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8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 7. Holy Pentecost – Feast of the Holy Trinity. Commemorating Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis; Saint John the Russian; Venerable Ferapont, Abbot of Belozersk, and Jonah, Metropolitans of Moscow and All Russia; Venerable Therapon, Abbot of Monza; Virgin Martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier, of Alexandria.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8-12

8:00 a.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

9:00 a.m.—Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

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10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy and Vespers, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs

12 Noon—Fellowship

Calendar:

Fast Free Week

May 28, Mon: *Memorial Day/Legal Holiday; Day of the Holy Spirit;* Saint Tikhon's Monastery Annual Pilgrimage

May 29, Tue: Parish Softball team plays—6 p.m.

May 30, Wed: Parish baking nut roll & kiefli—8:30 am

June 1, Fri: Picnic Food Preparation—8:30 a.m.; Set-up for the Picnic—6 p.m.

June 2, Sat: Picnic Food Preparation—8 a.m.; Set-up for the Picnic—6 p.m.; Vespers—7:00 p.m.

June 3, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.; Annual

Parish Ethnic Food Fest from 12-7 p.m.; Softball team plays—5:30 p.m.

June 4, Mon: Apostles SS Peter and Paul Fast begins

June 9, Sat: Vespers—7:00 p.m.

June 10, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.;

June 12, Tue: Softball team plays—6 p.m.; Church Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

June 16, Sat: Vespers—7:00 p.m.

June 17, Sun: *Fathers Day;* 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.;

Today's Prayers: *Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.*

Those Ailing: **Elizabeth Middlesworth**, Holy Spirit #519; **Paul Pellegrini**, **Matushka Marion Swenki**; **Mary Hamm** friend of Joshua DiFlorio; **Thomas Heck** requested by Katharine Macut; **Marlene Kalenak**; **Archpriest Igor Soroka**, **Daria Kostylev**; **John Pusey**; **Tony Macinanti** friend of Lydia Mantle; **Stanley Seitzinger**; **Anastasia Volk**, niece of Evelyn Krempasky and her son **William Nicholas**; **Lucy Koloski**; **Barbara Toporcer**, aunt of Dorothy Sysak; **Margaret Yawkey**; **Nancy Sheaffer and William Sheaffer**; **Mary**

Hoffman; **John Fatich**; **Roberta Cona**; **John Caba**; **Carol Boyer**; **Joe Krajsa**; **Eva Kondratick**; **Tanner Carmen**; **Alexander Galvin**; **Gregory Burch**;

Health and well-being of: **Travis Holtzman**, in Iraq, friend of the Bricker Family; **Suzanne Ridenour** requested by Angie Mioff; **SSG Kevin Leonhard** in Iraq, friend of the Hancher's; **Andrea Atkins**, **Brianna Atkins**, **Anna Thompson**; **Michael Egan**, (in Iraq) Anna Doray's son-in-law; **Nicholas Serio**, in Iraq; **Katherine Pilc**; **Russ Sass**;

Newly Departed from This Life:

Charles Bern Van Horn—May 9th; **Mary Essock**—May 6th; **Helen Osuch**—Apr 29th; **Robert Snyder**—Apr 28th; **Mstislav Rostropovich**—Apr 27th; **Salem Essis**—Apr 23rd; **Alex Kuzupas**—40th day today;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

George Demchak, brother of Suzanne Demchak, May 29th is the 11th anniversary;

Dimitri Kuchwara, father of Kathy Kuchwara, May 29th is the 21st anniversary;

Mary Rudak Malenich, mother of Barbara Norato May 30th is the 63rd anniversary;

Maryanne Hughes, sister-in-law of Jo-Ann Nesko, May 31st is the 10th anniversary;

Mary Kantor, mother of Deborah McGinnes, May 31st is the 2nd anniversary;

Fred Carmen, brother of Betty Pellegrini, May 31st is the 4th anniversary;

Peter Taleff Sr., husband of June Taleff, June 2nd is the 27th anniversary;

Candle Offerings:

Two decorated candles were placed Sunday, May 20th for the health and welfare of the newly baptized children of David and Bahia Essis by June Taleff. **Salem David**, **Lilly Bahia**, and **David Salem Jr.** were baptized and chrismated on May 13th.

Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candle, offered in memory of **Mary Rudak Malenich**, by her daughter Barbara Norato. May 30th is the 63rd anniversary of Mary's departure from this life.

Nine plain altar candles are offered for **Alex Kuzupas** by his Family. Today is the 40th day of his departure from this life.

Two decorated candles are offered in memory of **Dimitri Kuchwara** by his daughter Kathy. May 29th is the 21st anniversary of Dimitri's departure from this life.

Many Years (Names for the singing of "MANY YEARS" after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.)

