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8TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

HOLY PENTECOST

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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

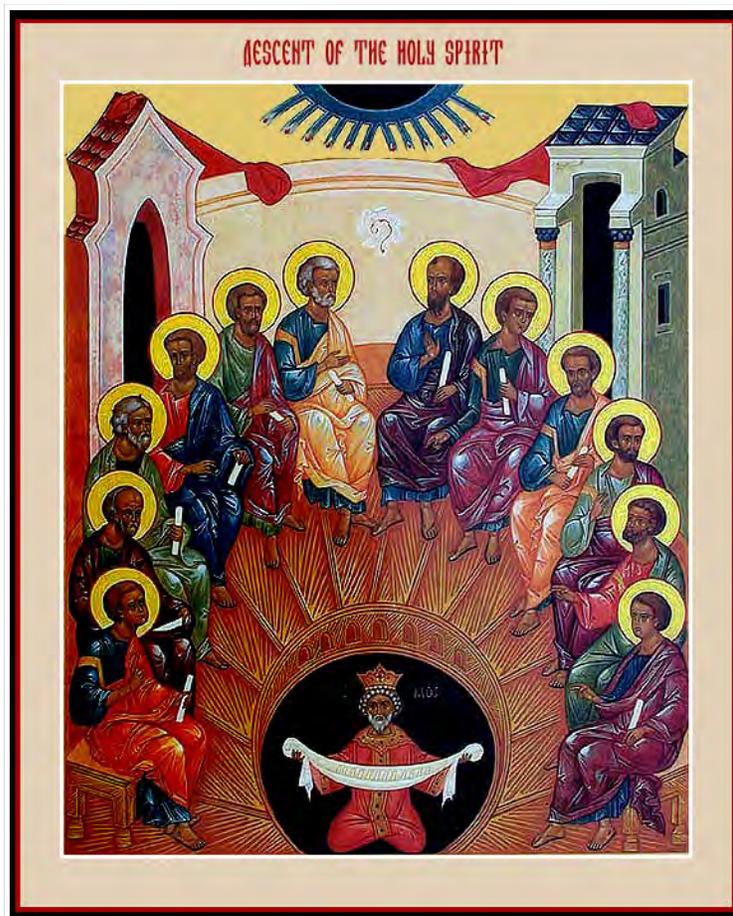
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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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 fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness 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 fullness 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 fullness, 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)

A Friendly Reminder:

We will be celebrating **Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 13th**, in observance of the **Day of the Holy Spirit**. Also, this week is a **Fast Free Week**.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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After a long break, we will resume supplying the Moms First program at **Merrick House** with 20 bags of groceries a month. I'm hoping we can still roughly fill a grocery bag for \$10, but any contribution is welcome and appreciated. Envelopes for donations can be found in the church foyer, or see Dan Morris.
Thank you for generosity. - Dan Morris

New Security System

Our security system has been upgraded. Those who have a keys and need to access the Cathedral or our other buildings should contact Fr. Jan.

Faith Enrichment Returns

Classes will resume Thursday **June 9th, 16th, and 23rd**. We will meet at 11:00 AM. We will complete parts four, five, and six of our book.

Contact Subdeacon Leon for more information at 440 666-7601 or Reader Paul Pangrace 440 884-3115

FOCUS

 CLEVELAND

ST. HERMAN HOUSE

9th Annual Golf Classic
June 27, 2022

The Tanglewood Club

11:30 AM Shotgun Start

<https://sainthermans.org/golf/>

Golf For A Good Cause

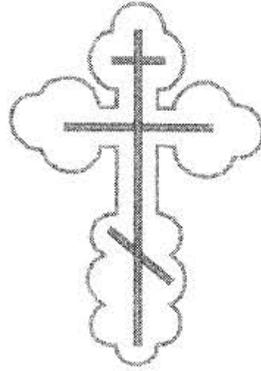
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Join St. Herman House – FOCUS Cleveland at the historic Tanglewood Club on June 27, 2022 for our 9th Annual Golf Classic. All proceeds help us carry out our mission to shelter and support homeless men on the path to well-being and independence and meet the basic needs of people in our community.

If you can't make it to our in person event, you can still bid on the amazing prizes at our Virtual Auction. We'll post a link to the auction items on Sunday, June 19.

INCOMPLETE RECORDS ISSUE

Fr. Jan has found that there are probably some missing records for Baptisms, Christmations, Marriages, or Funerals from January 2020 until April 2021. Please if you know about any performed sacrament during that time, contact him to record it in the Parish Metric Book. Thankyou.



In Honor of

The Very Reverend Alexander Garklavs

Please join in his
Retirement Celebration

Sunday, the nineteenth of June 2022
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's
5025 E. Mill Rd. Broadview Heights, Ohio

Choice of Champagne Chicken or Beef Tips
Tickets \$40.00 includes luncheon & cocktails
(No charge for children under 10)

Tickets available beginning May 15th during coffee hour or
Contact Jewelann Stefanar (216-402-8599) or
Rita Bellack (330-204-9513)

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp

2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417



St. Vladimir's Summer Camp offers three different sessions.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
When	July 3-9, 2022	July 10-16, 2022	July 17-23, 2022
Ages	8-12	10-17	13-17
Also Know	Ohio Younger	Junior Olympics	Ohio Older

Sessions 1 & 3 are focused around crafts and service projects. Each camp week has a theme for the week and crafts and fun with father focus the learning times around that theme.

Session 2 is a sports based camp in which we also tie orthodox learning lessons with the resident priest into the week. We encourage Orthodox fellowship and encourage the campers to cheer on everyone. Trying to teach the campers that winning is more than medals, trophies and scores!



Visit www.stvladimirscampohio.com to register and check out more camp information. Or visit our Facebook Page or Instagram both St. Vladimir's Summer Camp

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 6/12/2022

Departed:

Stanislav

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Andrew Mytrohovich

Robbie Prock

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child

Alex Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

Lisa Theodore

Arlene Czajkowski

Athina

Betty Balasz (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 12

Numbers 11:16-17, 24

-29

Joel 2:23-32

Ezekiel 36:24-28

John 20:19-23

Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52, 8:12

Monday, June 13

Ephesians 5:9-19

Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 14

Romans 1:1-7, 13-17

Matthew 4:25-5:13

Wednesday, June 15

Romans 1:18-27

Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 16

Romans 1:28-2:9

Matthew 5:27-32

Friday, June 17

Romans 2:14-29

Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 18

Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 5:42-48

Sunday, June 19

Jude 1-10

Jude 11-16

Jude 17-25

Matthew 28:16-20

Jude 1-10

John 14:21-24

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-

38, 19:27-30

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Sunday, June 12

8th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Pentecost:

Feast of the Holy Trinity

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Vespers with Kneeling Prayers to follow

Monday, June 13

Day of the Holy Spirit

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read

9:00 AM Liturgy

Tuesday, June 14

Third Day of the Trinity

Glorification of St. John of Kronstadt (1990)

Wednesday, June 15

Afterfeast of Pentecost

Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, June 16

Afterfeast of Pentecost

St. Tychon (Tikhon, Tycho), Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (4th-5th c.)

Friday, June 17

Afterfeast of Pentecost

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia (362)

Saturday, June 18

Leavetaking of Pentecost

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 19

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of All Saints

Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour