

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY - JUNE 4

PENTECOST, FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PLEASE NOTE: The entire week after the Feast of Pentecost is fast free

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour and Blessing of the graves

SATURDAY - JUNE 10

VESPERS, 4 PM

SUNDAY - JUNE 11

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour

EPISTLE: Acts 2:1-11

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."

GOSPEL: John 7:37-52; 8:12

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." Nikodemus (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."



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Subdeacon Roger Pinta, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: David Martin / Jim Twarek / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Tony Monastra / Tina / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / David Mazurik / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / Elaine Libb / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Stacy Kaplan / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Nikki Williams & Brexly / Gleice & Chloe / Natalie & newborn Caleb / Gabrielle and her unborn child **Other Requests:** Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Marge Dziama / Child Ezra / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris / David Warner / Tamman Haddad **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



JUNE CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Available (\$50) **Chandelier:** Available (\$50) **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available (\$25) **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Stephanie and in memory of John Kovach **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (\$15)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

25–Fr. Peter Tomas; 26–Jim & Laura Kovach Anniversary

JUNE REPOSED

4- Alex Sennich (1994); 4-Vicoria Guzy (1965); 6-Matthew Gould (2020); 8-Mary Hunt (2003); 9- Cristina Rindfleisch (2006); 9-Charles Hagmaier (2018); 16-Verona Pich (2010); 17- Archimandrite Luke Sirkun (1956) Former Pastor; 17-Mitered Archpriest John Gratson (1965) Former Pastor; 20-Jean Frances Glovinsky (2016); 20-Dan, Karen's Cousin 2019; 21-Mary Elchisco Migala (1983); 22-Archpriest Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pastor; 23-Ruth Benya (1995); 26-George Millie (1974); 27-Anna Ignatenkoo (1969); 29-Stephen Millie (1988)



VIGILS FOR MAY 28

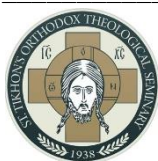
Susan Guzy 1 Health of Roger, Diane, Madeline & Gary, safe travels for brother Gary

Laura Kovach 2 For health and/or healing of Maddie, Kathie J., Roger P., Diane T., Irene V., Ed V., Tony M., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D, Safe travels for family

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

David & Roddie Mazurik 2 Peace, Health for mom and Debbie

Natalie Twarek 6 Health and recovery of Maddie, Health and recovery Roger, Safe travel for Laura and family, Health and recovery of Tony, Irene, Father David, Diane, Marilyn, Pauline, Sandy, Don & Judy, Mimi, Health and recovery of Heather, Stephanie, Arrianna, Keyondrea, For the health of Tina, Robin, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Health of Amber, Zach, Dottie, Jamie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

St. Tikhon's Seminary is the charity we donate to for the month of June.



READERS LIST

Sunday June 4 - Jake;
Sunday June 11 - Joe;
Sunday June 18 - Tim;
Sunday June 25 -Ron;
Thursday June 29 - Laura



ATTENDANCE

5/27 Vespers, 8 attending; 5/28 Divine Liturgy, 29 attending

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, May 21

Tithe	\$ 1,085.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Vigils	\$ 73.00
Donations	\$ 105.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 192.00
Baby Bottles- Heartbeat	\$ 35.00
Total:	\$1,540.00



Sunday, May 28

Tithe	\$ 1,977.00
Candles	\$ 55.00
Vigils	\$ 55.00
Donations	\$ 150.00
Baby Bottles- Heartbeat	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$2,487.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!



CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 5, Laura; June 12, Tina; June 19, Laura; June 26, Natalie



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

The Annual Blessing of the graves of our beloved deceased (Transferred from Saint Thomas Sunday) will take place today, Sunday June 4th at our cemetery after the Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour.