Dimitri Ressetar will celebrate his birthday on **May 28th**.

Jo-Ann and David Nesko will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **May 31st**.

Barb and Nick Somple will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **June 1st**.

MOVING from the area to Columbia, South Carolina, to accept a new employment position beginning June 1st is Deacon Joseph Kreta. We wish him well with God's blessings. We all appreciated his serving at our church and helping our priests for the past years. Whenever he visits up north he will serve at the Divine Liturgy with our priests. We sing to Deacon Joseph Many Years.

BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED on April 21st was Yafiet Yohannes, Tesfai, the son of Yohannes Tesfai and Maazda Tesfai (Ghirme) Haile. The sponsor is Kebede Zegiorgis. Father Seraphim performed the Sacraments.

BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED on May 13th was Salem David, Lilly Bahia, and David Salem Jr., the children of David Salem and Bahia (Jihad) Essis. The sponsors are Jamie Essis and Robert Essis. Father Seraphim performed the Sacraments with Father Dan.

We sing to the newly illumined Yafiet, Salem, Lilly and David.

TODAYS NEWS

ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY to hold 103rd Annual Pilgrimage *tomorrow*. The early Divine Liturgy on Monday will be celebrated in the monastery church at 7:30 a.m. The traditional pilgrim's procession to the monastery and the greeting of Metropolitan Herman and the concelebrating hierarchs will begin at 9:15 a.m., followed by the hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the pavilion. A General Memorial will be celebrated for all faithful departed at the grave site of His Eminence, the late Metropolitan Leonty, after the Liturgy. At 2:00 p.m., the Service of Intercession to the Most Holy Mother of God with the anointing of the sick, infirm, and all pilgrims will be celebrated at the monastery bell tower. The pilgrimage will close with the celebration of Vespers and Matins in the monastery church at 4:00 p.m.

THE SOFTBALL TEAM split its games with Lighthouse Baptist, winning 11-8 before losing 14-7. The team's record is 5-1. They play next on this *Tuesday* against Derry UM at 8 pm.

THE TIME CHANGE for the summer months will begin next Sunday; the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m. The **10 a.m.** time will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH YARD SALE a yard sale will be held on Saturday, July 14th from 7:00am to noon. We are looking for donations – the stuff you don't need or want anymore. Please **no** clothing or shoes except for children's and also no junk. Donations may be dropped off anytime after June 5th at the Parish hall. We will also have **spaces for rent** if you are interested. An 8' x 10' space will rent for \$10, two spaces for \$15 and three for \$20. You must supply your own tables. The spaces will be in the yard area below the parish hall. Any questions please see or call Alice Mallick (717-939-4154).

ASCENSION POSTER IN PARISH HALL: The large blue poster board of the Ascension of our Lord was created by our church school children at the Spring Retreat held on Saturday, May 12, 2007. There were 13 children in attendance and, in addition to the icon poster, they enjoyed making and decorating cupcakes for Fr. Seraphim's farewell luncheon and going on a scavenger hunt. The children and parents got a great workout playing a game of "Mountain Ball" led by Fr. Seraphim. Thanks to Angie Mioff, Janice Zuro, Amy Minarich, Andrea Zart, Matushka Theodora, Fr. Seraphim and all of the parents for making this a meaningful and fun-filled event!

STUDENTS GRADUATING? If you know of a student graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office at **652-1825** or email ctsocahbg@aol.com. We do not want to forget anyone. The parish would like to recognize its graduates and present them with a gift. Also, please submit a photo of the graduate to the church office for publication in the Alive in Christ magazine.

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COLONIAL PARK - HARRISBURG
**ETHNIC
FOOD
FEST**
SLAVIC FOODS
-MACEDONIAN
HAMBURGERS
-HALUPKIE
-PEROGIES
-KIELBASY
-LAMB
MUSIC BY
AND MUCH MORE!!!!
**HAPPY
SLOVENES**
SUNDAY JUNE 3RD
NOON TO 7 PM

Ethnic Food Fest News!

BAKING – We will be baking nut rolls and kifli on Wednesday, **May 30** for the Ethnic Food Fest. Baking will begin at **8:00 am**. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

NEEDED are baked goods for sale at our ethnic food fest on **June 3, 2007**. Please bring your baked items to the church hall on **Sunday morning, June 3rd**. Thank you for your help in this annual parish fundraising event.

