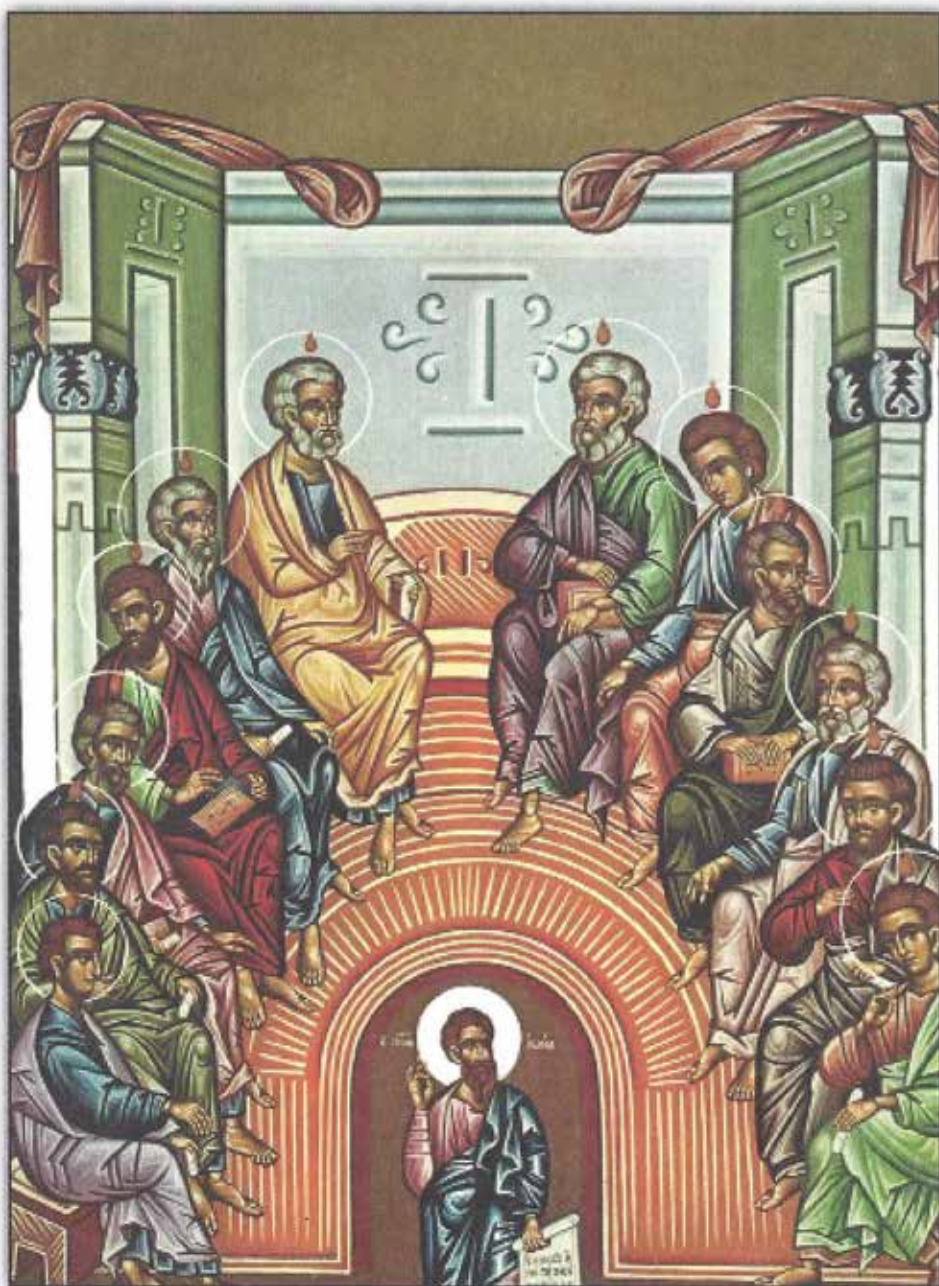


SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

Gospel: Jn. 7: 37-52 & 8:12

Mon., May 21

Pentecost Monday (Simple Holy Day)

9:00 + Patrick Marcinko Jr. (Joseph & Ann Nasevich)

Tues., May 22

8:00 + Frank Turko (Raymond Litanski)

Wed., May 23

No Divine Liturgy Today

Thurs., May 24

8:00 + Joseph Chmil (Nephew Jeffrey Chmil & Family)

Fri., May 25

8:00 + Stephen Yaworski (Shirley Yaworski)

6:30 Moleben to the Mother of God

Sat., May 26

No Morning Divine Liturgy

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sun., May 27

9:00 + Nicole Crimard (Matthew Beckage)

11:30 + Anna Stracka (Bill & Jane Granza)

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.

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Antiphon

The heavens declared the glory of God, *
and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

The word is revealed from day to day; *
and knowledge is past on from night to night.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

Throughout all the lands their voices resound; *
to the ends of the world their message is heard.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

Third Antiphon

The king rejoices in Your strength, O Lord. He delights in Your victory.

Blessed are You, O Lord, for giving us fishermen most wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Thereby they catch the universe of mankind in the net of salvation. * Glory to You, most merciful Lord.

You gave him his heart's desire, You did not refuse the very wish of his lips.

