

**Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:****Health of:**

**Linda** Dantinne on her birthday, offered by her family, with love.

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**Readings:**      **Acts 2:1-11** (*Sunday of Holy Pentecost*)  
                       **John 7:37-52; 8:12** (*Holy Pentecost*)

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**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:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 meets every Sunday after Communion.****Announcements:**

- The **last Sunday school** class for the school year will be today, **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday school **certificates** of achievement will be **awarded** to students next **Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- The next **meeting of the parish council** has been changed to **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, after coffee hour.

**Reminders:**

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **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: Feast of the Holy Trinity:**

**Pentecost** (from the Greek, meaning “fiftieth day”) was originally an Old Testament harvest festival celebrated fifty days after Passover (see Exodus 23:14–17; Leviticus 23:15–21). Over time, it also became a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost took on a deeper significance with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, as described in Acts 2:1–41. This event marks the birth of the Church and is commemorated as the Feast of Pentecost, also known as **Trinity Sunday**, celebrated fifty days after Easter. The day following Pentecost is observed as the **Feast of the Holy Spirit**.

For Orthodox Christians, Pentecost is not only a historical event but a continuing spiritual reality. Through the Sacrament of **Chrismation**, believers receive the Holy Spirit and experience their own personal Pentecost. In every **Divine Liturgy**, the descent of the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, making each liturgy a living Pentecost.

It is traditional to adorn churches with green branches on Pentecost as a symbol of new life and spiritual renewal. The Sundays following Pentecost, up until the third Sunday before Lent, are counted as the *Sundays after Pentecost*, marking the season of the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit.

*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/2025/06/08>

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*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
Forever*

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

*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 8, 2025**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity** • Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (319) • St. Theodore, first Bishop of Rostov and Suzdal' (1023) • Finding of the Relics of Ss. Basil and Constantine, Princes of Yaroslavl (13<sup>th</sup> c.) • St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch (545) • Ven. Zosimas of Phœnicia (Syria—6th c.)

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha  
Holy Pentecost

Tone 7  
(Fast free week)