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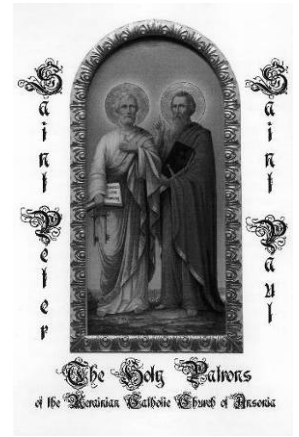
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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

May 31, 2020

Descent of the Holy Spirit Holy and Glorious Pentecost Feast of the Holy Trinity

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-53; 8:12-13 Tone: Sheet



Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE
WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)
Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:
Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM
Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM
Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young
Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.
Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days

******Please Note ******
Mass Offerings, Sorokousty
Mother's Day, Father's Day
Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young not the Church ! Thank You...

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.
Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.
Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**
In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.
Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.
Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young
Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.
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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.
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All start on Monday to Sunday!
***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.




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(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Vespers of Pentecost Sunday: Come, all you nations of the world,* let us adore God in three holy Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One.* From all eternity, the Father begets the Son,* equal to Him in eternity and majesty,* equal also to the Holy Spirit,* glorified with the Son in the Father,* three Persons, and yet a single power and essence and Godhead.* In deep adoration, let us cry out to God:* Holy is God who made all things through the Son* with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit.* Holy the Mighty One through whom the Father was revealed to us,* and through whom the Holy Spirit came to the world!* Holy the Immortal One, the Spirit, the Counsellor,* who proceeds from the Father and reposes in the Son.* All-holy Trinity, glory to You!

Bread and Wine Offering - In Thanksgiving for God's Blessing for Living & Deceased family of +Mary Homokowicz & +Michael Smerznak by Michael T.W. Smerznak

05/30	Saturday	Liturgies closed to the Public	5th All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
05/31	Sunday	↑	<i>Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i>
06/01	Holy Spirit Monday		+Peter & Maria Gebuza req. by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family
06/02	Tuesday		+Jaraslaw Kasprzyk req. by Mlenia Ksprzyk
06/03	Wednesday		+Adele Comcovich
06/04	Thursday		+Michael Pawlyk req. by Luba Lypen
06/05	Friday	↓	+GEORGE, SUSAN, MARY, MARGARET, RAYMOND, DUDIK/STEVENS
06/06	Saturday		<i>Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i>
06/07	Sunday	Liturgies closed to the Public	+Stephen Petriw req. by Scott & Jean Walker & family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health for Alexander Jatsiv by Jatsiv Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Peter & +Maria Gebuza by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 6/22/20-6/28/20 7/6-7/12/20 8/3-8/9/20 9/7-9/13/20 10/5-10/11/20 11/2-11/8/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 12/7-12/13/20 12/14/20-12/20/20 12/21/20-12/27/20	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 6/8/20-6/14/20 8/3/-8/9/2020 7/13/20-7/19/20 9/7/20-9/3/20 9/21/-9/27/20 10/12/20-10/18/20 11/2/20-11/8/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 11/23/-11/29/20 12/14/20-12/20/20 12/21/-12/27/20	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 6/8/20-6/14/20 8/3/20-8/9/20 8/17/20-8/23/20 8/31/20-9/6/20 9/28/20-10/4/20 10/12/20-10/18/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 11/23/20-11/29/20 12/21/-12/27/20	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 8/3/20-8/9/20 8/17/20-8/23/20 8/24/20-8/30/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 12/7/20-12/13/20 12/21/20-12/27/20
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2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
 Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

Donation to the Preservation \$200.00 in **Memory of +Valerie Shingara**
by Valerie A. Shingara and Stanley & Phyllis Jachimowski

Donation to the Church Fund \$100.0 in Memory of **+John Chucta** by Paul & Victoria Wetowitz

Responding to the outbreak of the global pandemic virus COVID-19, Public Services: All weekday and Sunday services will be celebrated temporarily without the participation of the assembly of the faithful. Our clergy will continue to celebrate and pray for you and with you vicariously. У зв'язку з пандемією вірусу COVID-19, Усі щоденні та недільні богослужіння тимчасово служитимуться в наших церквах без фізичної присутності громади вірних. Священники продовжуватимуть молитися за Вас і заочно з Вами

