



*Jesus Christ, our  
Saviour and Redeemer*

# Holy Protection Orthodox Church

Greetings on this blessed Lord's Day! Please take a green information sheet if this is your first time here. You can put in any collection basket or hand to greeter

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## Schedule

Today is Tone 7

### **Sunday June 4**

#### **Pentecost.**

#### **Green Sunday!**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday June 11**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday June 18**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday June 25**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday, July 2**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday, July 9**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the kiss of peace, we now say Christ is in our midst. He is and ever shall be.

Please don't forget that if you want a memorial service to please, in addition to mentioning it, to also email both Fr. and Pani (she keeps Fr.'s schedule).

We need 39-gallon trash bags for the hall.

**Pentecost** (also called **Trinity Day** or **Descent of the Holy Spirit**) is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated fifty days after Pascha (thus always falling on a Sunday, this year: **June 4, 2017**, next year: **May 27, 2018**, and **June 16, 2019**, the year after that.)

Fifty days after the Resurrection, on the excising Jewish feast of Pentecost, while the disciples and many other followers of Jesus Christ were gathered together to pray, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of "cloven tongues of fire," with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, and they began to speak in languages that they did not know. There were many visitors from the Jewish diaspora to Jerusalem at that time for the Jewish observance of the feast, and they were astonished to hear these untaught fisherman speaking praises to God in their alien tongues. This account is detailed in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

The number fifty, as in the fiftieth day after Pascha, stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment, seven times seven, plus one.

The Orthodox Church sees Pentecost as the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God, mystically present in his Church. It is traditionally called the beginning of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Besides celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, the feast also celebrates the full revelation of the divine Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hymns of the Church, celebrate the sign of the final act of God's self-disclosure to the world of His creation.

To Orthodox Christians, the feast of Pentecost is not just a celebration of an event in history. It is also a celebration their membership in the Church. They have lived Pentecost and received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of chrismation.

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, Olexander, Anna, John, Carol, Mat. Mary, P.Vera, SD. John, Randee, John, Ryan, Marie, Paul, Mary, Pangratios, Tikon, Vasili, Jeremiah, Dcn. Luke, Maria, John David, Elizabeth, Joshua, Alexander, Nicholas, Rebecca, Genevieve, Panteleimon, Vladimir, Margaret, Sean, David, Sarah, Jonathon, Simon, Gene, Judy, Fr. Michael, Fr. John, Anastasia, Demitrios, Alexandra, Israel, George, Michelle, George, Beth, Alex, George, Joseph, Jaqueline, Michael, Geverylyn, Thomas, Norma, Sally, Sarah, Derek, Susan, Lucy, Beth, Kathy, Phyllis, John, David, Shirley, Kalie, Madeline, Thomas, Patricia, Marie, Archimandrite David, Jake, Tom, Gene, Lisa, Kelly, Beverly, Taylor, Reghyn, Sylvia, Andreas, Josh, Nicole, Joyce, Sandy, Yamileth, Georgina, Kathy, Pam, Tammy, Tatum, Ann, Connor, Dylan, Eli, Shay, Ocean, Lauren, Donna, Kim, Donnie, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon, Sylvia, Kristi, Gary

*\*If you would like someone on the bulletin prayer list just let Pani know.* Please review the prayer list, if you know of someone who should be taken off, please let Pani know.

Stewardship Teams  
June 4 Scottie  
June 11 Nancy  
June 18 Linda  
June 25 Rebecca

Readers Schedule  
June 4 Mike  
June 11 John  
June 18 Brian  
June 25 Andrew

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website [www.holyorthodox.org](http://www.holyorthodox.org) for details).

**The Great Prokeimenon in the seventh tone, from the Psalms**

**Who is so Great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders [You are the God who does wonders; the God the God the God who does wonders]**

**CANTOR:** You have revealed Your Power among the people, and I said, "Now I have begun to see. this is a change in the Most High's right hand." (repeat prokeimenon)

**CANTOR:** I remembered the deeds of the Lord, for I will recall Your wonders of old. (repeat prokeimenon)

**Priest:** Never-failing Spring, bursting with life and light, creative Power co-eternal with the Father, You fulfilled surpassingly the plan for the salvation of humankind, shattering the unbreakable bonds of death and the bars of Hades and trampling the throngs of wicked spirits. You presented Yourself as a blameless victim for us, offering Your pure Body, chaste and untouched by sin, in sacrifice, and by that terrible and indescribable oblation (*i.e. sacrificial offering*) granted us everlasting life. You descended into Hell (*Hades*) and broke down its gates, and sojourning among those below, You showed them the way of ascent. As for the Prince of Evil, that dragon of the abyss, You snared him with the bate of divine wisdom, bound him with cords of darkness in Tartarus, and by Your infinite Power secured him with the unquenchable fire and the outer darkness.

**Response:** The glorious wisdom of the Father, You appeared to those in distress as a mighty helper and enlightened those who sat in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord of everlasting glory, beloved Son of the Most High, eternal Light from the eternal Light, Sun of righteousness, hear our supplications and give rest to the souls of Your servants, our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and other relatives by blood, and all of our kinsfolk of the Household of the Faith who have since fallen asleep and whose memorial we keep this day. For in You is the strength of all and in Your hand You hold the far reaches of the earth.

**Priest:** Almighty Master, God of our Fathers and Lord merciful Lord of the living and the dead, Creator of all mortal nature, composed and again dissolved, of life and of death, of earthly existence and of the departure thereafter, You measure out the years for the living and set times of death, bringing down to Hell (*Hades*) and raising up. You bind with weakness and liberate with power. You provide aptly for the present and direct what is to come for our advantage. You restore those who are wounded by the sting of death with the hope of resurrection.

**Response:** Master, Lord of all, our God and Redeemer, the hope of all, at the ends of the earth and far away at sea, on this latter great and saving day of Pentecost You disclosed to us the mystery of the Holy, consubstantial, co-eternal and life-giving Trinity, distinct yet indivisible. The descent and presence of Your Holy and life-giving Spirit poured out its grace upon Your holy Apostles in the form of fiery tongues, making them proclaimers and confessors of our holy Faith, of true knowledge of God.

**Priest (excl):** On this universal and salutary feast, deign to accept suppliant petitions of atonement for those imprisoned in Hell (*Hades*), thus giving us great hope that Your relief and comfort will be sent to the departed from their grievous distress. Hear us, humble and pitiable, as we pray to You, and give rest to the souls of Your Servants who have departed this life, in a place of light, a place of renewed life, a joyous place, where pain and sorrow and sighing have fled away. Place their spirits where the Righteous dwell, counting them worthy of peace and repose; for the dead will not praise You, Lord, nor do those in Hell (*Hades*) have the freedom to offer you thanksgiving (*eucharist, doxology*), but it is we the living who bless You, implore You, and bring before You propitiatory prayers and sacrifices for their souls.

People: Amen