



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of June 4, 2017

Saturday, June 3 – Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:30 PM +Evelyn Stroh by Patricia Marks

Sunday, June 4 ~ Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Festal Anointing in celebration of the Feast of Pentecost will follow all weekend Divine Liturgies.

Wednesday, June 7 ~ Theodotus - Bishop Martyr

7:00 PM +Edward Zapala by wife Mary

Saturday, June 10 – Vigil of Sunday of All Saints

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, June 11 ~ Sunday of All Saints

9:00 AM +Eleanor Zakreski by Margaret Churilla

Followed by Advisory Committee Meeting

All Invited.



**Parish
Picnic
Sunday
June 25**

In Celebration of Our Patronal Feast Divine Liturgy that Day at **10:00 AM**

Followed by Picnic until **1:00 PM**

Akathist at 1:00 PM

(celebrated outdoors at the shrine)

Special Treat After the Akathist

Adults - \$15.00

Children (18 and Under) - FREE!

Tickets Now on Sale

Coffee Social



There will be no coffee social until further notice. Due to the condition of the Parish Center, our insurance company has mandated that Fr. Ed close it down for safety and environmental issues. The Advisory Committee and Fr. Ed are working on some alternatives so that we can continue our socials in the near future. If you have any questions about this move, please see Fr. Ed.

SPECIAL DONATIONS REQUESTED



LANDSCAPING

LANDSCAPING - To spruce-up the entry area of the church, Fr. Ed has hired a landscaper to clean out the aging plantings, replace them and cover the area with mulch. This will help to make our entry more inviting. The cost for this project is \$2,500.00. If you would like to

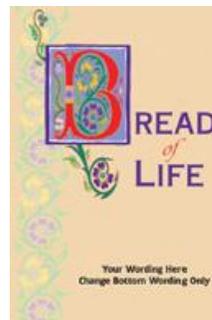
make a contribution towards this effort, please see Fr. Ed or just drop it in the collection basket with a note. **To date we have received \$110.00 for this project.**

CHILDREN'S PICNIC TICKETS AND GAMES

To enable as many families with children to attend our parish picnic we would like to subsidize the cost of these tickets. If you would like to be a sponsor the cost is \$10.00 per child. Fr. Ed is also looking for some donations so that we can purchase some children's games. Drop it in the collection basket or give to Fr. Ed. **To date we have received an anonymous contribution of \$100.00 for this.**

OLPH COOKBOOK Fundraiser

As you know we have many things that need to be done around OLPH – and it takes money to do them! Our first major fundraiser is going to be the creation of a parish cookbook. It has been many years since we have published such a book and it's time to do a new one. We are collecting recipes from everyone in the parish. They can be ethnic or your personal favorites. A special feature of the new cookbook will be Heritage Section of favorites from our previous cookbook – so this will be a collection of the



old and the new! We would like to have 3 or 4 from each family. All you need to do is pick up the recipe forms found on the table at the entrance of the church – use the easy to follow format and drop it in the recipe box when you're done. Another feature of our book will be advertisements. We hope that everyone will also sell a few ads –

these will go a long way to insure a successful and profitable cookbook project. These forms may be picked up from the table at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please see Pam Trapp, Michael Sudik or Donna Rayner.

FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES There is a special envelope for Father's Day. The names of the fathers submitted will be read aloud during both Divine Liturgies the weekend of June 18. Please return your envelopes for the Father's Day remembrance **by June 11** so that the names can be listed to be read. **You may put may put more than one name on the envelope.**

Offertory – May 27 & 28, 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$770.00	\$913.00	\$1,683.00
Landscaping	0	\$20.00	\$20.00
Ascension	\$267.00	\$5.00	\$272.00
Candles	\$32.00	\$14.00	\$46.00
Total	\$1069.00	\$952.00	\$2,021.00
Attendance	28	48	76

FR. MYRON UPDATE

Fr. Myron will be having hip replacement surgery on June 19. If you would like to send him a card to wish him well, please send it to:

Fr. Myron Badnerosky

922 S. Woodbourne Road - Suite 417

Levittown, PA 19057

Cards will then be forwarded to him in Florida.