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Dear parishioners of St Peter and St Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church according to the directives of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the USA all services will be done privately until further notice. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by the parish priest for all parishioners but without presence of the faithful. Sundays Fr. Edward is now live streaming Divine Liturgy from his Facebook page Edward Young Sunday Liturgy 10:00 AM, Also on Pentecost Monday 1 June 2020 at 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy will be live Streamed. Please also, note Eparchy Stamford Site has information concerning Liturgies. If you and your family are not able to see Divine Liturgy online you must take time read the Holy Bible and pray at home as a family. Please call me on my cell or email whenever you need a priest. Confessions can be scheduled by appointment. Church will be open daily for prayer 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM each day of the Monday through Friday for prayer. May Almighty God Bless and Keep you all Safe and in Good Health. **God Save and Protect!**

Guidelines for Opening Parish Churches and Resumption of Public Services on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation and Weekdays

Our parish churches have now been closed for public services for two months. The time is approaching when we will be able to resume services for our faithful, although with certain limitations. You may have heard that certain counties in northern Pennsylvania are allowing churches to re-open this week. As of today I am unaware of any such permission being granted for churches in New York State and New England. **(St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church will open for Sunday Liturgy for the Faithful the same Sunday as the other two Catholic Parishes in Ansonia will be opened. This is hopefully by the last Sunday in June)** But we must be prepared for this eventuality. I suspect that our parishes located in rural areas or smaller towns will be allowed re-open sooner than those located in larger urban centers. I ask that you inform the Eparchial Office when the civil authorities in your location allow public services in churches to resume. We are all anxious to invite our faithful back to church and they are just as anxious to return. But because the danger of infection still exists, certain safety measures must be followed. The spiritual welfare of the clergy and faithful and the maintenance of public health safety standards are of paramount concern to us. Please make use of the following practical guidelines as an aid in re-opening your churches:

Guidelines for Opening Parish Churches and Resuming Public Services

- 1. The church should be cleaned/sanitized before each service when the public may be present, especially those areas and surfaces that are commonly used and touched (bathrooms, railings, doors, pew backs, etc.).**
2. Social distancing must be observed by laity. Please consider 1/3 of total church capacity as the maximum number of persons that may be present at any given Divine Liturgy or other service. Be aware that in your area the civic authorities may limit the number of attendees to a specific number.
3. Prayer books and liturgy books are to be removed from the pews. The faithful may bring their own personal prayer books from home.

4. Social distancing of 6 feet (2 meters) must be maintained:
 - a) between non-family members while in the pews;
 - b) while standing or moving in the aisles.
5. Wearing face masks is strongly recommended for the laity. Priests are obliged to wear masks while preparing the holy gifts on the Preparation table and while distributing Holy Communion.
6. Veneration of icons and crosses by should be done without touching or kissing them.
7. The faithful are not to attend church services if they are feeling ill. They should not greet one another with handshakes and should leave the church immediately following the completion of the service.
8. Please remind the faithful that because of the ongoing public health crisis, they are not bound by the Sunday obligation to attend church services. Dispensation from Sunday Liturgy obligation remains valid until further notice.
9. When distributing Holy Communion with a golden spoon please instruct those who choose to receive to open their mouths wide, not to touch the spoon, and not to cough or sneeze upon it. The spoon must be sanitized immediately after each communicant by wiping it with a cloth soaked in pure alcohol. A disposable wooden spoon may also be used for distributing Holy Communion. **A separate wooden spoon is to be used for each communicant. They should be disposed of following the service by burning. Please remind the faithful that they should not feel obliged to come forward for Holy Communion if they are uneasy about receiving. (We will use this method –The Separate wooden spoons)**
10. Celebrations of weddings, baptism and funerals are allowed if all the precautions listed above are observed.
11. Collections baskets are to be left in designated places where parishioners may leave their offerings.
12. Live-streaming of liturgical services should continue for the time being as many faithful might be uneasy in attending personally.
13. Please consider other precautionary measures to help ensure that our churches are safe and everyone's good health is maintained.

Hopefully, these guidelines will help you in resuming liturgical life in our parishes. Please take the opportunity to thank our wonderful faithful for their constant dedication to God, their service to those in need, and their continued material support of our Eparchy and parishes.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Bishop of Stamford

DEAR PARISHIONERS: DURING THIS TIME THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC WORSHIP. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE NEEDS OF YOUR PARISH. PLEASE EITHER SEND YOUR DONATION BY MAIL WITH YOUR ENVELOPES OR YOU CAN USE THE PARISH WEBSITE (**WWW.STSPPUCC.ORG**) TO MAKE YOUR DONATION PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER ON YOUR PAYPAL DONATION. THANK VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY. FATHER EDWARD YOUNG

One-Time Online Donation To make a One-Time online donation please use the following Donation Link.

Our parish will have Baccalaureate Sunday on June 14, 2020 at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving. Although we will not be able to be physically together to celebrate the graduates of our parish this year, it is most important for us to honor them for their hard work and achievements. If you know of a graduating student from our parish from either 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school, please call Mrs. O'Doy (203-734-3055) or e-mail her at eodoy@hotmail.com with the following information.

