*(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)*

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