

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
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JUNE 8, 2025

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
HOLY PENTECOST**

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."



Holy Trinity

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

In 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.” Nikodemos (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.”

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

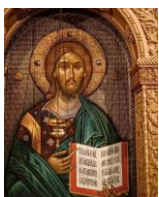
MON. June 9	Postfeast of Pentecost — Day of the Holy Spirit; Eph 5:9-19, Mt 18:10-20
TUE. June 10	Postfeast of Pentecost — 3rd Day of the Trinity; Rom 1:1-7, 13-17, Mt 4:25-5:13
WED. June 11	Apostle Bartholomew of the Twelve; Rom 1:18-27, Mt 5:20-26
THU. June 12	Venerable Onuphrius the Great; Rom 1:28-2:9, Mt 5:27-32
FRI. June 13	Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria; Rom 2:14-29, Mt 5:33-41
SAT. June 14	Leavetaking of Pentecost, Prophet Elisha; Rom 1:7-12, Mt 5:42-48
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. June 15	1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>ALL SAINTS</i>, <i>Tone 8</i>
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Bobbie Royhab, 148 Cottage Cove Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Natalie Twarek**, 117 Lucien Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Tina Rindfleisch**, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208

JUNE REPOSED



Mike Mazur (1923) No date provided; Anna Mazur (1923) No date provided; **4-** Alex Sennich (1994); **4-** Victoria 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 Karens Cousin 2019; **21-** Mary Elchisco Migala (1983); **22-** Archpriest Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pastor; **23-** Matushka Paula

Souček (2024); **23-** Ruth Benya (1995); **26-** George Millie (1974); **27-** Diane Tryon- (2024); **27-** Anna Ignatenko- (1969); **29-** Stephen Millie (1988)



JUNE CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš **(\$50)**; **Chandelier:** Jean Hileman, Wedding Blessings for Tommy Hileman and Colleen Brown. May God grant them many years! **(\$50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Stephanie and in memory of John Kovach **(\$20)**; **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available **(\$20)**



ATTENDANCE

05/31 Vespers, **8** attending (2 guests); **06/01** Divine Liturgy, **35** attending (16 guests), **06/07** Divine Liturgy, **16** attending (2 guests)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

19 – Ryan Stamp; **25** – Fr. Peter Tomas; **26** – Nikolas Davenport; **26** – Jim & Laura Kovach Anniversary (49)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Natalie Twarek / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Tina Rindfleisch / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Claudia McDonald / Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull and her unborn baby / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čížmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



VIGILS FOR JUNE 1

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Claudia M., Natalie T., Kristi A., Ron O., Martha B., Peggy S., Ann T., infant Benny, Nichole W., Alex M., Tina R., Nick S., Mike T., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Irene V, Heidi & Wayne G., and Dan D.

Safe travels for family
Special Intentions

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Gabe Mazurik 1 Special Intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab 1 In loving memory of Doug Koontz

Ruth Sheller 2 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 9 For the health and recovery of Claudia McDonald, For the health and recovery of Tom Hileman, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery on Kathy & Cliff, Steve, Basil, Ron, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Laura, Mike, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions



FIRST HOLY CONFESSION

We would like to congratulate our Altar Server **Sebastian Stamp** on receiving the Mystery (Sacrament) of **Holy Confession** yesterday **Saturday, June 7th**. May Our Lord and God bless him and grant him Many Happy and Blessed Years!



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Tithe	\$532.00
Donations	\$150.00
Candles	\$ 71.00
Vigils	\$ 50.00
Building Restoration	\$100.00
Total:	\$903.00

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



READERS LIST

Sunday Jun 8 – Tim
Sunday Jun 15 – Jake
Sunday Jun 22 – Joe

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 9th Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Monday*)
June 10th Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
June 14th – Market Day (*Saturday*)
June 15th – All Saints Sunday – Father's Day (*Sunday*)
June 16th – Sts. Peter & Paul Fast begins (*Monday*)



ANNUAL VISIT TO MIDDLE BASS ISLAND

Annual Lake Erie cruise and molieben of thanksgiving at St John the Baptist Chapel on Middle Bass Island will take place next **Thursday, June 12th at 12:30 pm.** Followed by Debby's foodfest! Please text Debby **216 676 9531** or Roger **419 285 5200** if you plan to attend, so they can make sure they have enough ferry tickets. Ferry sails from Catawba at **11:15 AM**. Roger will meet us there.