Student's name:

Parent's name:

School you are graduating from:

School you will be attending:



*Baccalaureate
Service*

Thank You! If there are any questions please call Mrs. O'Doy at 203-734-3055



FEAST OF PENTECOST - ZELENYJ SVIATA

Epistle - Acts: 2, 1-11; ~ Gospel - John: 7, 37-52; 8, 12

“We have seen the true light, we have received the Heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith, we worship the undivided Trinity, for It has saved us.” (Stichera of Solemn Vespers of the Feast of the Pentecost)

PENTECOST is a major Feast Day in Catholic and Orthodox churches.

In our Christian tradition, we celebrate the feast day of Pentecost fifty days following Christ's Resurrection, the latter which is known as Pascha by Eastern Christians. Pentecost was originally celebrated as a Jewish feast called Shavuot – also known as the “Feast of Weeks” or the “Day of First Fruits”, a celebration of the harvest commanded by God in the book of Leviticus. Pentecost was the second of three most important Jewish Feasts. For the Jewish People it was a day of gratitude and a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. It occurred seven weeks after the Passover and on this day the first fruits of the wheat crop were offered to God. Also on this day people celebrated

and memorialized the reception of the Law given by God to the people in Exodus from slavery, when Moses descended Mt. Sinai, the event where God gave his Law to Moses. God's first calling to Moses was in the appearance of a burning bush not consumed by fire. The New Testament Pentecost is the descent of the Holy Spirit in the appearance of tongues of fire upon the apostles and all who were gathered in the upper room. They had been instructed by Jesus to wait "for what the Father had promised". It is called Pentecost because it is fifty days after Passover. The Hebrew word for Passover is Pesach, and Pascha, the Resurrection Day of Christ is a derivative of it.

It is no coincidence fifty days after Christ's resurrection – and following Christ's Ascension to Heaven – on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to those present just as Jesus foretold. Those present included not only the apostles, but women disciples of Christ, His Mother Mary, and other disciples. In this act of supernatural presence, the Holy Spirit imparted to each the special gifts necessary to build the church Jesus had established. The gifts were immediate: to declare the Gospel with an urgency and understanding of what they were about to do – risk their very lives to preach the love of God to the world.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples, the first fruits were realized in the birth of the Church. According to Scripture, the new harvest on the first Pentecost was 3,000 believers being transformed. As Catholics, we have the unbroken inheritance from that first New Pentecost. We each received Christ's promises to us in our baptism and chrismation, our own life-altering transformation.

Christ is alive in us and we are exhorted as St. Paul preaches, to "fan into flame" the gift of God given to each of us when we were baptized. It is not enough simply to have faith. We are called, each of us, to live our faith as witnesses to it and to use whatever gifts God has given us to bring others to Christ and the growth of His Church. To do so also means having an awareness of the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us, to be thankful for all the Holy Spirit does for us, and to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in us. Examples are seen in what was achieved by St. Paul and the apostles.

Pentecost may be a short period of time on the liturgical calendar celebrated for the week following the Feast Day. But the Holy Spirit is with us at all times. Our journey forward would be incomplete without putting our trust in the Holy Spirit, who guides us gently and quietly, even in times of difficulty. We should make every effort to be aware of the actions of the Holy Spirit in our lives and always express gratitude for His Presence in the ways we are blessed.

The Church of the Old Testament had a custom on the feast of Pentecost of covering the floor of their homes and synagogues with fresh grass and adorning their homes and synagogues with the branches of trees and with flowers as a sign that, when the Law of God was given at Mount Sinai, all nature was in bloom. Presumably, the Apostles also observed this custom and decorated the upper room with greenery and flowers. This custom was also taken over by the Church of the New Testament. From this custom, Pentecost received another name namely, "**Green Sunday**." Flowers and greens are a sign of life and therefore became a symbol of the life-giving Spirit. Just as nature in springtime is renewed with greens and flowers, so too, holy Church and her faithful are renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the life of the Church and its members. The Holy Spirit is the Giver of gifts that help us as faithful believers grow in grace and in love of God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Fear of the Lord (adoration and reverential respect), Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety, Understanding, Wisdom. We receive these gifts when we strive to follow God's commandments, seek His Will daily, and remain in sanctifying grace.

The action of the Holy Spirit is so powerful. We fail when we take for granted the source of all good and when we fall into the mistaken belief that we are the creators of all of our blessings and our world. Instead, we should remember to call upon and pray to the Holy Spirit to grant us the graces we need not just in our own lives, but in being a "light" and bringing "The Light" to a world of darkness.

