

Bulletin sponsors this week aer for:**The memory of :****Peter** Taran, brother of Mat. Holly.**Adele** Taran, mother of Mat. Holly.**Readings:****Acts 2:1-11** (*Sunday of Holy Pentecost*)**John 7:37-52; 8:12** (*Holy Pentecost*)

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they 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."

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart 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, some 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 priest 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 of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, 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."

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Sunday School has ended for the summer.

The Sunday school teachers wish our students a safe and happy summer!

Announcements:

- **Archbishop Michael will be visiting our parish on Sunday, July 28.** The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon following the Liturgy that day. The cost of the luncheon will be \$10 per adult (13 years and up). A sign-up sheet for food donations for the luncheon is possted in the community room.
- There will be a **meeting** of the **parish council** next Sunday, **June 30th** after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood's food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

Holy Pentecost:

Originally an OT harvest festival celebrated fifty days following the Passover. In time, Pentecost became the commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost took on a new meaning with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost. Through the Sacrament of Chrismation, Orthodox Christians experience their own personal Pentecost. Every Divine Liturgy becomes a Pentecost through the descent of the Holy Spirit on the faithful and the gifts (the bread and wine), transforming them into the Body and Blood of Christ. (Ex. 23:14-17; Lev. 23:15 21; Acts 2:1 41.)

The feast on which is commemorated the coming-down of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the establishment of the Church founded by our Lord. This feast is also called Trinity Sunday. It occurs fifty days after Easter. The following day is the Feast of the Holy Spirit. The Sundays following this feast up to the third Sunday before Lent are numbered as Sundays “after Pentecost.” It is the custom to decorate the church on Pentecost Day with green branches to express “new life” and “new power.”

*When the most High came down and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations;
but when he distributed the tongues of fire
He called all to unity.
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/06/23>

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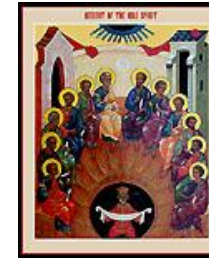
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Holy Pentecost

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

*Blessed are You O Christ Our God
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit
through them You drew the world into Your net
O Lover of Man, Glory to You!*

Tone 8 – Troparion

June 23, 2024

Today the Church remembers:

- Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity** • Martyr Agrippina of Rome (253-260)
- Righteous Artemii of Verkol'sk (1545) • Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567) • Martyrs Eustochius, Gaius, Probus, Lollius, and Urban, of Ancyra (4th c.) • Synaxis of the Saints of Vladimir • The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Mother of God (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of Khan Akhmat—1480) • Nikéttas of Thebes and those with him (11th c.)

8th Sunday of Pascha: Feast of the Holy
Trinity

Tone 7