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Sunday, June 23, 2024

Sunday of Holy Pentecost
 St. Agrippina of Rome

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

Mode of the Week: of the Feast / της Γιορτής

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Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, June 23</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Holy Pentecost 12:00pm Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Vespers 1:30pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Monday, June 24</i>	6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the Monday of the Holy Spirit
<i>Wednesday, June 26</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Saturday, June 29</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul
<i>Sunday, June 30</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of All Saints and the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Thursday, July 4</i>	Independence Day—Office Closed
<i>Sunday, July 7</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 nd Sunday of Matthew 40-day Memorial for Vassilios Troupos at the end of the Liturgy Doxology for Independence Day at the end of the Liturgy Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Tuesday, July 9</i>	6:00pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Wednesday, July 10</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Saturday, July 13</i>	3:30pm Catechumen Class (Orthodoxy 201) in the Library/on Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Philoptochos Social Gathering (at the McCluskey Household)
<i>Sunday, July 14</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4 th Ecumenical Council Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	5:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (6/30) Pete Tsamolias, Nadia Cazacu; (7/7) Aleca Hortman, Beth Zoumberis
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (6/30) Melanie Moye; (7/7) Gray Yates; (7/14) Natalia Saratsiotis; (7/21) Jim L
Upcoming Ushers: (6/24) Tassie, Melanie; (6/26) Charles G; (6/29) James S; (6/30) Erick+Cheryl S.
Upcoming Video Operators: (6/29+6/30) David Z.; (7/7) Natalia S.; (7/14) David Z; (7/20) David N.
Fellowship Hosts: (6/30) James Scarborough; (7/7) Helen Troupos/Memorial; (7/14) Georgia Saratsiotis

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.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshipping 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

*Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν,
καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα
αὐτῶν.*

*Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ,
ποιήσιν δὲ χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ἀναγγέλλει τὸ
στερέωμα.*

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Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς ἦσαν ἅπαντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὡσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθημένοι· καὶ ὤφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμενοι γλῶσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέ τε ἐφ' ἓνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις καθὼς τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν· γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης συνήλθε τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἰς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλοῦντων αὐτῶν. ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους· οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ᾧ ἐγεννήθημεν, Παρθοὶ καὶ Μηδοὶ καὶ Ἑλαμίται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρήτες καὶ Ἀραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλοῦντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ Θεοῦ;

*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)*

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*The reading is from the Acts of the
Apostles. (2:1-11)*

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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."

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

Sunday of Holy Pentecost

Τῆ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῆ μεγάλης τῆς ἑορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων· ἐάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ρέουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος, τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὗ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὐπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφή εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυὶδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἠθέλον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτόν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἦλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· διατί οὐκ ἠγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται· οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μὴ τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτόν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἰς ὧν ἐξ αὐτῶν· μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γινῶ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσει ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

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 Holy 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 priest 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." Nikodemus, 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."

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Bulletin for the week of June 23, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Charles Glotzbach & Jim Lekas

Video: Cristina Lekas **Altar Servers:** All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek); James Scarborough (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Cristina Lekas

PC Member On-Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Sunday of Holy Pentecost

After the Savior's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into 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 and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them. **There is no fasting during the week following Pentecost.**

+ The Holy Martyr Agrippina of Rome (+253)

This Martyr was from Rome and lived in virginity, having Christ alone as her Bridegroom. Of her own accord she courageously presented herself to the pagans as a Christian, and was tortured to death, according to some, in the reign of Valerian (253-260). Her holy relics were then taken to Sicily, where they immediately became a source of great miracles.

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Aristocles the Presbyter, Demetrios the Deacon, and Athanasios the Reader at Salamis on Cyprus (+302)

+ Our Father among the Saints, Mark of Ephesus (+1444)

Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

- Hymn of Pentecost (Ευλογητός ει, Plagal 4th 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. O Lover of mankind, glory to You. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 172)

- Special Small Entrance Hymn (Υψώθητι, Κύριε, 2nd Mode):

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 (Ότε καταβάς, Plagal 4th Mode):

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" (Όσοι εις Χριστόν, 1st Mode):

You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia.

