

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, June 7, 2020

Gospel: St. John 7:37-52, 8:12

Tone 7

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA / Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

JUNE Bulletin Sponsor:

Father Andrew for the Health of all parishioners and family members

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, June 7- PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy- (10 people max.) / Kneeling Prayers / **NOTE:** You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend

Saturday, June 13: Great Vespers (10 people max. / **NOTE:** You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend

Sunday, June 14: Divine Liturgy (10 people max / **NOTE:** You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend

JUNE BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: \$50 From Father Andrew: For the Health of all the parishioners & family members

Chandelier: \$50 From Fr. Andrew in memory of my Aunt and Uncle Irene & James

Altar Candles: \$50 From Basil: in memory of loving wife Jean

Candles on the Tomb: \$25 Diane in loving memory of her mother Ruth on the occasion of her 25th Anniversary

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTION

Mother Maria of Paris Charitable Ministry Founded in the Diocese of the Midwest. Mission is to advance ministry work being done by Orthodox Christians within the boundaries of the Diocese of the Midwest – Orthodox Church in America.

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Holy Synod Elevates Bishop Paul

Meeting under the Presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, the [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America during their regular Spring Session, meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 by teleconference, elevated [His Grace Bishop Paul of Chicago](#) to the rank and dignity of Archbishop.

In a letter dated May 28, 2020, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York, Secretary of the Holy Synod announced the decision to diocesan chancellor, Archpriest John Zdinak, “It pleases me to share with you, and through you, with all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest, the joyous news that your diocesan hierarch, Bishop Paul, has been elevated to the rank and dignity of ARCHBISHOP, by decision of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the Hierarchs of the Holy Synod of The Orthodox Church in America, effective immediately.

“The Elevation was announced by acclamation of the Synod members at the third session of the Spring 2020 Meeting, on Wednesday, May 27, in recognition of Archbishop Paul’s five years of outstanding service as a bishop, leading the Diocese of the Midwest and co-laboring with his brother hierarchs on the Holy Synod.”

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon offered the following congratulations on twitter today:

Congratulations to the newly elevated Archbishop Paul of Chicago. His yeoman’s work in shepherding the vast Diocese of the Midwest makes him most worthy of this elevation. I wish His Eminence inexhaustible energy, peace and joy. Axios!

May God grant His Eminence Archbishop Paul many years!



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OTHER INCOME FROM MAY

Sunday, May 3: \$50 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light; \$110 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$100 Special Collection (St. Tikhon's; \$25 Special Collection (Heart Beat); \$25 Cemetery

Sunday, May 10: \$31 Candles; \$50 Chandelier; \$145 Vigils; \$250 Special Collection Heartbeat; \$25 Cemetery

Sunday, May 17: \$50 Vigils; \$25 Special Collection (Heartbeat); \$100 Paschal donation; \$25 Cemetery Fund; \$50 Catastrophic Relief

Sunday, May 24: \$31 candles; \$45 Vigils; \$100 cemetery

Sunday, May 31: \$6; \$80 Vigils; \$100 cemetery; \$150 Baby Bottle Special Collection in May

Acts 2:1-11 (*Epistle*)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

TENTATIVE READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7: Tim Sunday, June 14: Joe
Sunday, June 21: Tim Sunday, June 28: Joe

VIGILS - May 31

Susan Guzy (2) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (5) God's blessings and healing to everyone battling or suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic including the medical profession; For health of Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Joe, Margi, Greg, Dana, Bohdi, Chuck, Steve, Richard, Doug, and Betty; In birthday memory of Dave; Peace and healing for our country; Special intentions

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) For health of family and friends; In memory of departed family and friends

Ron & Bobbie Royhab (3) Health and healing of Tim Nash; In memory of George Floyd

Twarek (6) God's Blessings and Peace; For the health of Nikki and unborn Brooks; Health and safety of Sean and all troopers and first responders; For the health of Jason, Jeannie, Nancy, Mary, Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi, Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions; Special intentions

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MAY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, May 3: \$1,138
Sunday, May 10: \$ 834
Sunday, May 17: \$ 550
Sunday, May 24: \$1,790
Sunday, May 31: \$1,449
TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$5,761

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 ½ yrs old) **Diane Tryon**
1601 Church Rd 109 Joslyn Street
Marblehead, OH 43440 Arcadia, OH 44804

Please remember our shut-ins especially now during this National Crisis.

PRAYER LIST Updated 6-3

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Dan Ring (*St Joes*)
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Barb Heffernan
Tom Hileman
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)

William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Terri Lariccia (*Fr's cousin*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Toddler Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Nikki & her unborn baby
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Sarah and her unborn Child (*Laura's daughter*)

Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Breeana (*Kowal*) Teenager who ran away from foster home
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Betty Dubbert (*Kovach*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)

Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Andrea Joy (*Kovach*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Mark Masica (*Kovach*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Doug Millinger (*Kovach*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Arby Shenesky (*Pastor Bob's sister*)
Betty (Elizabeth) Slanta (*sister-in-law of Kathy Jacob*)
John Slanta (*brother of Kathy Jacob*)
Jeanne Roth Snowball (*Twarek*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
John Sutko (*Fr.'s Friend*)
Andrea Szabo (*Sonya friend*)
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)
Janice Timko
George Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s friend*)

Those suffering from the Coronavirus

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown
Alena Grabavoy
Alex
Jake Ellithorpe

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Holy Synod Issues Statement on Recent Tragic Events

The [Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America](#) today issued the following statement on the recent tragic events in Minneapolis, MN.

