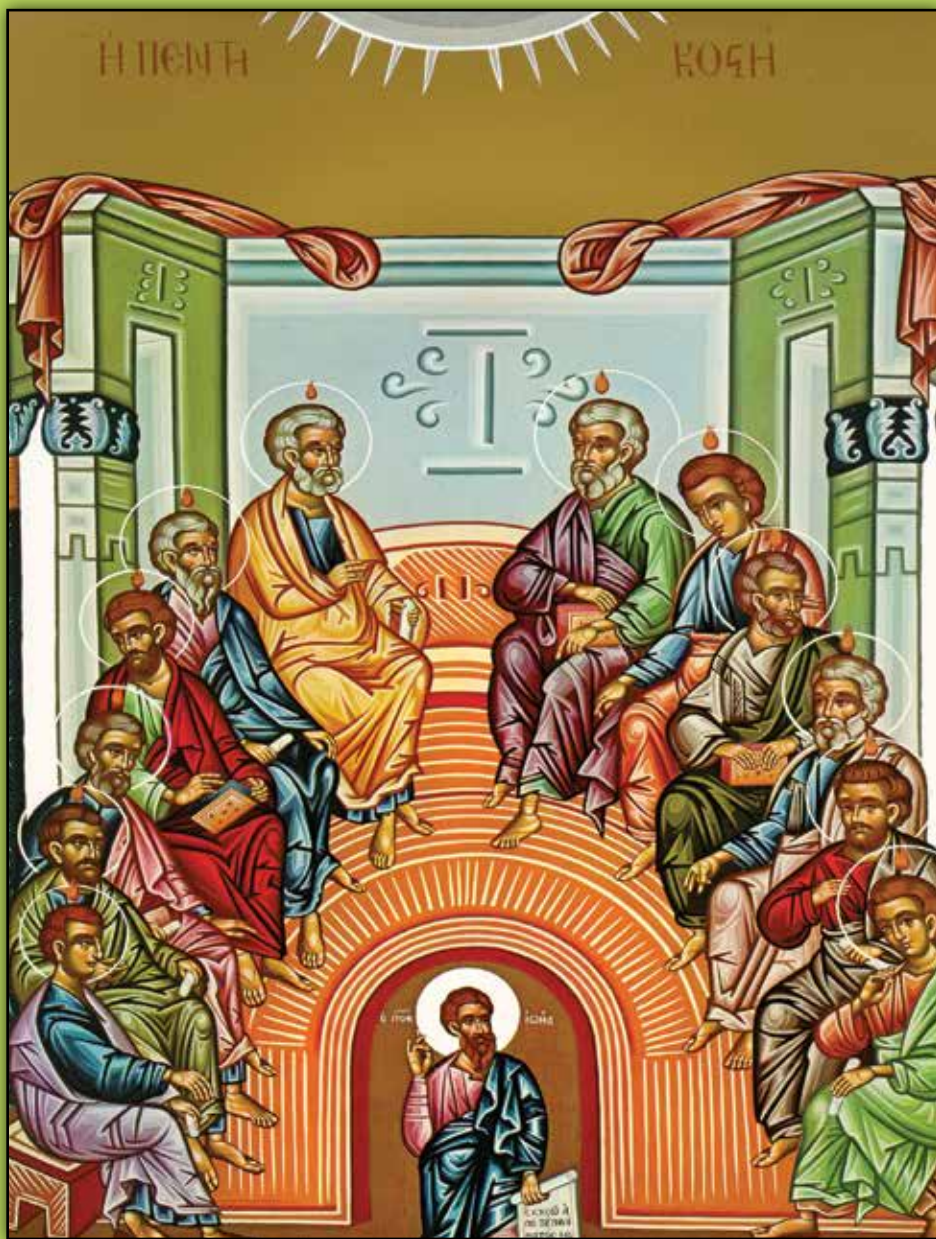


SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit

May 28, 2023: Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

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

Mon., May 29

Pentecost Monday & Memorial Day

9:00

+ For All Who Died in the Service of Our Country

No Moleben Today Due to Viewing in Church

Tues., May 30

10:30

Funeral: + Roman Kushner

Wed., May 31

No Divine Liturgy Today

Thurs., June 1

No Divine Liturgy Today

Fri. June 2

No Divine Liturgy Today

Sat., June 3

No Morning Liturgy

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + John, Anastasia & Paul Maslar; + Marie Burdyn
(Family)

Sun., June 4

10:30

For Our Parishioners

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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First 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 passed 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.*

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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.

You welcomed him with the choicest blessings;

You placed a crown of precious stones upon his head.

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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.

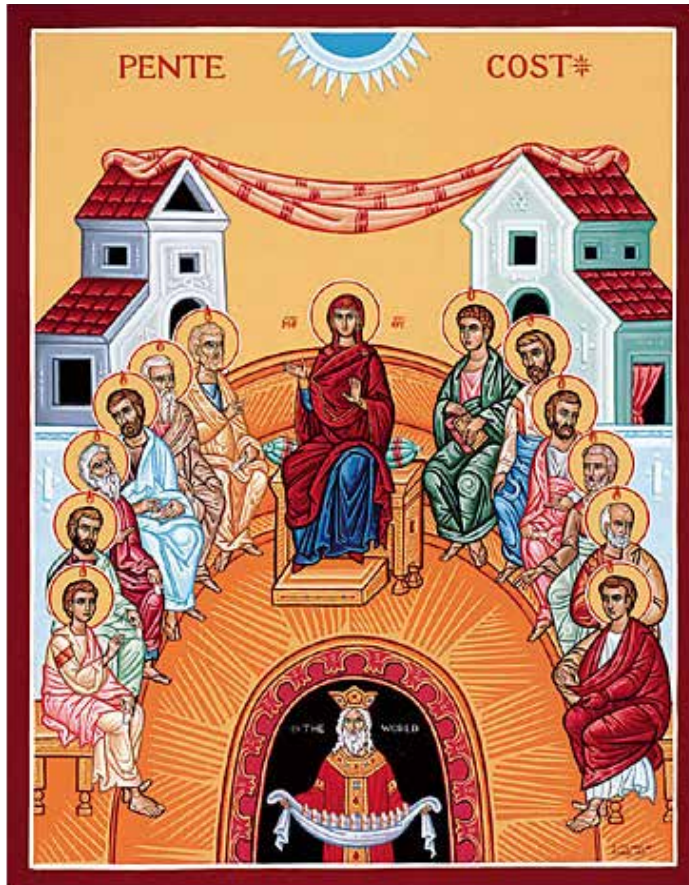
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Communion Verses

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE FEAST OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



the 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

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

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; Deuter-

onomy 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 tvv`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 BRIEF HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemo-

rate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves

of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boals-

burg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began

to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor

all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11th month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT OUR CEMETERY

We will be having Memorial Services at our Cemetery on Sunday, May 28th, weather permitting, The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church at 10:30 am for intention of all those buried in our Cemetery. At 12:30 pm,

a Panachyda Service will be held at the monument (at the Cemetery) to pray for all those buried at our Cemetery, after which, individual graves will be blessed.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2023 is Team #1:

Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for May 20 & 21, 2023: \$

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their birthday in May:

Lauren Carey
Christina Chezik
Alexa Creavey
Jim Creavey

Jack Martin
Tim Szczesniak
Joyce Spryn
Mary Ann Turko

Greg Turko
Michele Vervan

Happy Anniversary and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary during May:

Bill & Jane Granza
Paul & Melanie Mohila

Allan & Tina Muto
John & Mary Ann Turko

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Pentecost

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been

cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for mankind, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

-from the treatise Against Heresies

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