PLACEMAT ADS: In order to help defray the cost of this year's food fest, we are seeking sponsors to advertise on a paper placemat that will be placed on all food trays. The cost is \$25 for a business card sized ad. If the business does not have an ad, they can just supply their name, address and phone number and we will create it. We need your help in soliciting ads. Any parishioner that is self-employed may want to advertise their company. Also, anyone that you may come in contact with that may want to take advantage of this inexpensive means of advertising—hairdresser, barber, dentist, doctor, health club, your employer, etc. So spread the word. If you have any questions or have an ad to submit, please contact Willard Brown.
ADVERTISING FLYERS: Color picnic flyers advertising the ethnic food fest are available in the Church office. Please feel free to take a few and post them in places like grocery and convenience stores, township buildings, your place of employment—anywhere that you frequent. Help us get the word out. Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS

JUNE 1st, Fri: Annual Ethnic Food Fest Preparation at 8:30 a.m.

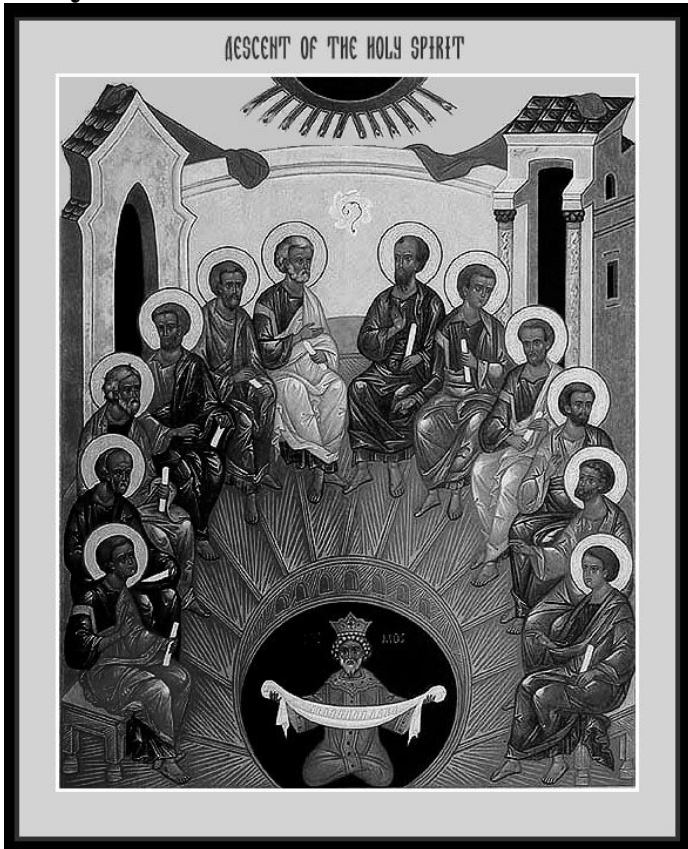
JUNE 2nd, Sat: Annual Ethnic Food Fest Preparation at 8:00 a.m.

JUNE 3rd, Sun: Mark your calendar for the Annual Ethnic Food Fest from 12 to 7 p.m.

JUNE 11th, Mon: Pan-Orthodox Academy Board meeting at St. Nicholas Church at 7 p.m.

JULY 14th, Sat: Annual Parish Yard Sale sponsored by the "O" Club. (Please bring all marked items after the Food Fest and by **Sunday July 9th**.)

Holy Pentecost



In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end - the achievement and fulfillment - of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST: The all-night Vigil service begins with a solemn invitation:

"Let us celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, The appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope, The mystery which is as great as it is precious."

In the coming of the Spirit, the very essence of the Church is revealed:

"The Holy Spirit provides all, Overflows with prophecy, fulfills the priesthood, Has taught wisdom to illiterates, has revealed fishermen as theologians, He brings together the whole council of the Church."

In the three readings of the Old Testament (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel 2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28) we hear the prophecies concerning the Holy Spirit. We are taught that the entire history of mankind was directed towards the day on which God "would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." This day

has come! All hope, all promises, all expectations have been fulfilled. At the end of the Aposticha hymns, for the first time since Easter, we sing the hymn: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth..." the one with which we inaugurate all our services, all prayers, which is, as it were, the life-breath of the Church, and whose coming to us, whose "descent" upon us in this festal Vigil, is indeed the very experience of the Holy Spirit "coming and abiding in us."

Having reached its climax, the Vigil continues as an explosion of joy and light for "verily the light of the Comforter has come and illumined the world." In the Gospel reading (John 20:19-23) the feast is interpreted to us as the feast of the Church, of her divine nature, power and authority. The Lord sends His disciples into the world, as He Himself was sent by His Father. Later, in the antiphons of the Liturgy, we proclaim the universality of the apostles' preaching, the cosmical significance of the feast, the sanctification of the whole world, the true manifestation of God's Kingdom.

THE VESPERS OF PENTECOST: The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is "added" to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn "summing up" of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon:

"Who is so great a God as our God?"

Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost" - and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches - for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, 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, love, faith and hope. ~Father Alexander Schmemmann (1974)