

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вѣки!

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. May 19 17:00 Vigil: PENTECOST w/ Mirovanije, Suffrages *pro populo*

Sun. May 20 10:30 PENTECOST w/ Mirovanije Social in church basement
Suffrages for Virginia (née Semensky) Barbus – Mary Ann Kontir

Sat. May 26 17:00 Vigil: All Saints Sunday

Sun. May 27 10:30 All Saints Sunday Suffrages *pro populo*

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| Sat. | May 19 | L. Prizzi | D. Saldahna | Any two present |
| Sun. | May 20 | M. Syphan | G. Krynicky | A. Syphan, R. Knouse |
| Sat. | May 26 | L. Prizzi | A. Prizzi | Any two present |
| Sun. | May 27 | E. R. A. Hess | A. Syphan | D. Hess, R. Knouse |

05 / 13 / 2018 Adult: \$1558 Children: \$9 Mid-Pentecost: \$361

COLLECTION Candles: \$78 Seminary: \$25 TOTAL: \$2031

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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 Eastern 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.

When a seed is sown, the power of warmth and light must come on it to make it grow. When a tree is planted, the power of wind must come on it to make it strong and establish it. When a householder builds a house, he seeks the power of prayer to consecrate his house. The Lord Jesus Christ sowed a precious seed in the field of this world. The power of the Holy Spirit was needed to come on it to give it warmth and light and make it grow. God the Son sowed the Tree of Life in the wild, uncultivated fields of death. The powerful whirlwind of the Spirit was needed to breathe on it to establish the Tree of Life. The pre-eternal wisdom of God had made Itself abodes from the chosen souls of men. And the Spirit of God's power and wisdom was needed to come down into this abode and consecrate it. The divine Bridegroom had chosen His Bride, the Church of pure souls, and the Spirit of eternal joy was needed to come down to join heaven and earth with a ring and to clothe the Bride in wedding garments. All came to pass as it had been foretold. The Holy Spirit was promised, and the Holy Spirit came.

St. Nikolai Velimirović, Bishop of Ochrid

Next Sunday's Readings ~ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ♦ A huge **THANK YOU** to John Regalla for designing and executing the new hand railings that give better access to the candles before the icons of the Nativity and Resurrection.
- ♦ The annual **Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection** is this weekend: **19 – 20 May**. Please be generous in your support for our men in priestly and diaconal formation!
- ♦ **HELPING HANDS DAY 2018!** On **Saturday, 2 June**, GCU is once again partnering with the youth and adults of the Archeparchy, and with the friends of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in a day set aside for the beautification of the grounds at Mount St. Macrina. Please consider being a part of this special day.

