

Schedule for the Week

Monday; 13 June - Day of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday; 14 June - The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome

Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 4:25-5:13

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE -

***Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Avenue Northampton (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)**

Wednesday; 15 June - The Holy Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday; 16 June - The Holy Martyr Lucian and those with him at Byzantium

Romans 1:28-2:9 Matthew 5:27-32

Friday; 17 June - The Holy Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople

Romans 2:14-29 Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday; 18 June - The Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre

Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48

SUNDAY - 19 JUNE - 1st Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Announcements

PRAY FOR UKRAINE*The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 13 June at 6:30 PM at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Avenue Northampton.*

KNEELING BEGINS TODAY: Kneeling for both liturgical and private prayer begins today. Immediately at the end of Liturgy, we will read the traditional "Kneeling Prayers" of Pentecost.

FAST FREE WEEK - This week is a week free from fasting or abstaining due to the great feast of Pentecost.

FR. RICHARD AWAY NEXT TWO WEEKS Fr. Richard will be in Washington, DC for the next weeks working on his doctoral degree. In case of a pastoral emergency please call Fr. Oleh Kravchenko on his mobile phone 484-834-7261.

SPECIAL THANKS Thank you to our newly-established Sisterhood for their work in decorating the church with greenery for Pentecost. We already can see the effect this group of hard working ladies is an asset to our parish.

BENEFIT CONCERT TO AID UKRAINE- The Ukrainian Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will sponsor a Benefit Concert for Ukraine featuring the Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra on Sunday 24 July at 3PM at St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall 1343 Newport Ave, Northampton. Free will donation.

100th/101st ANNIVERSARY - Our sister parish of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church will celebrate their centennial on 24 September. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at 9:30 AM. Centennial Banquet will be at Northampton Banquet and Event Center (Northampton Community Center) at 2 PM. Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets and information, please see John Koretski.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE The Scholarship Committee announces that applications are now available for members of our parish attending an institution of higher learning for the academic year beginning September 2022. To obtain an application, simply speak to a member of the Committee: Nik Fartuch or John Onulack.

Father's Day Luncheon Our parish's newly re-established Sisterhood are preparing and hosting a Father's Day Luncheon after Divine Liturgy on Sunday; 19 June.

Coffee Social: Today's coffee hour will be hosted by: Svitlana Brazzo in memory of her dear father Ivan Mischenko. Please consider hosting an upcoming Sunday.

Ukrainian American Sport Center Father's Day Heritage Fest Sunday, June 19, at 1 PM County Line and Lower State Roads, Horsham, PA. Stage show will feature Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance and the Solovyky Vocal Ensemble, singer musician Ihor Sypen, as well as dance ensembles of other ethnic communities in the area; and picnic foods, desserts and cool refreshments will be available. 3:30 PM soccer game. Admission and parking are free. For more information call: 267-664-3857 or visit www.tryzub.org

Saturday Evening Vespers Postponed Vespers for the Great Feasts will still be celebrated and will be announced in the bulletin. Saturday evening Vespers will resume in the Fall.

Refugees from Ukraine: Anyone who might be willing to provide temporary shelter for any Ukrainian individual or families that might need a home. *Please sign-up on the bulletin at the office*

Fall Ukrainian Language Classes *If anyone is interested, please sign-up on the bulletin board at the office.* Mr. Ihor Mirchuk will be the instructor. The list to sign up is on the office door.

Medical and other supplies are still needed for Ukraine !!! Please check the parish website for an updated list.

UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS IN ALL SIZES - MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN - IS BADLY NEEDED!!!! *In addition, we need volunteers to help collect and organize these donations. To volunteer, please see Susan Cooke or Tania Smirnova or Barbara Hutzyuk*

Administrative Assistance Needed: Volunteers are needed to help with the extra office work that we have encountered as a result of the war in Ukraine. We are looking for a number of people who could commit to one or two sessions a week, either a morning or afternoon session. Duties would include answering phone calls, taking donations, etc. Please see Vera Muzychka to sign up.

Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church:

Today's Liturgical Propers

The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *(Ps. 18:1)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. *(Ps. 18:2) (Refrain)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! *(Ps. 19:1)*

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! *(Ps. 19:2) (Refrain)*

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! *(Ps. 19:3) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. *(Ps. 20:1)*

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net.// O Lover of Man, glory to You! You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. *(Ps. 20:2)*

Troparion of the Feast

For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. *(Ps. 20:3)*

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power! *(Ps. 20:13)*

Tone 8 Troparion

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

Tone 8 Kontakion

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.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Pentecostarion)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*
v. *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)*

Epistle

Acts 2:1-11

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. 32:6)*

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

Gospel

John 7:37-52; 8:12

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily. Every mind is overawed by your childbearing. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

Communion Hymn

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path! *(Ps. 142:12a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

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 as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . . (Acts 2.1–4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14.26, 15.26; Lk 24.49; Acts 1.5). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

In the liturgical services of the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the divine Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit's coming to man, and the Church hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God's self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. For this reason Pentecost Sunday is also called Trinity Day in the Orthodox tradition. Often on this day the icon of the Holy Trinity—particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith—is placed in the center of the church. This icon is used with the traditional pentecostal icon which shows the tongues of fire hovering over Mary and the Twelve Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who are themselves sitting in unity surrounding a symbolic image of "cosmos," the world.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: . . . I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."; This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1–7; Joel 2: 28–32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. ***It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today.*** We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

The Divine Liturgy of Pentecost recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit's coming to men. The kontakion sings of the reversal of Babel as God unites the nations into the unity of his Spirit. The troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God's net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns "O Heavenly King" and "We have seen the True Light" are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the Holy Spirit to "come and abide in us," and proclaiming that "we have received the heavenly Spirit." The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God's divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the "life-creating Spirit." In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, "ruah."

The Great Vespers of Pentecost evening features three long prayers at which the faithful kneel for the first time since Easter. The Monday after Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church, and the Sunday after Pentecost is the feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in men by their becoming saints, and this is the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. "Thus says

the Lord: Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy” (Lev 11.44–45, 1 Pet 1.15–16).

