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SUNDAY/JUNE 12

7th Sunday of Pascha: First Council

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

Recognition of 2016 Graduates

Teachers/Parents Church School Meeting

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

7-8:00p.m. Lemonade & Conversations

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service at

Cemetery (in case of rain, in church)

5:30p.m. Vigil for Pentecost; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Pentecost – Descent of Holy Spirit

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

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

Vespers & Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hour

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Day of the Holy Spirit

9:30a.m. Akathist to Holy Spirit

7:00p.m. Compline

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Both Are Fast Free Days

The Council of Nicea, held in the year 325 A.D. clarified the Orthodox doctrine of Jesus Christ by producing the first portion of the Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

In A.D. 381, the Council of Constantinople defined the correct belief concerning the Holy Spirit, thereby editing the second portion of the Creed.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed has been professed by Orthodox Christians in its entirety, without alteration, since the fourth century.

THE CREED



We proclaim our belief and faith in God through THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED which is

- an affirmation of our *personal faith* as Orthodox Christians;
- the public proclamation of *God's Truth* and the living experience of His People, the Church; and
- an expression of all that has been *revealed* to us by God through Holy Scripture, Holy Tradition, and Jesus Christ, His Son.

WHY WAS THE CREED WRITTEN?

By the fourth century, a number of false teachings about Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church had developed. In order to combat these heresies and clearly state the Truth, two Ecumenical Councils were held.

Offerings Week of June 12

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia and Rosalie; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Michael and John (graduation); for the health of Nicholas (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (birthday).

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine.

The Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 12, 2008 Julia Yadlowsky
June 14, 1978 Anna Williams
June 14, 2012 Theodore Zydiak
June 15, 1959 Leon Martinchuk
June 15, 1973 Maksym Yadlowsky
June 15, 1953 Olga Pawlik
June 17, 1977 David Kloss
June 18, 2002 Irene Marmarinos
June 19, 1926 John Makovsky
June 19, 1939 Maria Kosovan
June 19, 1939 Michael Kosovan

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 12 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman
June 19 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri

Usher Schedule

June 12 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
June 19 Dennis F. & Peter B.

Counter

June 12 Ciprian C. & Larrisa M.
June 19 Ekaterini M. & Irina S.

Sunday Readers Schedule

June 12 Austin K.
June 19 Ciprian C.

The Holy Mysteries of Confession & Communion

Are offered all year, if we missed these in Great Lent, we should avail ourselves of these Holy Mysteries without delay.

Reminder – if you miss Sunday Divine Liturgy for 3 consecutive weeks, and you are a regular communicant, you have broken the primary discipline of preparation for Holy Communion and must go to Confession before receiving the Holy Gifts.

Forth-Coming Calendar

June 18 Sat. Parish Council Conference in Paramus (11:00 to 3:00)
June 19 Sun. Pentecost (50th Day of Pascha)
June 22 & 24 Fast Free Wed. & Fri.
June 27 Mon. 2 Day Apostles Fast
June 29 Wed. Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day
July 10 Sun. Parish Picnic at Kita's Residence
July 17 Sun. Blessing of Autos & Mobile Things

On Being a Good Steward of Offerings to Your Parish:

- Always make your offering as an act of thanksgiving for all you have received.
- Let your offerings be regular and offered with prayer.
- Self-determine a % you wish to make as your offering, rather than a dollar amount.
- Before going on vacation, please in advance make up for your offerings.
- In writing checks, please make check to Ss. Peter & Paul Church (not "to cash").
- If absent for a period of time, please mail your offering in.
- Use the envelopes mailed to your home.

Congratulations to 2016 Graduates!

Nicholas Oliver: Penn State University Smeal College of Business, with a degree in Supply Chain Management and a minor in International Business. Nicholas has accepted a position with Deloitte and work in Arlington, Virginia.

Alexander Torrisi: Stevens Institute of Technology, with a bachelor of Engineering. Alexander has accepted employment at Agate Construction in Cranford, NJ as a field engineer/assistant project engineer.

Zachary Sokol: Hunterdon Regional High School and will go to Lehigh University, Pa.

Our prayers for their future endeavors and again, congratulations to them and their parents!

Prayers for Those Going on A Journey

For those wishing a prayer and blessing for a safe trip, they are offered every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. Let Father know when you venerate the Cross and go by the Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow."



PENTECOST – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

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, "Thy 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 Jesus Christ, the Apostle 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.

