

Upcoming Services

June 27th – Sunday of All Saints
Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.

July 4th
Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.

July 11th – Sunday of the Blind Man

Pentecost

Pentecost is celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter, the name is derived from the Greek word Πεντηκοστή "Pentikosti" which means fiftieth. As the Apostles gathered for blessing, the Gospel stories say that the Holy Spirit descended on them as tongues of fire. This enabled them to preach to the devotees and speak to each one of them in a language that they could understand. Thus, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Christian church for two reasons. One, the descent of the Holy Spirit completed the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Two, it was the beginning of the Christian faith being preached to the masses.

June 21st - Monday of the Holy Spirit

As it is the custom of the Church, on the day after every great Feast, to honour those through whom it came to pass as Our Lady on the day after the Lord's Nativity, Joachim and Anna after Our Lady's Nativity, John the Baptist the day after Theophany, and so forth, on this day we honour our God the All-Holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by our Saviour to His disciples (John 14:16), Who descended upon them at Holy Pentecost and guided them "into all truth" (ibid. 16:13), and through them, us.

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June 20, 2021

Sunday of Holy Pentecost ** Η Αγία Πεντηκοστή

Apolytikion of the Feast

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.

Entrance Hymn

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.

Kontakion of the Feast

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 Holy God

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

Hymn to the Theotokos

Without sustaining corruption you still conceived a child, and lent your flesh to the Word and general Artificer. Mother who knew no man, O Virgin Theotokos, receptacle and space of your uncontained and infinite Creator, you do we magnify.

Epistle reading: 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."



