

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*  
*Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вьку!*

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Divine Services for the Week:

<b>SUN., MAY 28</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> + <b>Paul &amp; Melda Gasper</b> , offered by Francis & Connie Hersh
<b>SUN., JUNE 4</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>SUNDAY of ALL SAINTS</b> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> + <b>Hazel &amp; Harrison Hersh</b> , offered by Francis & Connie Hersh
<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BLESSING of GRAVES at Mt. Olivet Cemetery</b>

**Welcome Father Thomas Dansak**

This morning, as Fr. Geoff is away, we are honored to welcome Fr. Thomas Dansak to be our celebrant for the Divine Liturgy. We are grateful he has joined us and we pray that he would be blessed as he ministers to us today. Welcome, Fr. Thomas!

**Pentecost Week**

As we commemorate the birthday of the Church on this Great Feast of Pentecost, the entire week is for the faithful free from fast and abstinence. Let us all celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the full revelation of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Spirit.

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

None for the week

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

None for the week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Mary Salamon, Marian Yurosky

Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Carol Huchko – **Concordia at Villa St. Joseph** (1040 State St, Baden, PA 15005)

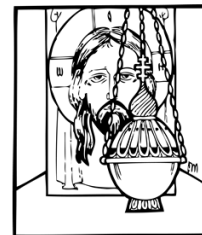
**Epistle Readers – May 28: Prudy Peya – June 4: Joanne F.**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – May 28: J. Yurosky – June 4: R. Mudron**

**If you would like to be a Trioca Holder, please see one of them following Liturgy.**

**We could always use the help!**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

May 28 – June 3, 2023

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

+ Anna, John, & Andy Choras

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Mary Salamon



**Flea Market,  
Haluski, and Bake  
June 23 - 24  
9:00 – 2:00**

**Blessing of Graves at Mt. Olivet**

As part of the Feast of Pentecost, there will be a Blessing of Graves at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on **Sunday June 4, at 2:00 P.M.** We will gather at the Cross at the main entrance of the cemetery for a Panachida Service then proceed to bless the graves of our deceased loved ones. Come and pray for your deceased family members.



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**It's St. George Flea Market Time!**

Our Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale is fast approaching, **June 23 - 24.** Consider donating items you no longer need to our Flea Market, no clothing please. Items can be brought to the Center every Saturday from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. or any time you are here. Ask family and friends to consider donating items to our Flea Market. We will need help with setting up the Flea Market beginning June 19. **We will also need bake sale items, so please consider baking.** **FLYERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE AND PASS OUT OR POST IN THE COMMUNITY. Your help with this event will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!**



**A Note from Fr. Geoff**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The wonderful Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, can be looked at in one way as a culmination of the whole work of God in the world. God became incarnate in Jesus Christ at the Annunciation, was born at Christmas, was baptized, fasted in the wilderness, was transfigured, died on Calvary, freed the souls in Hades, was raised on Pascha, and Ascended into heaven forty days later. When he left the disciples, Jesus told them to wait until they had received power from on high. Today, we celebrate that power.

In one of his Angelus addresses in St. Peter's Square in 2016, Pope Francis said, *We live in a provisional reality, one that ends. On the other hand, in the afterlife, after the resurrection, death will no longer be at the horizon and we will experience everything, even human bonds, through God's dimension, in a transfigured way.... The "children of the resurrection" are not just a few privileged ones, but all men and women, because the salvation brought by Jesus is for all of us (Luke 20.36). And the life of the risen shall be "the same as the angels," meaning wholly immersed in the light of God, completely devoted to his praise, in an eternity filled with joy and peace (Luke 20.36)*

What a beautiful image of what the life of resurrection looks like! The life we will share in the age to come! But his holiness goes on, *"Resurrection not only means rising up after death; it is a new genre of life that we can already experience today."*

This resurrection life is lived in its fullness by our Lord who, while sharing our humanity, has conquered death. It becomes available to all of us by the power of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit was poured out at Pentecost; and has been given to each and every one of us in our Baptism and the Anointing with Holy Chrism. By this Spiritual power, we are made partakers in Christ's own resurrected life, in his own victory over sin, death, and hell. It is, the Holy Father says, *"the victory over nothingness, and it is at our door."*

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who is ever present to us by the Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with his grace and peace on this festive day and always.

Christ is among us!

*Fr. Geoff*

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ADVOCATE SPIRIT WITNESS  
GLORIFY FATHER JESUS  
MINE COMPLETE TELL  
EVERYTHING WHY HIMSELF



## ***The Great Feast of Pentecost***

On this great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate both the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Birth of our Holy Church. Today we are challenged to be as faithful to the Holy Spirit and to Christ's Holy Church as the apostles and disciples were nearly 2,000 years ago.

