

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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08 JUNE 2025 / 7533 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY ~



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. June 07 17:00 VIGIL OF PENTECOST; 5th ALL SOULS

Sun. June 08 10:30 PENTECOST SUNDAY *Suffrages pro populo; esp. for
+Joseph & Josephine Krynicky – Gregory Krynicky*

Sat. June 14 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS *Suffrages for Living
and Deceased Fathers*

Sun. June 15 10:30 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS *Suffrages pro populo and for
Living and Deceased Fathers*



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COLLECTION
ATTENDANCE:



Adults: \$1502
SUB TOTAL: \$1842
Sat. 21 + 1



Candles: \$90
Cemetery: \$470
Sun. 24



Holy Day: \$250
TOTAL \$2312





From the Instructions to Catechumens by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

The water I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life. This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, Whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as He wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of His action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit Himself is always the same. In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals His presence in a particular way for the common good.

The Spirit comes gently and makes Himself known by His fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for He is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before Him as He approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

PENTECOST MONDAY: Hear us, O God our Savior, hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far away at sea. On the day of Pentecost You bestowed the promised gift upon humanity, when You poured forth the visitation of the Holy Spirit in the form of fiery tongues upon Your blessed disciples and apostles, showing them to be preachers and defenders of the gospel. We pray You, fill us with joy and gladness by the coming of Your Holy Spirit, that we may bless You all the days of our lives, for every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of lights, and we render glory, thanksgiving, and worship to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



The Festival of Weeks

«You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord. [...] And you shall make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations»

Leviticus 23:15-16, 21

Shavu'ot, The Festival of Weeks, The Festival of the Harvest, The Closing of Passover is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are **Passover** and **Sukkoth – Festival of Booths**). **Agriculturally**, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and is known as the Festival of the First Fruits. **Historically**, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and is also known as the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah.

The period from Passover to Shavu'ot is a time of great anticipation. One counts each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival. The counting is a reminder of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot: Passover freed the Jews physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed them spiritually from their bondage to idolatry and immorality. Shavu'ot is also known as Pentecost because it falls on the 50th day. Today the emphasis of the feast

is on the giving of Torah and overshadows **the agricultural aspect of the feast** which **has survived in the custom of decorating homes synagogues with greens and flowers (a tradition still observed in the Byzantine Churches from Constantinople, both Catholic and Orthodox).**

It is noteworthy that the holiday is called the time of the **giving** of the Torah, rather than the time of the **receiving** of the Torah. The sages point out that one is constantly in the process of receiving the Torah that one receives it every day, but it was first given at this time. Thus it is the giving, not the receiving, that makes this holiday significant. Among Reform Jews this feast was fittingly chosen for the ceremony of confirmation, at which time the pledge of Sinai is renewed.



~ Announcements ~

- The annual **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** will be received this weekend: **7-8 June and throughout the month of June**. 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.
- **FATHER'S DAY** is June 15th. **SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS** are located on the tables in the Narthex.
- **THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE** is selling \$500 strip tickets in the Narthex after the Divine Liturgy; cost per ticket is \$5. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1st Evening Drawing» on the **4th of July**.