

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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

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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 1ST NICÆAN COUNCIL

Postfestive Day of the Ascension

Epistle: Acts 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36

GOSPEL: John 17:1 – 13



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Adults: \$1445

Children: \$27

Candles: \$21

Holy Days: \$40

COLLECTION

Seminary: \$135

TOTAL: \$1668

PENTECOST WEEK, June 1 - 5, is FREE from all fasting and abstinence!

Jesus Faces the Hour of Tribulation with Prayer HE TEACHES HOW TO RELY ON THE FATHER IN TRIALS. CHRYSOSTOM: Christ not only speaks about the endurance of evil but puts Himself forward as an example. After His admonition that «*in the world you will have tribulation.*» He Himself turns to prayer in order to teach us that in our testing we are to leave everything behind and flee to God. He had shaken their souls in His admonition but raised them up again by this prayer. HOMILIES ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 80.1

HOW WE SHOULD PRAY. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: When an occasion calls us to prayer, it is fitting for us to pray for that which increases God's glory before we pray for that which concerns ourselves.... The Savior indeed spoke these words to show how very necessary His own glory was to the Father so that He might be known to be consubstantial with Him ... for the Father is glorified in the glory of His offspring. COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 11.3



GUIDELINES FOR OPENING THE CHURCH FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:

- Wear something **GREEN**.
- Anyone, especially those who are 60+ in age, who is not in good health, has underlying medical issues, or is fearful and anxious about being infected with the Coronavirus are urged to remain at home. The Sunday obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy is suspended as before. I encourage you to continue watching live streamed services or listen on the radio.
- Social Distancing will be observed. Families living together may sit together.
- **MASKS** are to be worn when you enter the church.
- Individual hand sanitizer packets will be located in the Narthex as you enter. You will also find small zip-lock plastic bags. Please do not leave it in your pew, but dispose of it at home.
- **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** will be deposited in the wooden box at the entrance to the nave. No **ushers** until further notice.
- The **APOSTOLIC READING** will be done by one of the cantors. No **lectors** until further notice.
- Because ours is a sung liturgy, and droplets travel even farther when singing, the **Cantors** will sing from the upper balcony.
- **Acolytes** will not serve in the altar until further notice.
- **THE CHURCH MUST BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH LITURGY.**
- Lastly, the above can be adjusted as changes in the pandemic permit.

DISTRIBUTIUN OF THE DIVINE EUCHARIST

- Communicants will remain in their pew and approach the Chalice one pew at a time.
- Wooden spoons will be used to give communion. A new spoon will be used for the next person coming to receive. This will allow even the very young to continue receiving the Sacrament. If you feel uncomfortable about this method, choosing not to receive, still come forward for a blessing from Christ Who is truly present in the Chalice.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I KNOW HOW MANY PARISHIONERS WILL BE ATTENDING NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE LITURGY! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE EMAIL ME OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27. INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING SATURDAY EVENING OR SUNDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

- **Last call: LILLIES** are located along the sidewalk between the rectory and the church for anyone who would like to have the bulbs.
- **SEMINARY COLLECTION:** If you have not already done so, there is still time to contribute to the **Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary** annual appeal.
- Our annual **MEMORIAL DAY PANACHIDA** will take place at 10:00 at the parish cemetery (weather permitting) followed by the blessing of veterans' graves.
- The annual **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** will be taken the weekend of **June 13th – 14th**. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the pope's philanthropy by giving the holy father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.
- The parish is asked to keep in their prayers **Chrystom** and his wife **Brittney Ciganko** who is scheduled to give birth around June 15th. Pray that mother and child have a safe and healthy delivery.