".... I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid upon you. The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise." 2 Timothy 1: 6-7

As members of the Body of Christ the mission God has called us to is, as disciples. The mission that began with the apostles and disciples through the Holy Spirit during that first Pentecost did not end. Our mission is to continue the spirit of Pentecost. (*Excerpts taken from website – [www.stmichaelsbyzantine.com/pentecost and Royal Doors](http://www.stmichaelsbyzantine.com/pentecost%20and%20Royal%20Doors)*)

Let us reverently sing to the All-Holy Spirit who sanctifies the universe and cry out to Him in faith: *“By the grace of the Father, You have come into the world! Be not far from us who venerate Your Divinity. Make us temples of Your ineffable goodness and sanctify the faithful who sing to You!”*

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON :

PENTECOST: Page 21, Section 34; Page 33, Section 71; Page 91, Section 255-270; Page 146, Section 424-430

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
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The Second Day of the Feast The Day of the Holy Spirit

On the day after every Great Feast, the Greek Catholic Church honors the one through whom the Feast is made possible. On the day following the Nativity of the Lord, for example, we celebrate the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). On the day after Theophany, we commemorate St John the Baptist (January 7), and so on.

Today we honor the all-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, Who descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost in the form of fiery tongues in fulfillment of the Lord's promise to send the Comforter to His disciples (Jn 14:16). That same Holy Spirit remains within the Church throughout the ages, guiding it "into all truth" (Jn 16:13).

One of the hymns at Vespers on Saturday evening tells us that the Holy Spirit "provides all things. He gushes forth prophecy, He perfects the priesthood, ... He holds together the whole institution of the Church."

At Vespers on the day of Pentecost, we hear that the Holy Spirit is "the Fountain of goodness, through Whom the Father is known, and the Son is glorified." He is "the living Fountain of spiritual gifts" Who "purifies us from our sins." It is by the Holy Spirit that "the prophets, divine Apostles, and martyrs are crowned." He is the source of life and of sanctification.

In the services of this day, we sing the same hymns as on Pentecost, except the Canon of the Holy Spirit, which is sung at Compline. The Vigil is not prescribed for the eve of today's feast. We sing the Great Doxology at Matins, but not the Polyeleos. The Irmos of the Ninth Ode ("Hail, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins...") is sung in place of the Song of the Theotokos ("My soul magnifies the Lord..."). At the Liturgy, the priest or deacon chants the Entrance Verse ("Be exalted in Thy strength, O Lord. We will sing and praise Thy power.") as on the day of Pentecost. "Holy God" replaces "As many as

have been baptized....” The dismissal of Pentecost is also used.

This whole week is fast-free, and the Leave-taking of Pentecost occurs on Saturday.

The Last and Great Day of the Feast

Pentecost Sunday is also called “Trinity Sunday.” The One God is the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One God, therefore, worshipped in three Persons. Pentecost is the final realization of that truth, following many “hints” of God's Trinitarian nature in both the Old and New Testaments. We are not Unitarians, but we believe in, worship and adore the “holy, consubstantial, life-creating, and undivided Trinity.” To believe otherwise about God is to place oneself outside of the Orthodox Faith. Although primarily concentrating on the nature of the Holy Spirit, the following sticheron from the *Vespers of Pentecost* magnificently reveals God's Trinitarian nature:

*The Holy Spirit was, is and ever shall be Without beginning, without an end,
Forever united and numbered with the Father and the Son. He is Life, and life-creating,
The Light, and the Giver of Life, Good in Himself, the Fountain of goodness,
Through whom the Father is known and the Son glorified. All acknowledge one Power, one Order,
One worship of the Holy Trinity.*

And then, even more explicitly, we hear another profound hymn to the Trinity in one of the aposticha for the Vespers of Pentecost:

*Come, let us worship the Tri-Personal Godhead, The Son in the Father with the Holy Spirit.
The Father timelessly begets the co-reigning and co-eternal Son. The Holy Spirit was in the Father,
glorified equally with the Son, One Power, One Substance, One God-head! In worshipping Him, let us
all say: Holy God: who made all things through the Son, With the cooperation of the Spirit.
Holy Mighty: through whom we know the Father, Through whom the Holy Spirit came into the world!
Holy Immortal: the comforting Spirit, Proceeding from the Father and resting in the Son.
O Holy Trinity: glory to Thee!*


A hymn such as this one offers us an inexhaustible text for reflection and meditation upon the mystery of the Trinity. It also offers a superb commentary on the Trisagion Hymn that is an essential component of our liturgical and personal prayer on a daily basis; meaning that not a day goes by on which we do praise and glorify the Holy Trinity. Thus, glorifying and praising the Holy Trinity is such an organic and indispensable element of our ongoing prayer life. As St. Gregory the Theologian wrote: “When I say God, I mean the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” And that holds true for every Eastern Christian to this day.