- Instead of "Axion Estin" (Μη της φθοράς, Grave Mode):

When you conceived, you experienced no deflowerment. * You lent your flesh to the Logos, through whom all things were made. * Therefore we magnify you, Virgin Theotokos, * Mother who knew no man, space and holder of your Maker, who is uncontainable and infinite.

- Communion Hymn (Το πνεύμα σου):

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia. (Psalm 142)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, June 23: Holy Pentecost—No Fasting: John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12

Monday, June 24—Monday of the Holy Spirit/Nativity of John the Baptist—No Fasting: Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80; Ephesians 5:8-19; Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Tuesday, June 25—No Fasting: Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-13

Wednesday, June 26—No Fasting: Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 27—No Fasting: Romans 1:28-32; 2:1-9; Matthew 5:27-32

Friday, June 28—No Fasting: Romans 2:14-28; Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul—No Fasting: John 21:14-25; II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9; Matthew 16: 13-19

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Stelianos, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Edward (+May 23), Chantelle (+May 28), Vassilios (+May 29), Despina (+June 9), Evangelia (+June 10), Arthur (+June 20)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julie G., Bobbie I., Muryah S.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Bobbie, Jessica, Nate, Schyler, Susan and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Gregory the Theologian on Holy Pentecost: "But as the old Confusion of tongues was laudable, when men who were of one language in wickedness and impiety, even as some now venture to be, were building the Tower; for by the confusion of their language the unity of their intention was broken up, and their undertaking destroyed; so much more worthy of praise is the present miraculous one. For being poured from One Spirit upon many men, it brings them again into harmony. And there is a diversity of Gifts, which stands in need of yet another Gift to discern which is the best, where all are praiseworthy."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

June 24: Jessica Holland

June 30: Lee Hornbaker

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

June 24: Marissa Goss

June 25: George Drakopoulos, Evan Nanaj, Lori Crouse Noblitt

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

June 24: Chrissy & Guy Holland

Kune 25: Maria & Tim Murphy

June 28: Mina & Richard Stewart

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

Announcements:

* **We will begin kneeling liturgically at the Kneeling Vespers today after the Divine Liturgy.**

* **Bookstore:** The Bookstore is open on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment only. If you are interested in making an appointment, please contact Cristina at 478-952-0202.

* **GREEK DANCE:** practice has begun and will be every other Sunday for the time being as we look ahead to the Festival. Bring comfortable shoes if needed. Opa!

* **YOUTH:** The start of Sunday School for 2024/2025 is Sunday, August 25th!

* The next meeting of the **Catechumen Class** will take place on Saturday, July 6 from 3:30 to 4:45pm in the Library/on Zoom. Contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

* **Byzantine Chant Class** will take place this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm after the Vespers. The class will be in the Chapel. All are invited to this introductory course. Please contact Fr. Theodore for more details.

* **Cross Dive Meeting** will be taking place on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm in the Parish House and/or Zoom. If you are interested in serving on the committee for the Third Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive, please plan on attending!

* Interested in learning **How to Prepare Prosfora?** Please contact Natalia (478.951.3990) and let her know you are interested. We are looking at a Saturday in July that works for most!

* **FESTIVAL INFO: Sponsorship Program** has been emailed. The deadline for this is August 15th. Please share with your family and friends as well as Business Friends. Festival **Prep** planning has begun. We will be prepping Pastitsio on Friday, July 19th. There will be a **Chairman Committee Meeting** on Sunday, July 21st following Divine Liturgy in the big room in the Parish House. Please let Natalia know if you are able to help for Pastitsio and/or attend the Chairman Planning Committee. Other dates to mark on your calendar: Spanakopita Prep (Aug. 10) and Dolmades Prep (Sept 21). Also, coming soon...Sponsorship Sales...be on the lookout!

* **PHILOPTOCHOS:** Save the Date for our Summer Social Gathering! Saturday 7/13, 6:30pm at Maria McCluskey's home. More info coming soon!