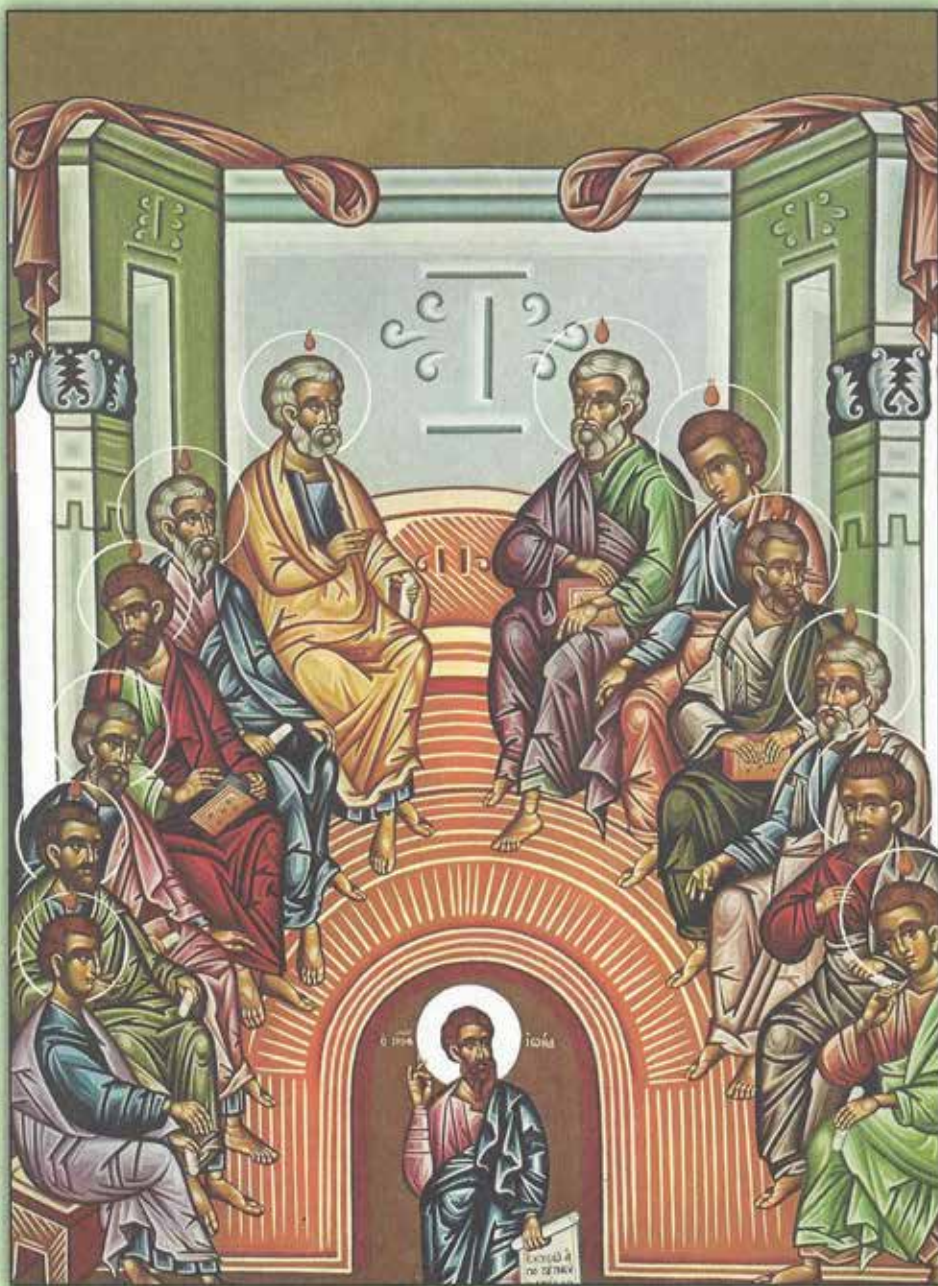


SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

June 9, 2019:	Pentecost Sunday
Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11	Gospel: Jn. 7: 37-52 & 8:12
Mon., June 10	Pentecost Monday (Simple Holy Day) 9:00 + Fr. Ed Levandusky (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
Tues., June 11	8:00 + Jerry (Bernadette)
Wed., June 12	8:00 + Joseph Chmil (Tom & Cathy Matkosky)
Thurs., June 13	8:00 + Jadwiga Bak (Michal Bak)
Fri., June 14	8:00 + Agnes Uhrin (Legate) 6:30 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ
Sat., June 15	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Alex & Dora Muchisky (Family)
June 16	9:00 For Our Fathers 11:30 + John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie Maslar (Family)

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.

