

## June 7<sup>th</sup>-Holy Pentecost

### Tone 8 Troparion *(Pentecost)*

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; for You have shown the fishermen to be most wise by sending down on them the Holy Spirit and through them catching all the world in Your net.//Glory to You, O good God Who love mankind!

### Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pentecost)*

When He came down and confused the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all people to unity.// Therefore, with one voice we glorify the most-Holy Spirit.

### Tone 8 Prokeimenon

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

(Ps 18/19:4)

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

(Ps. 18/19:1)

### 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, Cretan and Arabs-we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

### Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps 32/33:6)

v: The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps.32/33:13:)

### Gospel: John 7: 37-52; 8:12

On 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 the 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."

Nicodemus (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."

### Communion Hymn:

*Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path! (Ps 142/143:10)*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!*

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**Custodian/Groundskeeper:** We are currently seeking an individual to serve as the Custodian and Groundskeeper for our Church and cemetery. Interested individuals should contact John Maly or Father Richard. A complete job description can be found on our website.

**Website and Facebook page:** Please be sure to check out our website for schedule of services (on the calendar) and for other important announcements. Until the county moves from "YELLOW" to "GREEN" status, we will continue to live stream our services via Facebook as much as possible. Because of restrictions on number of people permitted to gather, we will be utilizing a sign up platform. New lists will be posted every Wednesday.

**Confession:** A schedule for confession is also posted to the website. All parishioners are urged to make an appointment for confession.

**Social distancing and masking requirements are being followed for any in person activities**

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos” or “St. Mary’s”)!

**It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able.** Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here (and a wonderful home, it is)!

**We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you, your family, and your friends!**

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