Christ referred to the Holy Spirit as the “Paraklete” (Gk. *Paráklētos*) often translated as the “Comforter” (other translations include “Counselor” and “Advocate”). The Holy Spirit comforts and consoles our restless hearts with the presence of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we ascend to the Father. The Holy Spirit comforts us with the peace and joy of God in a world filled with much sadness and anguish. He comforts us with a living sense, here and now, of a bright and glorious world – the Kingdom of God – that awaits us when we leave this one. The Holy Spirit is the “pledge” of our future inheritance. As the Apostle Paul put it:

“In him (i.e. Christ) you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory” (Eph. 1:13-14).

We need to make room for the Holy Spirit in our hearts, by cleansing our hearts from any evil presence. Just as no one would pour a precious ointment or perfume into a jar that reeks with a stale odor; so God does not send the Holy Spirit into hearts that reek with sin and the stench of innumerable passions. Actually, the Holy Spirit assists us in that very cleansing process, if we so desire that purification with our entire being. We pray on a daily basis to the Holy Spirit, the “Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth” that the Spirit would “come and abide in us and cleanse us from every

impurity.” The Holy Spirit will make us “Spirit-bearers” and not merely “flesh-bearers” if we seek the Spirit’s presence with faith, hope and love. The Holy Spirit overcomes our weaknesses on our behalf: *“The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself interceded for us with sighs too deep for words.” (Rom. 8:26)* Ultimately, we pray to the Holy Spirit: “and save our souls, O Good One!”

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First Week After Pentecost reading for this coming week

Monday: Day of the Holy Spirit	Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 18:10-20
Tuesday	Romans 1:1-7,13-17; Mathew 4:25-5:13
Wednesday	Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26
Thursday	Romans 1:28-2:9; Matthew 5:27-32
Friday	Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41
Saturday	Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48
First Sunday After Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints	VESPERS: (1) Isaiah 43:9-14; (2) Wisdom 3:1-9; (3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3. LITURGY: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32;33,37,38;19:27-30

KNEELING PRAYERS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY AT VESPERS

The First Prayer. : O Most-pure, spotless, unoriginate, invisible, incomprehensible, un-searchable, immutable, invincible, immeasurable, forbearing Lord, Who alone has immortality, Who dwells in light inapproachable, Who has made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is therein, Who grants to all their petitions before they ask: We pray You and we ask You, O Master, Lover of mankind, the Father of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from the heavens and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Ever-virgin Mary, the most glorious Mother of God; Who, having first taught in words, and afterwards instructed by deed, when He had endured the saving Passion, granted unto us, Your lowly and sinful and unworthy servants a precept that we should offer prayers unto You, with bowing of the neck and knees, for our own sins, and for the errors of the people. Do You Yourself, O Plenteously Merciful One and Lover of mankind, hearken unto us in the day when we call upon You, and especially on this day of Pentecost, whereon after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into the heavens, and His sitting at Your right hand, God and the Father, He sent down upon His holy disciples and apostles the Holy Spirit, Who rested upon each of them, and all were filled with His inexhaustible grace, and spoken in other tongues of Your greatness and did prophesy. Now, therefore, do You hearken unto us who pray unto You, and remember us the lowly and condemned, and turn again the captivity of our souls, having Thy loving-kindness interceding for us. Accept us who fall down before You and shout: We have sinned; on You were we created from the womb, from our mother's womb, You are our God. But inasmuch as our days were consumed in vanity, we were bereft of Your help, we deprived ourselves of any defense; but presuming upon Your compassions, we cry: The sins of our youth and ignorance's remember not, and from our secret sins cleanse us, and cast us not away in the time of our old age, when our strength fails forsake us not even until we return again into the earth, vouchsafe us to return unto You; attend to us through Your good favor, and grace; measure our transgressions with Your compassions, set the abyss of Your compassions against the multitude of our sins. Look down from Your holy heights, O Lord, upon Your people standing before You and looking for abundant mercies from You. Visit us with Your goodness, deliver us from the assaults of the devil; establish our life upon Your holy and sacred commandments. Commit Your people unto a faithful guardian angel, gather all into Your kingdom, grant pardon unto them that hope in You; remit their sins and ours. Cleanse us by the working of Your Holy Spirit; destroy the wiles of the enemy directed against us.