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

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

CLEANING SCHEDULE



Jun 9, Laura
Jun 16, Stephanie
Jun 23, Sandy
Jun 30, Greg



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Jun 8 -	Valerie & Joe
June 15 -	Available
June 22 -	Tina
June 29 -	Natalia
July 6 -	Danielle & Josh

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



MARKET DAY!

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, **June 14th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Holy Pentecost

Commemorated on June 8

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 (7×7): 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:

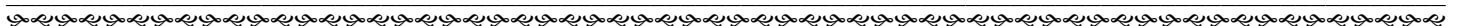
“Who is so great a God as our God?”

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, 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)





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Sunday, 8 June 2025
Holy Pentecost
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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE
OF HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST

ON GREAT FEAST OF HOLY PENTECOST - 8 JUNE 2025

**To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, and Beloved Faithful
of the God-protected Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest:**

Dear Ones in Christ,

*We celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit,
the appointed day of the promise, the fulfillment of hope.
How majestic and great is the mystery!"*

-First stichera; Lord, I have called

I greet you with joy and gladness as we gather throughout our Diocese to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the manifestation of the Holy Trinity, and the beginning of the Church's divine mission. This Feast of Pentecost is also personal for each one of us, as we remember that, just as the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples and apostles at the first Pentecost, we, too, have received the *Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit*.

This gift of the Holy Spirit is promised in the Holy Scriptures. In the Book of the Prophet Joel, we read the words *"I will pour out my Spirit upon all people"* (Joel 2:8). The Lord Jesus repeats that promise in the Gospel of John: *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you... However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you* (cf. John 16:7-14).

These promises were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles who then inaugurated the mission of the Church in the world. Jesus Himself had prepared the Eleven for this mission, appearing to them on many occasions after his Resurrection (Acts 1:3). Prior to His 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 promised gift of the Holy Spirit. And thus they gathered in prayer with Mary in the Upper Room, awaiting the fulfillment of the promise (Acts 1:14). To stay together in prayerful unity was a condition laid down by Jesus for the disciples and apostles to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The basis of their unity was their persistent prayer. In this

example of prayer we are offered a significant lesson for every Christian community, every family, every parish, and every monastery. The basis for our unity and oneness of mind is our common prayer. Our ability to walk in the Spirit, to live the Christian life, and to proclaim the Gospel is founded and built upon our life of prayer, both personal and communal.

However, sometimes we have the impression that our lives as Orthodox Christians and our effectiveness in preaching the Gospel depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intellectual and practical implementation. The Lord certainly asks for our collaboration in such initiatives; He asks us to use our planning abilities, our intellectual and real-world talents, in service to the Gospel. But before any of our efforts, His initiative is necessary: the Holy Spirit—Who leads, guides, and inspires us—is the true protagonist of the Church, the One Who plays the chief role in leading and guiding us. Like the Apostles, we need to pray and wait for the Lord to guide and inspire us before we go into the world to preach the Saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today we acknowledge that our human pride and arrogance always create divisions, build walls of indifference, hate, and violence. Following in the path of the divisions created by the building of the tower of Babel, humanity still lives fragmented. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, heals our hearts and makes us capable of understanding the languages and lives of all. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Love, re-establishes the conduit of true communication, which is love itself. Recalling Babel and its disunity and the unity created by the Gift of the Holy Spirit, today we sing:

*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.*

We celebrate today because the promised Comforter, the Spirit of the Father, has been given to us, indeed, *poured out* upon us. The Spirit of Truth will enable us 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 transforms it, calling us all to unity.

Today, the Church, gathered in prayer with Mary the Ever-Virgin Birthgiver of God, implores and entreats: *O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things; Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!*

With love in the All-Holy Spirit,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'D' and a cursive 'aniel'.

DANIEL
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest