

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## *BULLETIN OF MAY 31, 2015*

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY/MAY 31**

#### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
followed by Vespers & Kneeling Prayers;  
Coffee Hour

### **MONDAY/JUNE 1**

#### **Day of the Holy Spirit**

#### **St. Justin of Serbia**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to the  
Holy Spirit

### **WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3**

Fast Free Day

### **FRIDAY/JUNE 5**

Fast Free Day

### **SATURDAY/JUNE 6**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### **SUNDAY/JUNE 7**

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour & Question/Answer Period

### **MONDAY/JUNE 8**

#### **Beginning of Ss. Peter & Paul Lent:**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>**

A fast is observed from eat, dairy, fish, wine  
and oil. Your parish wall calendar and the  
monthly printed calendar indicate modifications.



### ***Offerings Week of May 31***

**Olive Oil:** in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Christine and John (anniversary); for spiritual well-being.

**Wine:** in thanksgiving on 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Barbra and Basil Kulick; for protection during travel of Mariana and Stefan.

### ***Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!***

May 31, 1963 Michael Dziga  
June 1, 1961 Alex Horbel  
June 2, 1929 John Senko  
June 2, 1951 Wasyl Bondarenko  
June 3, 1952 Michael Tacak  
June 3, 1985 Anna Susko  
June 5, 1953 Eva Hnatuk  
June 6, 1938 Eutyches Gumenuk  
June 6, 1972 Charles Fetchko Jr.

### ***Coffee Hour Hosts***

May 31 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona  
June 7 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone  
June 14 (*Fast Foods*) Mantzafos, Sokol,  
Arpastean, Nasledysheva & Sarchisian

### ***Usher Schedule***

May 31 Jerome S. & Adrian M.  
June 7 Timothy S. & Peter B.  
June 14 Jerry S. & Adrian M.

### ***2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect***

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail in.

### ***Coffee Hour Presentation – June 14<sup>th</sup>***

On this date at Coffee Hour an informal presentation will be given on "Alzheimers." A representative of the Alzheimers Association will be our guest. This is an important topic and all of us should have some basic understandings

### ***Annual Parish Picnic – July 12<sup>th</sup>***

At the Kita residence here in Manville. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of fellowship

### ***On the Receiving of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ***

- You must be an Orthodox Christian;
- A recent Confession is in order, at least made in the time of this past Great Lent;
- Fasting from all foods and drinks from midnight;
- Medications may and ought to be taken and do not break the Fast;
- Pre-Communion Prayers on the day of or the evening before receiving;
- Participation at the Evening Service the day before;
- Being at peace with everyone;
- Free from any grievous sin;
- Not having been absent from Sunday church services for more than 3 weeks in a row – if absent, Confession is necessary to return to the cycle of regular Communion;
- Be sure the priest knows who you are "before" the Divine Liturgy.

### ***Honoring of Graduates – June 14<sup>th</sup>***

At the Divine Liturgy graduates will be blessed.

### ***Marriage – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p.m.***

The Marriage of Scott Michael Kloss (former parishioner) to Catherine Rose Weissman will take place in our church. Fr. Daniel Skvir of Princeton will be the celebrant. Many Blessed Years!

### ***Vacation Planning: A Check List***

- Location of nearby Orthodox Church for Sunday Divine Liturgy.
- Prayer book and small icon.
- Some spiritual reading material.
- Make your parish offerings before you go away.
- Obtain a blessing for traveling, offered at the end of Sunday Divine Liturgy.
- Observe the fast days as best you can.
- Vacations are meant to be a time to "recreate" ourselves. Attentiveness to spiritual living is part of who we are, where we go and what we do.
- Enjoy!
- Upon returning, thank the Lord for a safe and relaxing vacation.

The tenth day after the Ascension of Jesus Christ was the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. It was the Jews' great feast of Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

All the Apostles, the Mother of God, and the other disciples of Christ and other of the faithful, were all together in one room in Jerusalem. It was the third hour of the day by the Hebrew reckoning of hours, according to our system – nine o'clock in the morning. Suddenly a sound came from Heaven, like a rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. There descended on them tongues that looked like fire, which rested on each one of them. There were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, previously unknown to them. Thus the Holy Spirit, according to the promise of the Savior, descended on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, as a sign that He gave the apostles the ability and zeal to preach the teachings of Christ to all peoples. He descended in the form of fire as a sign of the power to cleanse sins, to sanctify and warm souls.

On the occasion of the feast of Pentecost, there were in Jerusalem many Jews who had come from various nations. Hearing the noise, a great multitude of people came together around the house where the disciples of Christ were. They were all bewildered and asked each other, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? How are they able to tell in our languages the mighty works of God?" In disbelief they said, "They are filled with new wine." Then the Apostle Peter, standing with the eleven, said that they were not drunk, but that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them, that it has been prophesied by the Prophet Joel, and that Jesus Christ, Whom the Jews had crucified, had risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven and poured out on them the Holy Spirit. Finishing this sermon about Christ, the = Peter said, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, Whom you crucified."

The sermon of Peter so moved those who heard it that many more believed in Jesus Christ. They asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then you shall also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." So those who believed in Christ readily accepted baptism, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Thus began the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church of Christ.

From the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit the Christian faith quickly spread with the help of God, and the number of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ multiplied. Instructed by the Holy Spirit, the apostles preached boldly to all about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, about His suffering for us and resurrection from the dead. The Lord helped them with many great miracles which were performed by the apostles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. At first the apostles preached to the Jews, and then dispersed to various countries to preach to all the people. To perform the sacraments and to preach Christianity the apostles established, by the laying on of hands, bishops, presbyters, and deacons. This grace of the Holy Spirit, which was clearly conferred on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, is now conferred in our Holy Orthodox Church invisibly in its sacraments, through the successors to the apostles, the pastors of the Church, its bishops and priests.



**Troparion – tone 8**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**Kontakion – tone 8**

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!



## THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ❖ is God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity;
- ❖ proceeds from the Father;
- ❖ is sent into the world by Jesus Christ;
- ❖ inspires God's People to speak God's truth and to do His will; and
- ❖ is the Giver of Life who upholds and sustains creation in its existence, life, and growth.



Fifty days after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. What does the Lord Jesus Christ say about the Holy Spirit?



*If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.*

– John 14:15-17

*But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

– John 14:26

*When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will declare to you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.*

– John 16:13-15

## CONTEMPLATION – THE DESCENT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

- ❖ How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.
- ❖ How, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind.
- ❖ How there appeared fiery tongues, one on each of the Apostles.
- ❖ How the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
- ❖ How some mocked them saying, "They have had too much new wine."
- ❖ How the rest wondered and marveled, hearing the Apostles speak to them of the wonderful works of God in their own languages.
- ❖ How the small are made great by God the Holy Spirit.
  - ❖ How the fearful are made fearless by Him.
  - ❖ How He makes the simple wise.
  - ❖ How He makes the inarticulate eloquent.
  - ❖ How, from fishermen, He makes fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.
  - ❖ How, from shepherds of an irrational flock, He makes shepherds of a rational flock – the true sheep of the House of Israel.
    - ❖ How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, traveled throughout the world without means and without friends.
    - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed the Lord's Gospel.
    - ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