PENTECOST

In the Old Testament **Pentecost** was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the

"new law," **the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ.**



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 the entire house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they

were all filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14:26, 15:26; Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

In the liturgical services of the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the divine Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit's coming to man, and the Church hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God's self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. For this reason Pentecost Sunday is also called **Trinity Day** in the Eastern tradition. Often on this day the **icon of the Holy Trinity** -- particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith - is placed in the center of the church. This icon is used with the traditional **Pentecostal icon** which shows the tongues of fire hovering over Mary and the Twelve Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who are themselves sitting in unity surrounding a symbolic image of "cosmos," the world.

On Pentecost we have 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 this world in the Church of the

Messiah. For this reason the **fiftieth day** stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one. Thus, Pentecost is called an **apocalyptic** day, which means the day of **final revelation**. It is also called an **eschatological** day, which means the day of the **final and perfect end** (in Greek *eschaton* means the end).

For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: ... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1 7; Joel 2: 28-32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2-3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of Chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.



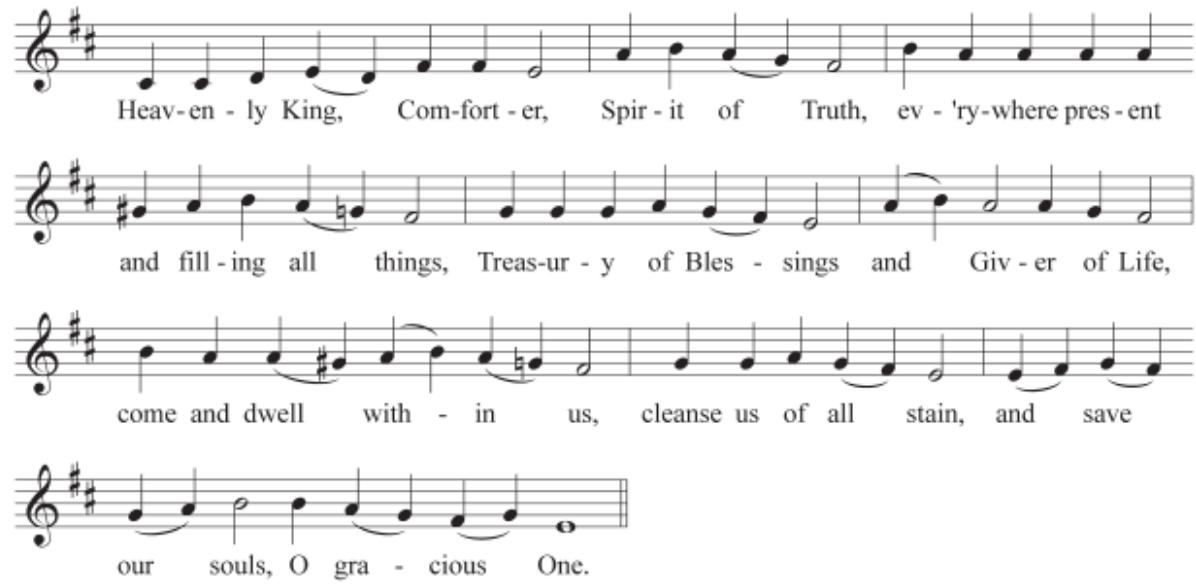
The **Divine Liturgy of Pentecost** recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit's coming to men. The Troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God's net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns *O Heavenly King* and *We have seen the True Light* are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the Holy Spirit to "come and abide in us", and proclaiming that "we have received the heavenly Spirit." The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God's divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the "life-creating Spirit." In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, *ruah*.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. * You filled the fisherman with wisdom, * sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. * O Lover of mankind, glory be to You. (Troparion).

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Special Hymn:

Tone 6 Samohlasen



Heav-en - ly King, Com-fort - er, Spir - it of Truth, ev - 'ry-where pres - ent
and fill - ing all things, Treas-ur - y of Bles - sings and Giv - er of Life,
come and dwell with - in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save
our souls, O gra - cious One.