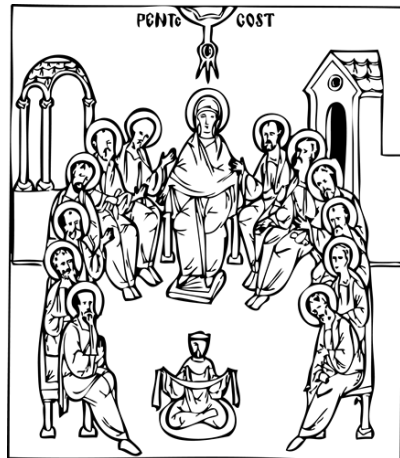
What does this mean? It means being faithful to our Church's Holy Tradition. For many, Tradition means customs or practices of years ago – things that are almost relics of ages past. But on the contrary, Tradition is a living on of the Truth that is Jesus Christ, believed and lived by His first followers and generations after them. In the words of the eminent theologian Vladimir Lossky, Tradition is “the life of the Holy Spirit in the Church.” This means our faith is unchanging in dogma, yet dynamic in its application; the same in essence, but growing in its expression.

Why should we be faithful to Tradition? Because, we know from Saint Paul that the “pillar and ground of truth” is not solely the Scripture itself, but the Church (1 Timothy 3:15). Upon the rock of the apostles' faith, Jesus built His Church ... the Church that you and I belong to. The Scripture clearly tells us that the faithful followers of Our Lord in the early Church, guided by the Holy Spirit from the day of Pentecost, “continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine ...” (Acts 2:42). That remains our challenge in the 21st century – to be faithful to the True Church that Jesus Christ established, to be true to the Tradition handed down to us by the holy apostles.

As we celebrate the Birthday of our Holy Church, let us recommit ourselves to the One True God in Three Persons – the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and the one true Church, born on Pentecost Sunday so long ago. In the year ahead, let us pledge to learn our faith ever more seriously, love our faith ever more deeply, live our faith ever more openly, and share our faith ever more boldly. As we do this, we will indeed be true to the great gift God has given us. On this feast, let us proclaim with all our minds, all our hearts, all our souls, and all our voices: “We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us.” To God be all glory, honor, and worship unto the ages of ages! Amen.

### **Truth to Live by**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*  
(Proverbs 1:7)



*Let Your Good Spirit guide me in ways that are level and smooth. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*About Byzantine Catholics...*

## ***The Byzantine Catholic Church is the New Testament Church led by the Holy Spirit***

The Byzantine Catholic Church traces its foundation to the 12 Apostles of Christ who were the companions of Jesus as he walked on this earth some 2000 years ago. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), the Apostles began to proclaim the Gospel, first to Jerusalem, then to the Gentiles. The first mission of the New Testament Church to the Greek-speaking Gentiles of the Levant was to Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria, where "the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). Antioch became the staging area for the great missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, which resulted in the foundation of a string of Greek-speaking Christian communities in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey) and Greece. Similar missionary journeys were undertaken by other Apostles throughout the Hellenized Eastern Mediterranean, as well as deep into the heart of the Latin West, to Rome itself, the capital of the Empire.

As the Christian Church grew, each nation and culture who received the Gospel in turn influenced the growth of the Church. Even at a relatively early stage in the history of the Church, two major heritages developed and remain with us today: the Eastern or "Greek" tradition, and the Western or "Latin" tradition. The Church in the West had its principal center at the Imperial capital of Rome and is known in our present-day as the Roman Catholic Church. The Church in the East grew and developed from the Churches in Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria. These three Eastern centers shared a common language, Greek, and similar mode of discourse which formed the basis for the subsequent development of the Eastern Christian tradition. The Byzantine Catholic Church shares in the inheritance of the first Greek-speaking Christian communities of the Eastern Mediterranean world, founded by the Apostles of Jesus Christ.

### **St. John Chrysostom on the Holy Spirit**

” In former times men, seized by madness, wanted to build a tower to reach heaven; but the Lord, by dividing their tongues, divided their evil purpose. So now the Holy Spirit descends upon them in fiery tongues to unify a divided world. The result is something new and strange (mystical).”

### **Lest We Forget**

*On Memorial Day, we pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice: Those men and women in service to our country who died to protect our freedom and the freedom of others in our world. “All gave some, Some gave all.” Eternal Memory. Vichnaja Pamjat.*





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**Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, Louisa Hersh, David Klacik      Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff**

**Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh**

**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation** ..... Before and after Liturgies, or by appointment

**Holy Mysteries of Initiation** ..... Contact the pastor

**Holy Mystery of Anointing** ..... Contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness

**Holy Mystery of Marriage** ..... Contact the pastor six months prior to wedding

**Pirohi Sales** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month

**St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club** ..... Everyone welcome to participate

**Opportunities for Stewardship** ... ..Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday,

Pirohi making: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month.

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