

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

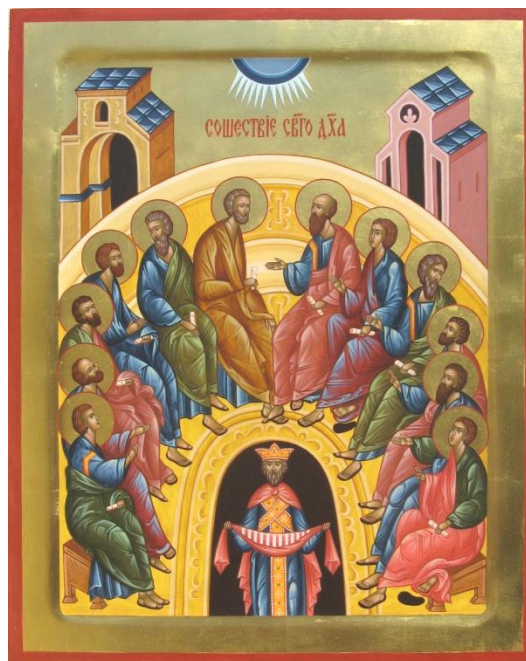
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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31 MAY 2020 / 7528 ~ SOLEMN FEAST OF PENTECOST



Epistle: Acts 2:1 – 11

GOSPEL: John 7:37 – 52; 8:12

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Adults: \$665

Children: \$6

Candles: \$21

Holy Days: \$85

COLLECTION

Seminary: \$50

Cemetery: \$115

TOTAL: \$962

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

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».

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: He was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture. We who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our Accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in His pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having Himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

St. Irenæus of Lyons (130 – 202)

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



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- 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.
- **PARISH HALL ROOF:** The time has finally come when we can no longer continue to «band-aid» the multiple leaks that have had to be plugged for over a decade now. The Building and Maintenance Committee has been actively contacting various contractors for bids on the cost to replace the flat roof portion only. Three proposals/bids were sent to the Archbishop for final approval since any repair work over \$7500 must have his authorization. Of the three estimates that came in, the Building and Maintenance Committee recommended we accept that of Burns – Scalo Inc. of Pittsburgh, which the Archbishop approved. Work on the flat roof is expected to start mid to late June at a cost of ca. \$70,000.
- **FATHER'S DAY** is **June 21st**. Spiritual Bouquet cards will be made available soon.