NUT HORNS AND POPPYSEED & NUT ROLLS PROJECTS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following parishioners who came last Tuesday, May 30th to help with Nut Horns: Basil, Tina, Kathy, Roddie, Fred, Natalie, and Mat. Michelle; and to Basil, Tina, Kathy, Bobbie, Roddie, Fred, Natalie, and Mat. Michelle who came to bake our delicious Poppysseed and Nut rolls on Friday, June 2nd. May our Lord and God reward you all for your hard work and love for our church, and grant you long life, good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years!



SINCERE THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Basil for helping Father to change all the candles and altar linens for the green color for the Feast of Pentecost. May Our Lord and God bless you and grant you Many Happy and Blessed Years!



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, June 10th starting at 9:00 AM until sold out. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, nut horns and poppyseed and nut rolls. Your help is greatly appreciated!



ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

on the Fest of Holy Pentecost – June 4, 2023

to the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Monastics, and God-loving Faithful of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest

Beloved Sons and Daughters,

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles. On that day and in that moment the Church's mission to the world was initiated. The Lord Jesus Himself had prepared

the Eleven for this mission, appearing to them on many occasions after His Resurrection (Acts 1: 3). Prior to the Ascension into Heaven, He ordered them “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father” (Acts 1: 4-5); that is, He asked them to *stay together* to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And so, they gathered in prayer in the Upper Room with the Most Holy Theotokos and the other women, awaiting the promised event (Acts 1: 14).

In reading the Pentecost account provided by Saint Luke in the Book of Acts, we see that the Apostles stayed together. This was the condition laid down by Jesus in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the foundation of their harmony and their oneness of mind and heart was continued communal prayer. In nothing this, we are offered a formidable and inspiring lesson for every Christian community.

Some think at times that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment and process. The Lord certainly does ask for our collaboration and the use of our minds and talents and skills, but before any other response takes place and before any of our efforts can bear fruit, His initiative is necessary: His Spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action in the Church are always to be found in the wise and whispering voice of God, leading and guiding us, and speaking to us through the Church, Christ’s faithful people gathered together in faith and in love.

The images used by Saint Luke to indicate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – wind and fire – recall Sinai, where God revealed himself to the people of Israel and offered his covenant (Exodus 19: 3ff.) The feast of Sinai, which Israel celebrated 50 days after the Passover, the feast which was taking place in today’s account from Acts, was the Jewish *feast of the Covenant*, the commemoration of God giving the Law through the hands of the Prophet Moses and the beginning of the covenanted relationship between God and His Chosen People.

By highlighting the tongues of fire (Acts 2: 3), Saint Luke wants to show Pentecost as a new Sinai, as the *feast of the New Covenant*, where the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the nations of the earth. And so, with our celebration of the *new* Pentecost we acknowledge that Christ’s Holy Church – our Church – has been catholic and missionary from the very first moment of her existence. The universality of salvation is meaningfully manifested by the list of the numerous ethnic and language groups to which those who heard the Apostles’ first proclamation belonged: “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...” (Acts 2: 9-11).

The People of God, which had found its first manifestation on Sinai, extends today to the point of surmounting every barrier and division of race, culture, space, and time. As opposed to what occurred with the tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9), when people wanted to build a way to heaven with their hands and ended up by destroying their very capacity of mutual understanding, on Pentecost the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, demonstrates that His presence unites and transforms *confusion* into *communion*, and *division* into *unity*. We are reminded of this when we sing the Kontakion of the Feast:

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-Holy Spirit (Tone 8).

As occurred at the building of the Tower of Babel, human pride and egoism always create divisions and build walls of indifference, hate and violence. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, makes hearts capable of understanding the languages of all, as He re-establishes the bridge of authentic communion between earth and heaven. But how is it possible to enter into the mystery of the Holy Spirit? How can the secret of love be understood?

The Gospel passage takes us today to the Upper Room where, after the Last Supper, a sense of loss has saddened the Apostles. This is due to the fact that Jesus’ words arouse disturbing questions: He

spoke of the world's hatred of Him and of His own, He spoke of His mysterious departure; and there were still many other things to be said, but for the time being the Apostles were not able to bear the weight of these words (John 16: 12). To console them, Jesus explains the meaning of His departure: He will go, but He will return; in the meanwhile, He will not abandon them, will not leave them orphans. He will send the Consoler, the Spirit of the Father, and the Spirit will enable them to understand that Christ's work is a work of love: love of the One who gave Himself, love of the Father who has given Him.

