

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

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

Mon., May 24	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on John & Mary Ann Turko
Tues., May 25		No Divine Liturgy Today
Wed., May 26		No Divine Liturgy Today
Thurs. May 27	9:00	+ Frank Evanitsky (Daughter, Michaelene)
	6:00 pm	Moleben to the Mother of God
Fri., May 28	9:00	+ Helen Hrycyszyn (Dorothy Zinsky)
Sat., May 29		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., May 30	10:00	For All Those Buried in Our Cemetery

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.

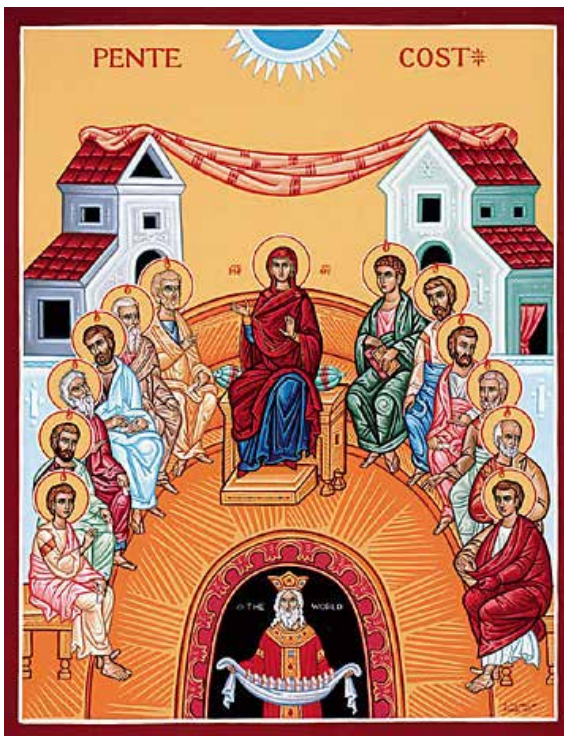
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Communion Verses

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 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).

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).

A PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Most-Holy Ever-Virgin Mary, Birthgiver of God: receive this heartfelt supplication from us, your unworthy servants. We run to you tearfully, O Sovereign Lady, as this dreadful illness spreads through the whole world. Listen to the much-afflicted sighs of your ailing people and grant healing of soul and body. As a loving Mother, cover your suffering children everywhere with your protecting veil. In times of despair, console the faint-hearted, strengthen the weak, and enlighten those with embittered hearts. Guide the minds and

hands of our doctors and nurses, that they may serve as instruments of the allpowerful Physician, Christ our Savior. You are the strong intercessor for our city, our country, and the whole world, O Queen of All. Present our prayers before the throne of the King of Glory, your Son and our God, that He may be merciful towards us and grant His grace to those who honor you and bow before your holy icon with faith and love. O joy of the sorrowful and consolation of the afflicted, stretch out your hands which are full of health and

cures, so that having quickly received your wondrous help, we may glorify the Life-giving and Undivided Trinity: the

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

JUST A REMINDER: ARCHIEPARCHIAL COVID-19



GUIDELINES ARE STILL IN EFFECT

Just a reminder: the Archieparchial Covid-19

Guidelines are still in effect. **Please continue wearing your masks and maintaining social distancing while in Church.**

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

METROPOLITAN-*EMERITUS* STEFAN SOROKA

Please remember in your holy prayers our Metropolitan-emeritus Stefan Soroka who will have an important operation

this week. May God bless His Grace and his doctors. May the mantle of the Mother of God be over Archbishop Stefan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, last year we were forced to cancel the Memorial Services at our Cemetery. As

conditions are improving, we will resume having the Memorial Services at our Cemetery.

This year, THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AT OUR CEMETERY WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 30TH. THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM IN THE CEMETERY CHAPEL (WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMITTING). Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panachyda Service will be held to pray for all those buried

at our Cemetery, after which, individual graves will be blessed.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Paul T. Lassiter III, the son of Paul and Catherine nee Mayak Lassiter II, and **Samantha J. Evans**, the daughter of David and Linda nee Harvey Evans will contract marriage on Saturday, June 12, 2021. This is the first announcement of Banns for this Marriage.

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian charity please remember in your prayers the soul of +**Stephen Baronski** who recently fell asleep in the Lord. + Steve was buried from St. Cyril's on Friday, May 21, 2021. May his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat.

PRE-RUMMAGE SALE SET UP FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Come and volunteer for a few hours. We will be unpacking boxes and bins for the pre-rummage sale set up. Monday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 25th, Monday, June 7th, and Tuesday, June 8th, 2021.

All days starting at 9:30 a.m. to Noon only, at St. Cyril's School Gym. All are welcome to volunteer, after 10 years, you know what is involved. It is the beginning of another fundraiser Rummage Sale for the church. Any questions, call Lauren at cell 646-241-9443 or 570-383-0319. During this time, your donations will be accepted.

Also, on Monday, June 7th, and Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 we will be unpacking boxes/bins in the evening. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For those who cannot make it in the morning, evening hours are available. Thank you for volunteering.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and the month of May 2021 is Team #1: Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for May 15 & 16, 2021: \$

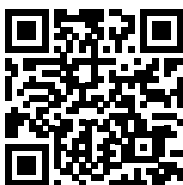
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

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