

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

PENTECOST SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

June 3, 2012 Martyr Lucillian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium



Acts 2:1-11 (Epistle): When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all

amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans. And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel): On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed. Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing? They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light

of life.”

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Services & Activities:

Sunday, June 3
the Holy Trinity

Pentecost Sunday; Sunday of

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Kneeling
Vespers (for Monday of Holy Spirit)**

Wednesday, June 6

3:00 pm Akathist

Thursday, June 7

**7:00 pm Talk by Prof. Paul Witek:
Living an Extraordinary Life**

Saturday, June 9

5:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, June 10

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS:
OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY!**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Our High
School and College
Graduates Honored
Litya for 40 Days Stephen
Paulishak**

**FEAST DAY LUNCHEON
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

Sunday, June 17
Breakfast

Father's Day

Tuesday, June 19
Meeting

7:00 pm

Parish Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST June 17: Adults \$5.00
Children \$3.00; Please sign up early: sign up sheet at
candle stand: Eggs, Sausage & Hashbrowns. Kids
welcome to serve the Fathers & Grandfathers of our
church.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the
parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends,**
especially Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory
Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph,
Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all
missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and
suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for
whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members
and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly
departed:** (among them: Stephen Paulishak, Lawrence, Cynthia, Sharon
Sochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at
the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the
Proskomedia.

ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

**PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A
NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR**

TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Hepplewhite families for today's coffee hour and to the Rucks, Chartoryky & Oakley families for next week's coffee hour.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH &

RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

COOKBOOKS: HANYA'S KITCHEN: THE ORTHODOX HERALD

RECIPE COLLECTION, FIFTY YEARS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING FEASTS & FASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH; PUBLISHED BY ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CENTURY ASSOCIATION. \$20.00 See Nancy Mazur to purchase a copy.

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.

PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH.

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30) in memory of Joanie Schlasta; Web-Site (\$25); & Shut-in mailings (\$25): Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 5/13/12: \$743.00; Loose Collection: \$26.00; REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY: After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles. Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of

each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them. The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion... Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken. Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ. Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit. Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things... Saint Gregory the Theologian speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ" (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c)... That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel... Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread," that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries-"and in prayer" (Acts 2:42). The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You. Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone www.goarch.org

FAST FREE WEEK (NO FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY)