



ON PENTECOST SUNDAY we honor the Holy Trinity and celebrate the coming of the life-creating Holy Spirit by wearing **GREEN**. There is **NO FASTING** or **ABSTINENCE** during the first week of Pentecost: Monday, 28 May through Friday, 1 June. The *Otdanije* (leave-taking) of the feast is Saturday, 2 June.

O Christ, after your suffering and resurrection, You built your ascent into the heavens, which You had lowered when You descended to become flesh from the Virgin for our sakes. You established your promise on earth by sending your comforting Spirit upon your apostles. As You have established an all-holy unity in them, and in those who through them have faith in your steadfast presence, and sustain the Church by His manifold gifts, do not take away these gifts from us, as our sins deserve, but put to death all carnal desires in us that would hinder the coming of the Spirit. Drive out from us any thought, word or deed that would grieve Him, and any hindering evil passion that would make our souls dark with the loss of His light. Make us pure vessels of His glory that we might be like the upper room in Sion, full of His brightness. Show us to be thrones of His spiritual fire, like your apostles who received His first-fruits, that, by His support, we may be led into the holy land of your immortality and blessed promise. The whole world then is full of joy in You and continually glorifies You, for You are most glorious, together with your co-eternal Father and your co-eternal, all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Ambon Prayer for Pentecost



~~ Announcements ~~

- ❑ **THANK YOU** to all who donated most generously to our recent church roof repairs appeal. **THANK YOU** also to *Kathy Snitzer* and *Virginia Schachte* for donating baked goods to our bingo this past week.
- ❑ **SUMMER SCHEDULE** starts **NEXT SUNDAY**: June 3rd. The Sunday Divine Liturgy will be served at **9:30 AM**. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**
- ❑ **FESTIVAL THIS YEAR**: It was decided at the preliminary meeting that the Festival is a “**GO**”. Last year’s Booth Chair People should have received a letter. A Festival Planning Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6th, **in the church basement**.
- ❑ In honor of **Memorial Day**, we will celebrate a **Panachida** after the Divine Liturgies this week-end.

- ☐ **Вичная Память:** We received word of the *Falling Asleep in the Lord* of Metropolitan Constantine of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on Monday, May 21st, two days after the celebration for the 40th anniversary of his episcopacy. A Funeral Divine Liturgy was held on Saturday, May 26th followed by interment at St. Vladimir Parish Cemetery. *May God grant to his servant Metropolitan Constantine Eternal Memory & Blessed Repose.*



SAVE THE DATE...

- **Saturday, June 2: *Helping Hands Day at Mount Saint Macrina.*** Formerly known as ‘Join Hands Day,’ the GCU is partnering with the youth and adults of the Archeparchy and friends of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in a day dedicated to beautifying the grounds at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown, PA. If you are unable to attend, you may still make a monetary contribution toward the purchase of flowers used in the beautification of the grounds. Checks should be made out to “**Helping Hands Day – Mt. Saint Macrina**” and mailed either to Mt. Saint Macrina or the GCU Fraternal Dept.
- **Thursday, July 26: Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood.**