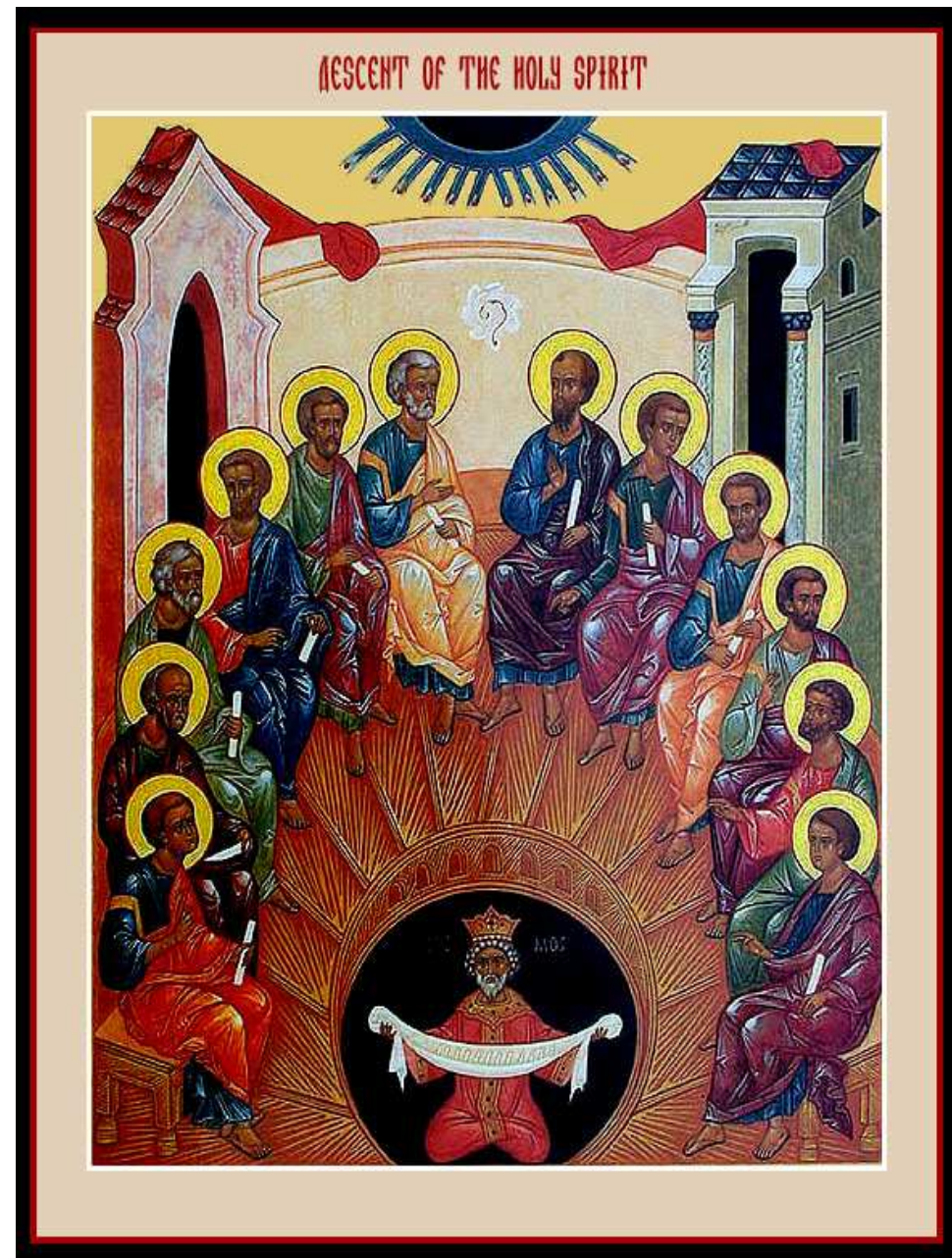


HOLY PENTECOST

At Pentecost, we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches - for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an ever-green, 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: faith, hope, and love.



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JUNE 4, 2023

HOLY PENTECOST
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY
St. Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople;
Righteous Martha and Mary of Bethany;
Martyrs Frontasius, Severinus, Severian, and Silanus, of Gaul;
Martyr Concordius of Spoleto; Hieromartyr Astius, Bishop of Dyrrachium in Macedonia;
St. Zosimas of Cilicia; Ven. Methodius, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh

Blessed are You, O Christ our God! You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

Troparion, Tone VIII

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!

Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52; 8:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, June 4
Saturday, June 10

Kneeling Vespers following the Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 5
Tuesday, June 6
Wednesday, June 7
Thursday, June 8
Friday, June 9
Saturday, June 10

Ephesians 5:9-19
Romans 1:1-7,13-17
Romans 1:18-27
Romans 1:28-2:9
Romans 2:14-29
Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 18:10-20
Matthew 4:25-5:13
Matthew 5:20-26
Matthew 5:27-32
Matthew 5:33-41
Matthew 5:42-48

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

- 4, TODAY Pentecost Potluck Brunch
- 10, Saturday 9:00 a.m. HTOC "Work Day"
- 11, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- Parish Council meeting
- 12, Monday Beginning of the Apostles' Fast
- 26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 10:00 a.m. 10th Annual Golf Classic and Auction, supporting St. Herman's House
- 28, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

A NOTE FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

The Parish Council continues to meet monthly for the administration of the parish and to foster our community's spiritual and material welfare. Approved minutes from the Council meetings are available in the church office for parish members to review upon request. Please see Fr. Christopher or council president MaryAnn Bobulsky for assistance.

The next Parish Council meeting will be next Sunday, June 11.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Next Sunday is our Food Sale. Please bake and cook some items to donate!

SUMER CAMP:

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp in Farmdale, OH, offers several sessions: July 2-8, for ages 8-12; July 9-15, for ages 10-17; and July 16-22 for ages 13-17. Photos and registration information can be found at: www.stvladimirscampohio.com

RUMMAGE SALE:

Please start saving items for our Rummage Sale, as well as plastic bags and newspaper. The date for bringing rummage to the Hall will be announced soon.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:

Holy Trinity will host the 10th Parish Development Forum from July 13-15th. The Forum will bring together Orthodox Christians from a broad area who are interested in sharing ideas about how to keep our parishes thriving in the future amidst societal, cultural, demographic and technological trends. Sessions and break-out groups will discuss clergy-laity dynamics, attracting and integrating converts, and connecting parishes with their neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for all of us at to learn from and participate in! A link to register can be found on our website.

CHURCH WORK DAY:

We will have another "Work Day" to brighten our church and grounds, Saturday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. There are jobs for all ages and abilities; bring outdoor work gloves and lawn-care tools if you have them.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION:

FOCUS - St. Herman's House will hold their annual golf classic on June 26 at Tanglewood Golf Club in Chagrin Falls. Registration and lunch is 10:00-11:15; golf starts at 11:30. There are various levels of support needed, even if you do not golf. To donate or register visit: www.sainthermans.org/golf
An online auction to support the day-to-day operations of St. Herman's House will run June 19-June 26. Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/sthermans2023>

**ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL,
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST**

(Continued from the back page)

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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 these words of (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.

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