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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Eisodikon: 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: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come to Me", Jn 7:37- 52 & 8:12

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$1000.00; candles=\$13.00; ordinary collections=\$942.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Legendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Geri Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: George Allam and Michael Lessard (uncle of Tyler Lessard). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Monday: *Monday of the Holy Spirit*
Tuesday: **11am Funeral for George Allam**
Saturday: *Leave-taking of Pentecost*
Sunday *Sunday of All Saints*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Coming Up

June 1st: Beginning of the Apostles' Fast (traditional start)

June 20th: Beginning of the shorter Apostles' Fast

June 29th: Apostles Peter and Paul

Trisagion Prayers

At the Mystical Supper, the Lord told his disciples, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17), and again, "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). The Greek word translated here as advocate, paraclete, can also be translated as comforter, counselor or helper. At the feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the full revelation of the Trinity, and especially the descent of this Advocate on the Apostles—sometimes called the birthday of the Church.

The Trisagion Prayers begin most divine services in the Byzantine churches, serving as a prelude and orientation for our prayers. They make clear that Christian prayers are Trinitarian and in the Holy Spirit. One way they express this is through a supplicatory prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Heavenly King". Like "We have seen the true light", the typical hymn sung after Holy Communion during the Divine Liturgy, "Heavenly King" is actually a liturgical hymn for Pentecost.

From Pascha to the Ascension, "Glory to You" and "Heavenly King" are replaced by the Paschal Troparion. Then, from the Ascension to Pentecost, these two prayers are omitted altogether in anticipation of today's feast.

The Trisagion Prayers can be used outside of services, either as an introduction or standalone. "Heavenly King" is particularly suitable when needing guidance or beginning a task.

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In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Consoler, the Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the treasury of blessings and the giver of life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain and save our souls, O good One.

Holy ✠ God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One! Have mercy on us. (*three times*)

Glory be the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake."

Lord, have mercy! (*three times*)

Glory be the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

Lord, have mercy! (*12 times*)

Glory be the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

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

St. Augustine of Hippo

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