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JUNE 23, 2024
GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST
TRINITY SUNDAY

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-52, 8:12

Troparion (Pentecost)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Pentecost)

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.

Memory Eternal

We pray for the soul of Fr. John's friend, the newly departed Archpriest James Bernstein, and for Theodore Schneider's friend Thomas Breedlove forty days since his repose. "With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting!"

Great Feast of Pentecost ~ Joy of the Feast!

Today the clergy wear green vestments and the Church is decorated with green leaves, grasses and decorations to show that God's divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the "Life-creating Spirit." Immediately following liturgy, we will have the three Kneeling Prayers of the Great Vespers of Pentecost. We kneel today for the first time since Pascha. Our tradition is to weave the greens into crosses and wreaths/crowns while kneeling to place on an icon at home, to give to someone, or to place on the grave of a loved one.

Feast Days and Fasting Days

- Tomorrow is the Feast of the Holy Spirit.
- This coming week is *Fast-free*.
- The Apostles Fast begins on Monday, July 1.
- The Feast of SS Peter and Paul is on Friday, July 12.

Welcome

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan. We look forward to seeing you again for worship, study, and fellowship.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for Barbara Lane today as she recovers from surgery.

Addictions Recovery Support Network – Monday, June 24 – 7-8:15PM on Zoom

The free monthly session is for anyone interested in Orthodox Christian addiction support, those who have an addiction and for those who have been affected by someone else's addiction. <https://zoom.us/j/2100687480> Meeting ID: 210 068 7480, Password: 208156 Contact Samantha Cath for information: samanthacath@yahoo.com 703-919-6334.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, June 26 on Zoom at 7PM

The study on Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's classic "For the Life of the World" continues this week. Join us for the discussion. Fr. John will email his notes and the Zoom link.

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral Restoration Fund

On Tuesday, May 28, St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, suffered a devastating fire that severely damaged the roof and church interior. Fr. Jan Cizmar and the parish set up a Fire Restoration Fund and welcome any amount of donation as they work to rebuild and restore the Cathedral. You can see before and after fire photos and donate on their website at <https://www.sttheodosius.org/> or on [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/).

Clothing Drive for Prison Ministry

Louise Romanchak is coordinating an on-going collection of clothing for men and women inmates who are preparing for release and new jobs. She welcomes business attire and work wear in new or used good condition. All donated clothing will be delivered to OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources) in Fairfax, VA.

Orthodox Young Professionals Conference - July 25-28 www.oypc.org

This year's OYC conference will be held in July at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, CA. The weekend includes prayer, speaker sessions, and time for fellowship. Fr. Evan and Presbytera Stacy Armatas will be the keynote speakers on "Love & Relationships—God's Greatest Gift." Young adults aged 21+ are welcome, whether single or married.

God Grant You Many Years!

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on their 54th wedding anniversary, and to Olin Bidy, Johnny Carmichael, Amanda Costello, Jocelyn and Madelyn Janos, and Mark Mamula on their birthdays. Keep them and preserve them for Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!