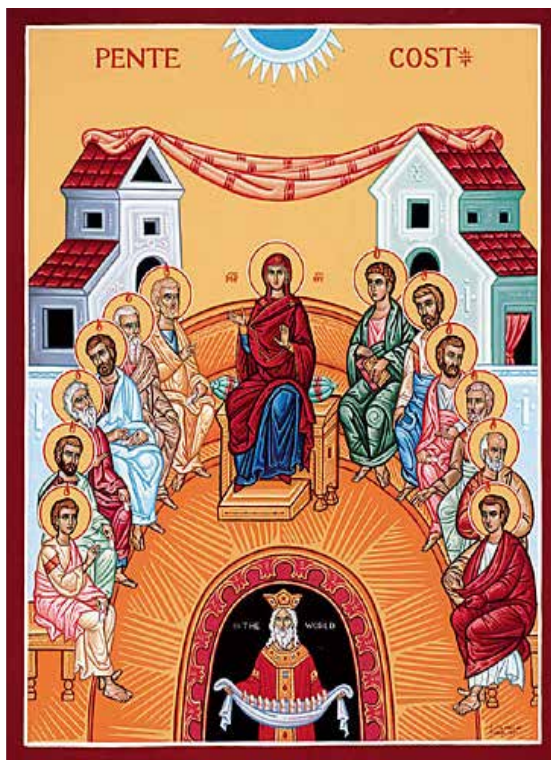
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Communion Verses

Let Your Good Spirit guide me* on level ground.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit



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 descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tra-

dition. 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).

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).

Five Tips on How to Act in Church

1. Remember Whose house you're in! You are in Heaven on earth! Here, we stand with faith, reverence and joy, just like we would – and hopefully will – in the eternal Heaven. Church hymns instruct us to do this also when they say: “When you stand in the temple, think that you are standing in Heaven!”

2. Look ahead... or above... not around! When you stand in Church, don't look to the left or right; don't look at how others are standing and praying, so that

you will be blessed like the Publican and not cursed like the Pharisee who spent all his time in the Temple comparing himself to other people! You only need to watch yourself before God. Look up, at the icons! Look ahead, at the Altar, where God, who will eventually judge each of us, is present – and repeat within yourself like the publican, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

3. Focus! Focus your mind – and your mouth – on God. Pray along with the prayers. Sing along with the hymns. If you

are tempted to talk to others, then open your prayer book and follow the prayers. If someone else talks to you, keep your answer brief and go back to your prayer book. Remind yourself that you can talk with other people – get your business done, and so on – after the Divine Liturgy.

4. Remember the dead, your own death, and the living who need prayers. While in Church, remember the dead and think of the day when you will join them – your body will go into the earth, but your soul – very much alive and aware – will go before God. Pray for the dead, ask God to have mercy on them, offer Divine Liturgies for their intention, and light candles for their souls. Thinking of your death will help you pray more sincerely and to

lead your life in a more Christ-like way. Remember also, when you are in Church, your loved ones who are alive – your parents, children, relative, friends, the poor, and the sick; light candles for their health and salvation.

5. Don't just HEAR the Gospel... LIVE the Gospel! When hearing the Word of God being read, sung, or preached in Church, strive to fulfill it, and always look for ways to do so in your everyday life. Otherwise, you will be condemned for knowing what to do but not doing it. "Blessed are those who hear God's word and keep it" (Lk. 11:28). Remember, God has invested His whole Life in you by dying on the Cross... and one day, He will ask you for the return on His investment.

Archieparchial Raffle

The Archeparchy of Philadelphia is holding a raffle to help establish scholarships for three individual students who attend one of the three Ukrainian Catholic grammar schools left in the Archeparchy. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and winners will re-

ceive one of three cash prizes - \$5,000.00, \$3,000.00 and \$2,000.00. Our Parish has been allotted 50 tickets to be sold. The raffle will take place on June 14th. If you want to purchase a ticket, please call the Rector Office.

LUC Meeting

Father Paul Wolensky, pastor of Edwarsville's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Jesus Christ Lover of Mankind - today, June 9, 2019 at 3:00pm to be followed by a meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Review of the

mid-May bus trip to New York City, the June 4 Enthronement of His Grace Borys Gudziak as seventh Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA, upcoming religious events, schedule of autumn meetings and fund raising plans will be the primary agenda items.

9th Annual PRE-RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION.

The volunteers of parishioners scan the Garage Sale ads in the Scranton Times every weekend and pass out our flyers regarding “Pre-Rummage Sale” information. It tells us that donations are being accepted NOW thru September 15, 2019, items accepted (clean and saleable) Items WE DO NOT ACCEPT, and contact Father Nestor (570-291-4451) or Lauren 570-383-0319. (flyers available in the vestibule of the church, pass unto your neighbors and family, especially if they are having a Garage Sale)

The latest update is that donations are accepted every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Cyril's School Gym. We never know what we will receive every Saturday, from the public. When you see the door open to the gym, especially if items are stacked outside on the steps of the school gym, please come over and help to carry them inside.

Last week, June 1st, we had 7 carloads of donations, one even left in the back of the rectory. Only Michaelene, Lauren and John Yunick and 2 strangers (who thought the Rummage Sale started) were there to help the cars to be emptied. To those who can help, an extra 10 -15 minutes after the Divine Liturgy is greatly appreciated. We have carts and the majority of items are in boxes and bags, and easy to carry. It varies every week, depending upon the listings in the newspaper and what the community will be donating on Saturday for our fundraiser. Please offer to help, 10-15 minutes when you can on Saturday.

FYI in August and September, when they start “pricing” the items every day, you can drop off your donations at that time. A schedule will be posted in later bulletins.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitch-month of June 2019 is Team #2: Eugene ko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for June 1 & 2, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 15 & 16, 2019

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
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| 4:00 pm | Samuel Szczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski | John Sakson |
| 9:00 am | Brennin Marcinko -- Patrick Marcinko | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

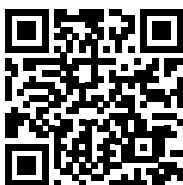
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There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

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