This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, by revealing Christ Crucified and Risen, indicates the way to become more like Him, that is, to be the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ.

The Church, gathered today on this Feast, raises its imploring prayer: "Come, O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life – Come! Abide in us. Cleanse us and save our souls, O Good One! Amen.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and those you love,

DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Their prophecy has spread throughout the earth, and at the end of the universe, their word" (*Prokeimenon of Pentecost Sunday*)

In these words, the Church tells us in her hymns about the spread of the Gospel by the apostles, disciples of Christ and their followers. This spread was made possible by the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit and openly preaching the risen Christ. When the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, they were once again convinced of all the words and promises of the Lord. They saw Christ crucified and risen as He foretold it, they saw Him ascend to heaven, and today, having received the Holy Spirit, as promised, they were already fully established in their faith. And today, Pentecost, the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is called the birthday of the Church.

As we hear in today's apostolic reading, some people did not understand and ridiculed the apostles as drunkards. (Acts 2:13) This impression was evident not only because the disciples of Christ spoke in tongues, but also because the people saw precisely the state of incomprehensible joy and exaltation which the apostles exhibited. When the apostle Peter explained the reason, the Jewish men changed their minds, became impressed by the words of his sermon, and began to ask what they should do to be saved. (Acts 2:37)

As we can see, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles was like the culmination of God's great plan: as God the Father created the world and man, as God the Son redeemed all mankind from sin and brought salvation, so God the Holy Spirit filled the Church with grace, the New Testament ark of salvation. Today is also called the Day of the Holy Trinity by our Church, because in the event of the

descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, we see the interaction of all three persons of the Holy Trinity in the salvation of mankind. Today the Church invites us to thank our Creator, God the Father for the Comforter, to thank our Savior, God the Son, who begged the Father to send the Holy Spirit, and to thank our Sanctifier, God the Holy Spirit, who descended on the apostles and through them on all the faithful. New Testament Pentecost is often referred to as the Green Day. This name has no theological basis, but comes from the custom in these days to decorate our homes with green branches of trees, the green color of which symbolizes life, the Giver of which is the Holy Spirit. However, in addition to decorating our homes, we must first remember the decoration of the temples of the Holy Spirit, which is what each of us is. (1 Corinthians 6:12) And we must adorn these temples first of all with Godly living, keeping the commandments of God, and doing good works.

St. John Chrysostom states that the celebration of Pentecost should correspond to the dignity of the blessings bestowed on us, and, therefore, is carried out not only in decorating homes, but in improving our souls, adorning them with virtue, because in this celebration we will receive the grace of the Holy Spirit's fruits.

"Through the Holy Spirit," says St. Basil the Great, "there is a return to paradise, an ascension to the kingdom of heaven, an attraction to sonship. Through Him we can call God the Father, we can become partakers of the grace of Jesus Christ, we can be called children of light, we can share in eternal glory.' (On the Holy Spirit, Ch. 15)

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are truly great and generous. The Holy Apostle Paul says of them: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, quietness, temperance." (Gal. 5: 22-23) The Holy Spirit descended on us in the sacrament of anointing with His gifts and anointed us as Christ's fighters, and made our body His temple. The Holy Apostle Paul reminds us of this great truth and instructs us to live like this: "Do you not know," he says, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you? You have it from God, so you no longer belong to yourself. You are bought at a high price! So, glorify God in your body!" (1 Cor. 6: 19-20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

- 1—The group baking days are: Monday, June 5 at 8:00 AM, Tuesday June 6 at 8 AM; Monday, June 12 at 8:00 AM, and Tuesday June 13 at 8 AM,
 - 2—Weeding/trimming/planting around the church continues.
 - 3—Please consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.
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