

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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8 June, 2014: Pentecost Sunday

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. June 07 **9:30 AM: Fifth All Souls' Saturday**
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil w/Mirovanije
+ Suffrages for John Lezo requested by Mary Lezo (rescheduled)

Sun. June 08 **10:00 AM: Pentecost Sunday:** w/Mirovanije: pro populo

Sat. June 14 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil** ~ Happy Father's Day ~ Suffrages for Deceased & Living Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, & Spiritual Fathers

Sun. June 15 **10:00 AM: Sunday of All Saints:** ~ Happy Father's Day ~ Suffrages for Deceased & Living Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, & Spiritual Fathers, et pro populo

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. June 07	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun. June 08	-----	S. Vacha	J. Overdorff, G. Krynicky	
Sat. June 14	-----	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir	
Sun. June 15	E. & R. Hess	A. Syphan	C. & D. Cianciotti	
5/25/14 Collection:	Adult \$1129.00; Candles \$60.00;	Holy Days \$258.00 Cemetery \$ 55.00	Students \$13.00; Total: \$1515.00	



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.



~ Announcements ~

- Kindly continue to hold in prayer the following children of our parish **Mark, Cecilia** and **Nicholas Syphan**, who, having come from the Latin Church, completed the Rites of Christian Initiation today, Pentecost Sunday, by receiving the Mysteries of Chrismation and the Divine Eucharist.
- CATHOLIC HOSPICE:** At the recent Clergy Days, the priests and deacons along with our Metropolitan were greatly edified and enlightened by a presentation given by *Catholic Hospice and Palliative Care Services, Inc.* which serves Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. We have been asked to share information about their services with the Faithful of the Archeparchy. Catholic Hospice is a pro-life organization serving all, regardless of religious affiliation. Brochures are available in the Narthex. See Father for additional information.
- The “**Peter's Pence**” collection is traditionally taken during the month of June to help support the work of the Holy See. There is a special envelope in your box. Please be generous in your giving.



- **Sincere Thanks** to all who provided baked goods to our Friday Bingo this week.
- **Spiritual bouquets** for Father's Day are available in the Narthex. Please turn in the names of your Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers so that they may be remembered in the Divine Liturgies next week-end. Remember to make checks payable to Father Paul-Alexander Shutt and not St. Mary's Church.
- **DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM ACCEPTING NEW APPLICANTS:** The admissions process for the 2015 Deacon Formation Program is now open. Men, married or single, 30 – 60 years of age who are discerning a call to service in the Church are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for receipt of application is 18 June 2014.** Classes for the first year of the 4-year program will be held 14 – 27 June 2015 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two-week residency is required each year. A general brochure with the application form is available. To receive a brochure or to inquire about admission guidelines, please see Father, e-mail vocations@archpitt.org, or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000, ext. 20.

