

Sunday of the Feast of Pentecost

June 23, 2024

1st Antiphon

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

2nd Antiphon:

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten. (*Refrain*)

The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Immortal Word of God...

3rd Antiphon:

O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. Thou wentest before him with blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages. (**then sing the troparion of Pentecost**).

The Entrance Hymn

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy own strength; we shall sing and praise thy power. O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia (3x).

Troparion of Pentecost (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost (Tone 8)

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues, He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

The Anti-Trisagion: “As many as have been baptized into Christ...”

The Prokeimonon

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Epistle

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Holy Gospel

John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: James, Laura

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us for the **2024 Parish Life Conference, June 27-30, 2024**, at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. All are welcome! nyplc@antiochianevents.com.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. It marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the faithful and the birthday of the Church. We will conclude our services with The Kneeling Prayers.

Know your faith. On the day of Pentecost, how many men were baptized? _____. “Repent and be _____, everyone of you, for the _____; and you shall receive the gift of the _____.” For this promise is to you and to your _____.” (Acts 2: 38, 39). “The Father is my _____. The Son is my _____. The Holy Spirit is my _____. O All-holy Trinity, _____ to thee.” (A Prayer to the All-Holy Trinity). “Hail! Mary, full of _____, the Lord is with thee, O Virgin _____; _____ art thou among _____, and blessed is the fruit of thy _____, for thou hast borne the Savior of our _____.” (The Angelic Salutation). The Scriptures list the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are w_____, u_____, c_____, m_____, k_____, piety, and the f_____ of God. Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes? _____. In the first verse of the book he calls himself the _____ (“Vanity of vanities” is what he says). Which son of King David committed treason against his father? _____. Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit in the Gospel according to _____.

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