

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вьки!

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## 24 May, 2015: Pentecost Sunday

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. May 23 **17:00 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday** + Suffrages for **Cody Fullman** – Youth Group; for **Joseph Christie** – James & Diane Uschock; for **Peter Shultz** – Thomas & Helen Kissell.
- Sun. May 24 **10:30 Pentecost Sunday** + Suffrages for the **parish**, for **Mary Miscik** – Theresa Stas; for **Rosemarie Macchiaroli** – McLaughlin Family; for **Irene Strosko** – Father.  
**Memorial Service for Mary Ann Davis: 40<sup>th</sup> day anniversary**
- Mon. May 25 **10:00 Memorial Service for parish veterans at cemetery.**
- Sat. May 30 **17:00 Vigil of All Saints** + Suffrages for **Helen Krynicky** – Gregory & Patricia Krynicky; for **Kathleen Snitzer** – Joseph & Carol Sestavich; for **Irene Strosko** – St Mary Youth Group.
- Sun. May 31 **10:00 Sunday of All Saints** + Suffrages for the **parish**, for **John Osif** – Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Burdette; for **Peter Shultz** – Margaret Magda; for **Mary Miscik** – Agnes & Andrew Lipko.

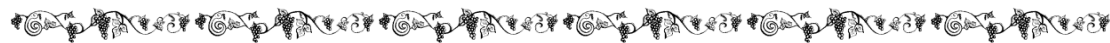


#### Acolytes

#### Lectors

#### Ushers

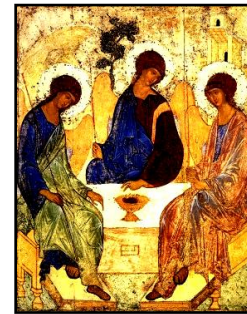
Sat. May 23 PM	-----	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, J Kontir
Sun. May 24	Ruggieri, Spyhans	O. Syphan	R. Garber, J Knouse
Sat. May 30	-----	J. Krynicky	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. May 31	E.R.A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
<b>5/17/15 Collection:</b>	Adult: \$812.00	Student: \$12.00	Candles: \$65.00
	Ascension: \$230	Seminary: 175	<b>Total: \$1294.00.</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	Ascension: 45	Saturday 17 + 1	Sunday: 55 + 12



In the account of Pentecost which took place in Jerusalem we read that many Jews were in the Holy City for the feast. **In Judaism, Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Law – Torah** ('instruction' in Hebrew) – fifty days after the Hebrews left Egypt, in other words, fifty days after the first Passover – the first Pascha. At Mount Sinai – sometimes called Mount Horeb – God gave Moses the Tablets of the Law. Down to the present day our Jewish brothers and sisters commemorate this event on Pentecost. This is the covenant between God and His people, a covenant concluded by the Law and also by the fruits



of the earth. Indeed, Pentecost is the commemoration of the giving of the Law and at the same time a thanksgiving for the harvest. We have kept one aspect of this Jewish feast in the Orthodox Catholic Church, for in each season we thank God for the harvest. This is also why, on the day of Pentecost, we have the custom of decorating our churches with leaves and flowering branches. Jewish Pentecost is also called the «**Feast of Weeks**» because **seven weeks** are counted from the beginning of the spring harvest (Dt. 16:9-10). In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit revealed Himself through the Law and the prophets; for He «spoke by the prophets», as we say in the Creed. But from this new Pentecost, the covenant is made between God and His new people, the New Israel, the Church which receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, not through the Law, but directly and without intermediaries, by the fire of Pentecost.



On Pentecost, in receiving the Holy Spirit like the apostles, we enter into union with the three divine Persons – the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, One in essence and undivided. This is why the feast of Pentecost is called **the Day of the Trinity** in our Church. On this day, the promise is fulfilled: we know the Father through the Son, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Who dwells in us and Who unites Himself to us in order to show us the whole truth. This is also why the icon on the Tetrapod is that of the Old Testament Trinity or the «Hospitality of Abraham».

**Pentecost Monday** is dedicated entirely to the Holy Spirit and the icon of the descent upon the apostles of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire is placed on the Tetrapod. The epistle teaches us that the Holy Spirit is the light that Christ makes to shine on us. To be fulfilled, man must seek the light and flee the barren works of darkness. «Be filled with the Holy Spirit». The gospel shows us the Spirit as the bond of unity which establishes the Church, for unity among men is possible only by the presence and the light of the Holy Spirit.



### Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday of All Saints

**Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2 Faith of the Saints**

**Matthew 10:32 – 33, 37 – 38 & 19:27 – 30**

*Confessing Christ; Criteria for a Saint;  
First shall be Last and Last shall be First*



### ~ Announcements ~

- The **Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection** was last weekend **16 – 17 May**. There is a special yellow envelope for this in your box. Please give generously for the formation of the future priests of our church and remember to **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!** If you have forgotten your donation, please turn in your envelope by the end of the month.

- **The Handicap Committee** is selling tickets in the Narthex after the Divine Liturgy. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Drawing» on **Saturday, 20 June 2015**. N.B. Tickets are **VOID** after 30 days.
- **A MEMORIAL DAY PANACHIDA** will be served tomorrow at **10:00** in the Church's cemetery for all military veterans of our parish. In the event of rain, the *Panachida* will be served in our church.
- **PENTECOST WEEK, 25 – 30 May, is FREE from all fasting and abstinence!**
- **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE**: Starting on **NEXT Sunday, 31 May**, the morning Divine Liturgy begins at **10:00**.
- **Festival Committee Chairs**: Just about all chairs have returned their acceptance forms. **After the 10:00 Divine Liturgy next Sunday**, we will meet in the church basement.
- **APOSTLES' FAST** this year begins **Monday, 1 June** and ends on **Sunday evening, 28 June** with the Vigil Divine Liturgy.
- **FATHER'S DAY is June 14<sup>th</sup>**. See Father if you wish to have a father, grandfather, god father, spiritual father remembered at the Divine Liturgy w/ a *Spiritual Bouquet Card*. As w/ Mother's Day, checks are to be made payable to Father, **NOT** the parish. As w/ all donations for suffrages at the Liturgy, your offering is given to the abbey or donated to charity.