

Holy Trinity Sunday Bulletin

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Sunday of Pentecost.


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COMMUNION ETIQUETTE

 If you are either baptized or confirmed as an Orthodox Christian and have spiritually prepared to receive Holy Communion, please come up from the middle aisle of the Church with reverence and humility, row by row, in a **QUIET** and **ORDERLY** fashion, and depart as directed.

 All those receiving Communion should be confirmed Orthodox Christians. If you are married, your marriage must also have been blessed by the Orthodox Church.

 In receiving Communion, you should place the cloth under your chin, recite your **CHRISTIAN NAME**, and wipe your mouth after receiving. Women, please remove your lipstick prior to receiving Communion.

 **THANK YOU**

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

If you enter the Church during the Divine Liturgy, please remain prayerfully in the Narthex during the following times and wait to enter:

Small Entrance with the Gospel, the Epistle and Gospel Readings, the Great Entrance with the Gifts, the recitation of the Creed, the Consecration of the Gifts, the Lord's Prayer and the Dismissal.

During other times you may enter and find your seats quietly and respectfully of others.

Please, **do not** chew gum or eat candy during the Divine Liturgy in the Church! Children included.

Today we Commemorate:

The Holy Feast of Pentecost: the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Appointed Day of Promise, and Fulfillment of Hope; the Martyr Theodota of Ancyra; the Martyr Zinais the Wonderworker; the holy Women Aisia and Susanna, disciples of Saint Pancratios, Bishop of Tauromenium; the Martyr Lycarion of Egypt; the Martyrs Tarasios and John; Saint Stephen; Saint Anthimos; Saint Sebastiana the Wonderworker; the Martyr Potamiaina of Alexandria; the Hieromartyr Marcellinus, Bishop of Rome; the Hieromartyr Marcellinus, Bishop of Rome, and those with him; Saint Daniel of Scete in Egypt; the Righteous Martyrs Peter the Priest-monk, Wallabonus the Hierodeacon, and the monks Sabinian, Wistremund, Habentius, and Jeremias, beheaded by the Moors in Cordova in 851.

Today's Hymnology:

The Hymn of Pentecost and our Parish:

Blessed are You Christ our God, O Christ our God, Who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them Made the fishermen wise and through them You illumined the world; and to You the universe was ever drawn O Lover of mankind glory to You!

The Same (in Greek):

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν Οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

The Same (transliterated):

Evloyitós i, Hristé o Theós imón; o pansófous tous aliís anadhíxas, katapémpsas aftís to pnévma to ágion, ke dhi aftón tin ikouménin sayinéfsas, Filánthrope, dhóxa si.

The Kontakion for Holy Pentecost:

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

The Communion Hymn:

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

The Epistle Reading (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11):

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Gospel Reading (St. John 7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet

is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7th Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Kneeling Vespers Immediately after Liturgy

Pentecost Picnic to follow Services

MONDAY 8th Monday of the Holy Spirit

8:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Intermediate Chant

7:00 p.m. Beginners' Greek

TUESDAY 9th

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Bible Study – *We will by studying the book of Job*

WEDNESDAY 10th

5:00 p.m. Advanced Greek Class

6:30 p.m. Intermediate Greek Class

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY 11th

4:30 p.m. Beginners' Chant

6:00 p.m. Seniors' Chant

FRIDAY 12th

SATURDAY 13th

10:00 a.m. Intermediate Greek Class

4:00 p.m. 101 Class

5:00 p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY 14th All Saints

8:30 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Artoclasia in prayer for All Orthodox Military

Memorial for all Orthodox Military who have reposed in the Lord

2nd Tray to support NT for Orthodox serving in the military

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos is hosting the Pentecost Picnic today!

Adults = 8.00

Children 10 and under = 3.00

Children 3 and under eat free!

Church School Announcements.

Church School Teacher and Student Recognition will be held on **June 14th**. Please make every effort to attend and show your support for our children, as well as, our dedicated and hard working teachers.

Modern Greek Language Classes

To register or for more information, e-mail us at holytrinitynashville@gmail.com

Philoptochos News

The newly elected Philoptochos Board met after church on Sunday, May 31, 2009 with six of the members and Tess Coutras, the new advisory to the board, to elect the new officers. They are as follows:

President: Donna Bacon

Vice President: Linda Wallace

Secretary: Carrie Gaddis

Correspondence Secretary: Alexandra Pappas

Treasurer: Emily Yoanidis

The other 3 members of the board are:

Tasoula Gaddis

Georgia McNish

Lisa Solon

New officers will be sworn in on a later date to be announced...



GOYA NEWS – upcoming events.

June 7th GOYA pool Party at the Home of Chris Botsaris.

July 1-5, 2009 St Nicholas Summer Camp is being held this year at Camp NaCoMe only an hour outside Nashville. The camp is open to campers ages 8-18. The cost is \$325 for a wonderful week of fun, Orthodox education and outdoor activities. Scholarships are available on a need basis. Counselor volunteers are also need. Please go to www.southerncamp.com for all details and registration information or see Helen Rogers for any questions and to pick up forms.

Ft. Campbell Service Schedule

Fr. Nicholas Harbatis Presiding.

All Services begin at 10 a.m.

June 20th

Honor our Troops!

On Flag Day, June 14th, we will be honoring our Orthodox Men and Women in the Armed Services with prayers in an Artoklasia and also a memorial service for all Orthodox men and women who have served in the armed forces and who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Also, we will be taking a special collection to help support the newly published, "New Testament and Psalms for Orthodox Christians, Military Edition" by the American Bible Society.

Thank you for supporting our Orthodox Faithful who are serving their country!

Vacation Bible School! June 15-19th, 9 am – 12 pm. Please sign up in the Church hall today, or by calling the Church office this week! Children ages 4 to rising 6th graders are welcome! Contact Kibble Walker if you would like to volunteer to help with the children. We will be learning about the

sacraments of the Church, singing songs, playing games and spending time together.

About Pentecost...

After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and

excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: "Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, 'Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?' I say, 'The Sibyl.' 'Thou art wrong,' saith he, 'she is not.' 'Who then is she?' I say, 'The Church,' saith he. I said unto him, 'Wherefore then is she aged?' 'Because,' saith he, 'she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.'" Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ" (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the

incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit" (PG 74, 708-712). Saint Gregory Palamas says, "Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors" (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests" (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of

bread,"that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries-"and in prayer" (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost.