Blessed are You, O Lord, for giving us fishermen most wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Thereby they catch the universe of mankind in the net of salvation. * Glory to You, most merciful Lord.

You welcomed him with the choicest blessings;

You placed a crown of precious stones upon his head.

Blessed are You, O Lord, for giving us fishermen most wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Thereby they catch the universe of mankind in the net of salvation. * Glory to You, most merciful Lord.

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Entrance Hymn

*Lord, be exalted in Your strength. * We sing and chant praises to Your might.*

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Instead of Holy God

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times).

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

You have put on Christ. Alleluia.

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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Hymn to the Mother of God

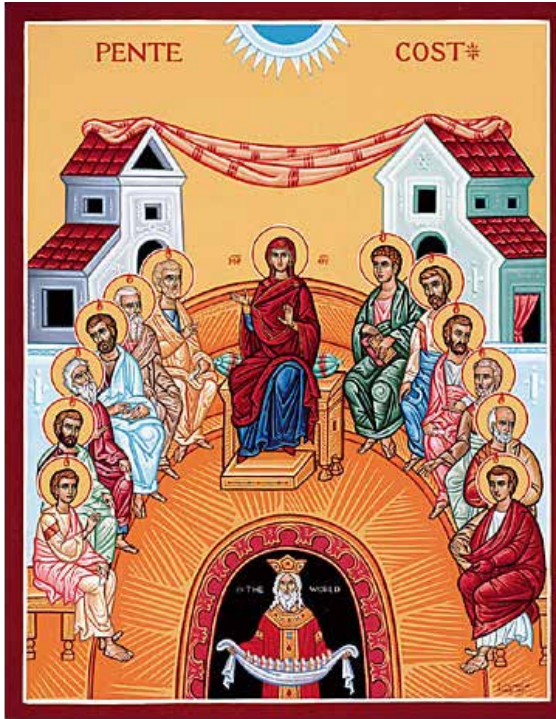
Rejoice, O my soul, in the Trinity of Persons, the One true God. Rejoice, O Queen, glory of virgins and motherhood! * Even the poets lack the ability * to describe the wonderful manner * by which you gave birth to the Word of God. * It is truly beyond human understanding, * so with one voice, we sing you praises.

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Communion Verses

Let Your Good Spirit guide me* on level ground.*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit



scent 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.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

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

The Feast commemorates the de-

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day

after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10). It commemorates the giving of the Law, the Torah, to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were

drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

From the Chancery

On Sunday, June 10, at 3 pm, in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, clergy, religious and faithful will gather together for a Moleben service

in praise, gratitude and thanksgiving to God for blessing the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia with The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Archbishop-emeritus and his dedi-

cated years of service in the vineyard of the Lord. After the prayer service, everyone is invited to enjoy a social

and reception in honor of Archbishop Stefan in the Cathedral Social Hall.

A Catholic Burial and Cremation

It is still the teaching of the Catholic Church, that even though a funeral is celebrated, and the body may be cremated, the cremains **MUST** be interred as would a body involving Christian Burial, that is, in the ground or mausoleum. It is inappropriate to scatter,

dispose of, or save the cremains in any other way, then to have them properly interred immediately after the funeral thus maintaining a sense of decorum, respect and dignity for the human body.

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 pm. Come to church, join

us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

Queen City Days

The Annual "Queen City Days" Carnival, sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No. 4, 717 E. Grant St., Olyphant, will be held Thursday, May 31st to Saturday, June 2nd at the Fern Hill Park. Several adult and children's rides will be featured. Local food ven-

dors will offer food and refreshments. Music will be provided each evening. Firemen's Parade on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and a giant Fireworks Display on Saturday. Any questions or to secure a spot on the midway, contact Mayor John Sedlak, Jr. at 570-383-1406.

L.U.C. Meeting

Father Walter Pasicznyk, pastor of Plymouth's SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer

Service - Moleben to Christ, Lover of Mankind (Чоловіколюбєць) - on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm to be followed by a church sponsored meet-

ing of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Plans for fund raising, the annual summer picnic and the October National Convention in Buffalo/Am-

herst, New York will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of SS. Peter and Paul parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

St. Cyril's at the Ball Park

Baseball tickets have been ordered for the Railriders game versus the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs on Thursday, June 21st at PNC Field. This game is

scheduled to start at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$11.00. Please see Father Nestor if you are interested in going to this game.

25 Year Celebration

A buffet luncheon to honor Fr. Nestor Iwasiw on his 25 years in the Priesthood will be held on June 24th at 3 PM at St. George Family Restaurant, 304 Church St., Jessup.

and Sunday, May 20th, excluding the 11:30 Liturgy, (for we will be at the cemetery for Pentecost) and every weekend until June 17th Unless Sold Out.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available to purchase after each Divine Liturgy, starting Saturday, May 19th

We regret that due to limited space only 100 tickets are available. Hope to see you there!

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2018 is Team #1:

Roger Barren, Jerry Sereditch and John Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for May 12 & 13, 2018: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 26 & 27, 2018

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
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| 4:00 pm | Nicholas Muchisky -- Nicholas Borowski | Bill Vervan |
| 9:00 am | John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Jordan Radle -- Brian Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo