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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Entrance Hymn: Be exalted O Lord in Your Strength! We will sing and chant the praise of Your Might. O Holy Counselor, save us who sing to You Alleluia.

Troparion of Pentecost: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, and who through them, have caught in Your net the whole world, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion of the Pentecost: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues (in Babel), He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity.

Prokimenon: Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7: 37-52 & 8:12

Wherefore, we glorify the Holy spirit, with one accord.

Anti-Trisagion: All of you who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Hirmos: Hail, O Queen, glory of virgins and mothers: for your praise is beyond the eloquence of the most cultured tongues, and the wonderful manner in which you gave birth to Christ throws every intelligence into amazement. Wherefore we the faithful magnify you with one accord.

Kinonikon: Your Good Spirit shall guide me on level ground. Alleluia!

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$6.00; donations=\$250.00; ordinary collections=\$419.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

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Women's Support Center

The Women's Support Center extends their appreciation for the Lenten donations and invites us to Mass for their benefactors, June 9th, 9pm, St. Mary's Visitation in Elm Grove. Light refreshments to follow.

Lecture on the Ecumenical Council

The Wethersfield Institute presents the next lecture in the 2025 Chauncey Stillman Lecture Series on the Ecumenical Councils on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, for a special presentation entitled "Hymning the Icon of the Invisible God: How the Later Christological Councils Show Us the Christ".

The evening will begin with optional Vespers at 6:00pm, followed by the talk at 6:30pm, given by Fr. Andrew Summerson, a priest of the Eparchy of Parma. Refreshments and a Q&A session will follow in the Undercroft. All are welcome.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Geri Spankowski, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for This Week

Monday: *Monday of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday: *Leave-taking of Pentecost*

Sunday: *Sunday of All Saints*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive;

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when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no
that with Christians. They are alive only longer with them.
while they are in the Body. If they are cut

St. Augustine of Hippo

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