The full statement follows:

“We, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, mourn the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020. We too have looked with horror at the footage of this episode, and condemn the brutal actions that caused his violent death. We look to the civil authorities to bring to justice those who participated in this senseless tragedy.

“We categorically reject racism in any form. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and was created to exist (Wisdom of Solomon 1:14). We are all, each of us, “one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).” As such, there should be no hatred, no enmity, no hostility between us, but reconciliation.

“In the face of civil unrest, we call upon the members of the Orthodox Church in America, and to all the communities they live in, to engage in the service of righteousness and peace in the Holy Spirit. We exhort everyone to “pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:17, 19).”

Finally, we offer our prayers to God for Mr. Floyd, his family, and to those communities that are experiencing anxiety, sadness, and despair, because they have seen destruction of life and property.”

Saint Herman’s Board Addresses Impact of COVID19

Among the topics discussed at the May 21st meeting of the Board of Trustees of [Saint Herman Theological Seminary](#) were the continued Challenge-Based Education model, the *Reader’s-Excellence Challenge*, the *Freedom Challenge* and *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. Due to the current situation in

Alaska during the ongoing pandemic, the Board decided that classes will continue remotely for the Fall 2020 semester. The well-being, health, and safety of our students and families, their villages, and the community of Kodiak are a primary concern; as such, no students will be returning to the campus this next semester. During this time the seminary will expand its educational opportunities by offering remote class auditing and enrollment to the general public. Information will be posted on the seminary and diocese websites as it becomes available.

After 23 years of serving the seminary—the last 12 years as the Dean—at his request His Eminence Archbishop David of Sitka, seminary rector, and the Board of Trustees have accepted Archpriest John Dunlop’s resignation as Dean of Saint Herman Seminary. In recognition of his many years of service, the Board has expressed its appreciation by conferring upon him the honor of *Dean Emeritus*. In addition, after 23 years of serving the seminary in various capacities, Matushka Dr. Bea Dunlop is leaving the seminary to teach in the public school system. The Board also expressed its appreciation for her many years of service to the seminary.

Archbishop David expressed his gratitude to the Board of Trustees for their continued dedication and support of the seminary. Over the past year His Eminence worked closely with the transition team led by Victor Downing to develop the [Challenge-Based Education](#) model now approved by the board. In completing their work this team has created “a seminary like none other” for the development of clergy and lay leaders for the Diocese of Alaska. Archbishop David expressed his appreciation for Archpriest John’s and the team’s diligence and dedication to his vision by stating, “moving forward I am hopeful that these efforts will prove to be a great benefit to the parishes and peoples of Alaska. With God’s help and following our patron’s Saint’s instruction: From this day forward we will love God above all and fulfill His Holy Will.”

A formal announcement of the search for a new Dean of Saint Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary will be forthcoming.

JUNE Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday
6-18-1972- His Grace Bishop Matthias Priest ordination 6-20-80- Fr. David Lis 25- Fr. Andrew & Pani Yoanna 26- Jim & Laura Kovach 6-27-2009: Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh	2- Jake Muscaro 5- Peter Adzima 6- Nathan Koren 8- Tanya Koren 13- Fr. Nick Mihaly 15- Emily Kusinski, Aijire Dardovski 16- James Jerome 19- Emily Sarisky 23- Loreen Welch 24- Matthew Adamcio 28- Vincent Cavaliere

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
 The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio	Luke Welch
Lydia Welch	Tristen Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

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3 Irene Leso (2002)	17- Archimandrite Luke Sirkun (1956) Former Pastor	22- Archpriest Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pastor
4- Alex Sennich (1994)	17- Mitered Archpriest John Gratson (1965) Former Pastor	23- Ruth Benya (1995)
4- Vicoria Guzy (1965)	18- Fr. Michael Prevas (2018)	26- George Millie (1974)
5- Mildred Paproski (2018)	20- Jean Frances Glovinsky (2016)	27-Anna Ignatenkoo- (1969)
6- Fr. Stephen Shutack (2008)	20- Fr. John Yurcisin (2003)	28- Fr. Charles Kovich (2005)
8- Mary Hunt (2003)	20- Dan Karens Cousin 2019	28- Andrew Leso (2000)
9- Cristina Rindfleisch (2006)	21- Mary Elchisco Migala (1983)	29- Stephen Millie (1988)
9- Charles Hagmaier (2018)	21- Ronald Basala (2016)	Mike Mazur (1923)
14- Fr. Justin Foster (2016)		Anna Mazur (1923)
16- Verona Pich (2010)		
16- Fr. Michael Prevas (2018)		



Seminaries Conclude Academic School Year

The annual round of commencement exercises of the seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America, which normally takes place during the month of May, this year has been altered due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, [Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#), [Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) and [Saint Herman Theological Seminary](#), will graduate a total of 50 students prepared to serve the Orthodox Church in America and other churches both here and abroad.

