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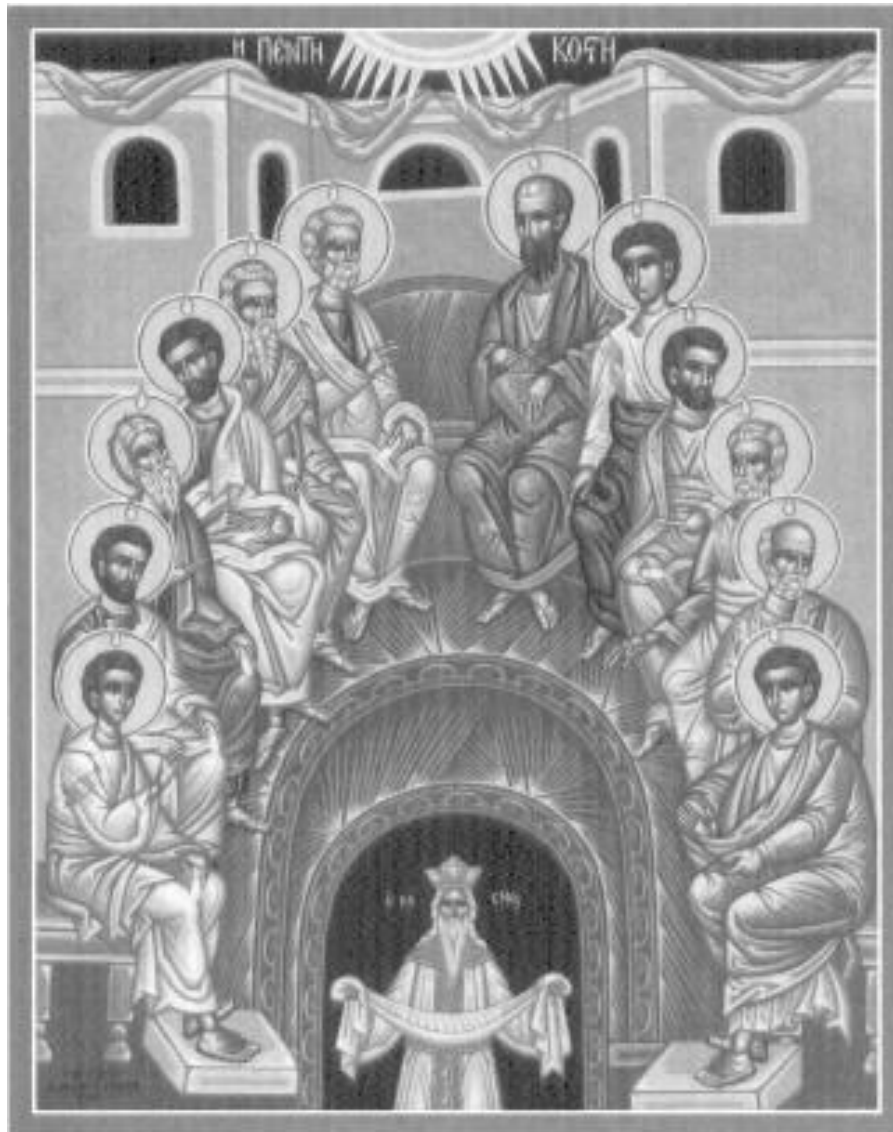
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**JUNE 12, 2022**

**HOLY PENTECOST**

## REFRAIN OF SECOND ANTIPHON FOR PENTECOST

O Good Comforter, save us who sing to thee. Alleluia.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Priest:* Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength. We will sing and praise thy power.

*People:* Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to thee. Alleluia.

**Choir: Troparion of Pentecost in the Eighth Tone:** Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to thee.

**Priest: Kontakion of Pentecost in the Eighth Tone:** When the high One descended, confusing tongues, he divided the nations. And when he distributed the fiery tongues he called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

*Instead of "Holy God..." we sing "As many as have been baptized into Christ ..."*

**Prokeimenon** (18:4, 1) Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God

### **Section from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)**

And 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 all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it

that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 32: 613) By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. The Lord looks down upon the earth from heaven.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John** (7:37-52, 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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### OTHER CHANGES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing "*O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.*" (Tone 7)

Communion hymn: "Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the right land. Alleluia."

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing the Troparion of Pentecost.

**An abbreviated form of the Pentecost Kneeling Vespers will be prayed immediately after the Divine Liturgy.**

**Holy Oblations are offered today by the Chala family for the birthdays of Alexandra Chala and Marcia Chala and for the soul of Sh. Najwa Moubayed.**

**Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Coffee Hour Committee.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Laura Anter (brain surgery), and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.*

### **This Week**

Tuesday Adult Education, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Little Compline

Saturday June 18 – No Great Vespers at St Mark

*The week after Pentecost is a fast-free week.*

### **Next Week**

Tuesday Adult Education June 21, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. June 22, Little Compline

**Thursday June 23, 6:30 p.m. Evening Liturgy Feast of Birth of St. John the Baptist. (Orthros 5:30 p.m.)** Those preparing to receive Holy Communion should fast from mid-day.

### **Upcoming Events**

**The 2022 Western Diocese Parish Life Conference** will be held in Santa Clara, CA at the Santa Clara Marriott, and hosted by the Orthodox Church of the Redeemer of Los Altos. The dates of the PLC are **June 29 to July 3**. To make hotel reservations and sign up for the PLC, please go to <https://www.lapl.org/la>

### **Fr. Michael's Retirement Luncheon**

After 36 years of service at St. Mark Church, Father Michael Laffoon is retiring! Attached is the invitation for the Retirement Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 2:30 PM at St. Paul's Orthodox Church Hall in Irvine. There is only seating for 300 people in the hall therefore, you are encouraged to purchase your tickets early. The \$55 luncheon ticket is not a fundraiser, this is the cost of the luncheon. We cannot guarantee seating assignments. If you are interested in being seated with family and friends, please consider purchasing a table of 10. Children are welcome but you would need to buy a ticket for each seat and there is no children's pricing.

Additionally, we are collecting donations to gift a check to Fr. Michael on the occasion of his retirement. The list of donors will be in the event program. Our goal is to raise \$36,000 to honor the 36 years that Fr. Michael has served our community.

Reservations will be accepted in two ways:

1. By Check made out to St. Mark Church

2. Online at the following secure

link: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/5512011](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/5512011)

\*Very important: In the notes/memo, please indicate how many tickets you are purchasing, as well as the actual amount of your donation to go towards a retirement gift for Fr. Michael.

We look forward to honoring our beloved priest with you at this special occasion!

In His name,

Your Retirement Committee

Nelson and Jerri Mamey, Rima Tarazi, Paula Rodriguez, Kristin Chala and Barbara Scholl

### **Quote of the Day**

"Come ye nations, let us worship the three-personed Godhead, a Son in the Father, with a Holy Spirit; for the Father timelessly hath begotten the Son, equal to Him in eternity and the throne; and the Holy Spirit was in the Father, glorified with the Son, one Might, one Substance, one Godhead, which we all worship, saying, Holy God Who created everything through the Son with the help of the Holy Spirit; Holy Mighty, in Whom we knew the Father, and through Whom the Holy Spirit came to the world; Holy Immortal One, the comforting Spirit, proceeding from the Father and resting in the Son; O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee."

(First Vesperal Doxasticon for Pentecost)

### **Holy Pentecost**

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of

a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.