With the pandemic striking during the spring semester, our seminaries quickly moved to online learning so that the work of educating our future church leaders could continue. "We are particularly proud of our seminary deans, faculty and staff this year who have gone above and beyond what is already a challenging job," said Metropolitan Tikhon.

"They had to rethink and retool a semester in progress, and it is thanks to their efforts that we have arrived at this moment of celebrating a new generation of priests and lay leaders who are well prepared to pastor and serve the body of Christ."

Saint Tikhon's Seminary will open their 78th commencement exercises this evening at 6:30pm EDT (5:30 CDT; 3:30 PT) with an address to the graduating class by Archimandrite Zacharias (Zacharou) of the Stavropegial Monastery of Saint John the Baptist, Essex, England, titled, "Now is the Judgment of this World." All are invited to attend by [tuning into the YouTube Channel of the Orthodox Church in America](#).

Commencement exercises will continue on Saturday, May 29, with the conferral degrees and academic hoods in individual, private ceremonies under conditions that follow CDC guidelines, as well as state and local civic directives.

Saint Tikhon's graduates 15 Master of Divinity students from the Orthodox Church in America, the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and the Orthodox Church of Bulgaria. This year's co-valedictorians are Priest Silouan Burns (OCA) and Mr. Ian Attila (Church of Bulgaria).

"While the circumstances we face are difficult, and the celebration of our graduates will be modest, we hope that our efforts will give honor to the Class of 2020 as they leave us to take up their various ministries," said Archpriest John Parker, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary.

In early April the leadership of Saint Vladimir's Seminary [took the decision to postpone its normal commencement exercises](#) for the class of 2020. Commencement is now scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020, with the hope of having a full celebration beginning with a hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the morning, and a Service of Thanksgiving and the commencement exercises at 1:00pm in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building.

Saint Vladimir's graduates 33 students among the four degree programs at the seminary with 19 Master of Divinity degrees; 11 Master of Arts degrees; 2 Master of Theology degrees; and 1 Doctor of Ministry degree. "This year's graduating class represents the commitment Saint Vladimir's has to pan-Orthodoxy," said Archpriest Chad Hatfield, seminary president. Among the class of 2020 are students from the Orthodox Church in America, the Antiochian Archdiocese of America, the Georgian, Romanian and Serbian Patriarchates, and the Oriental Orthodox churches.

"My heartfelt congratulations to Saint Vladimir's Class of 2020 which not only thrived amidst the normal rigors of graduate school but also patiently and diligently endured all the limitations that were set by a historic pandemic for the last weeks of their experience at the Seminary," said St. Vladimir's Academic Dean Dr. Alex Tudorie. To read more about the graduating class of 2020 see [here](#).

Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (SV-OTS) [plans to begin the 2020-2021 academic year](#) as normal with on-campus classes — but the school has alternate plans if a full reopening is delayed due to further COVID-19 restrictions in New York State.

Holy Pentecost

Commemorated on [June 7](#)

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

The all-night Vigil service begins with a solemn invitation:

"Let us celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, The appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope, The mystery which is as great as it is precious."

In the coming of the Spirit, the very essence of the Church is revealed:

"The Holy Spirit provides all, Overflows with prophecy, fulfills the priesthood, Has taught wisdom to illiterates, has revealed fishermen as theologians, He brings together the whole council of the Church."

In the three readings of the Old Testament (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel 2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28) we hear the prophecies concerning the Holy Spirit. We are taught that the entire history of mankind was directed towards the day on which God "would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." This day has come! All hope, all promises, all expectations have been fulfilled. At the end of the Aposticha hymns, for the first time since Easter, we sing the hymn: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth...", the one with which we inaugurate all our services, all prayers, which is, as it were, the life-breath of the Church, and whose coming to us, whose "descent" upon us in this festal Vigil, is indeed the very experience of the Holy Spirit "coming and abiding in us."

Having reached its climax, the Vigil continues as an explosion of joy and light for "verily the light of the Comforter has come and illumined the world." In the Gospel reading (John 20:19-23) the feast is interpreted to us as the feast of the Church, of her divine nature, power and authority. The Lord sends His disciples into the world, as He Himself was sent by His Father. Later, in the antiphons of the Liturgy, we proclaim the universality of the apostles' preaching, the cosmical significance of the feast, the sanctification of the whole world, the true manifestation of God's Kingdom.

THE VESPERS OF PENTECOST

The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is "added" to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn "summing up" of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon:

"Who is so great a God as our God?"

Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else,

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we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost"—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—"the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

Father Alexander Schmemmann (1974)

John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

June 7: Security guard killed in Flint, MI / Mat. Irene

June 14: Archpriest Paul Lazor / Donald Cholcher

June 21: Protospesbyter George Hutnyan / Mitred
Archpriest Nicholas Timko

June 28: Betty Billy

July 5: Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff / 2 military soliders
killed in ND / Federal Police officer killed in CA

July 12: Police officer killed in St Louis; Police officer
killed in AL