

Holy Pentecost And the Parish Feast Day of Holy Trinity



June 12, 2022

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On this day, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Disciples and upon all mankind.

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For Holy Pentecost, June 20

Morning Gospel:	John 20: 19-23	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Acts: 2:1-11	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	John: 7:37-52; 8:12	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Feast and of the Church: “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

Kontakion: “Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.”

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in the Bouras Center after church services for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by Paul Stappas in memory of his wife Angela Stappas †

Parish Feast Day

On the Monday following Holy Pentecost, we celebrate the All-Holy, Life-Giving, and All-Powerful Holy Spirit, the same in essence and equally glorified with the Father and the Son.

For the Parish Feast Day, June 21

Epistle Reading:	Ephesians 5:8-19	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 18:10-20	Ελληνικά

As is the custom in the Orthodox Church, on the day after every Great Feast, we honor those through whom it came to pass – our Lady on the day after the Lord’s Nativity, Joachim and Anna after our Lady’s Nativity, the holy Baptist the day after Theophany, and so forth. On this day, we honor our God, the All-Holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by our Saviour to His disciples (John 14:16), Who descended upon them at Holy Pentecost and guided them into all truth (John 16:13), and through them, to us.

Parish Feast Day – Holy Trinity Luncheon June 13

Come celebrate the Feast Day of our parish on Monday, June 13. Orthros begins at 9:15 AM followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. After the service, please join the Holy Trinity family as we continue the Feast Day with a celebratory luncheon.



Saturday of Souls

Memorials: The memorial service at the Liturgy of the Saturday of Souls is offered for all pious and Orthodox Christians and for the souls of Avgi Koutroumbis†, 5 years; and Marcus Scarkos†, 4 years.

Holy Pentecost Altar Donations

Altar candles: in memory of Angela Stappas†

Pentecost and Parish Feast Day Icon Floral Decoration

In loving memory of Frieda Anast, Godmother of Holy Trinity, Westfield†

Sacraments and Rites

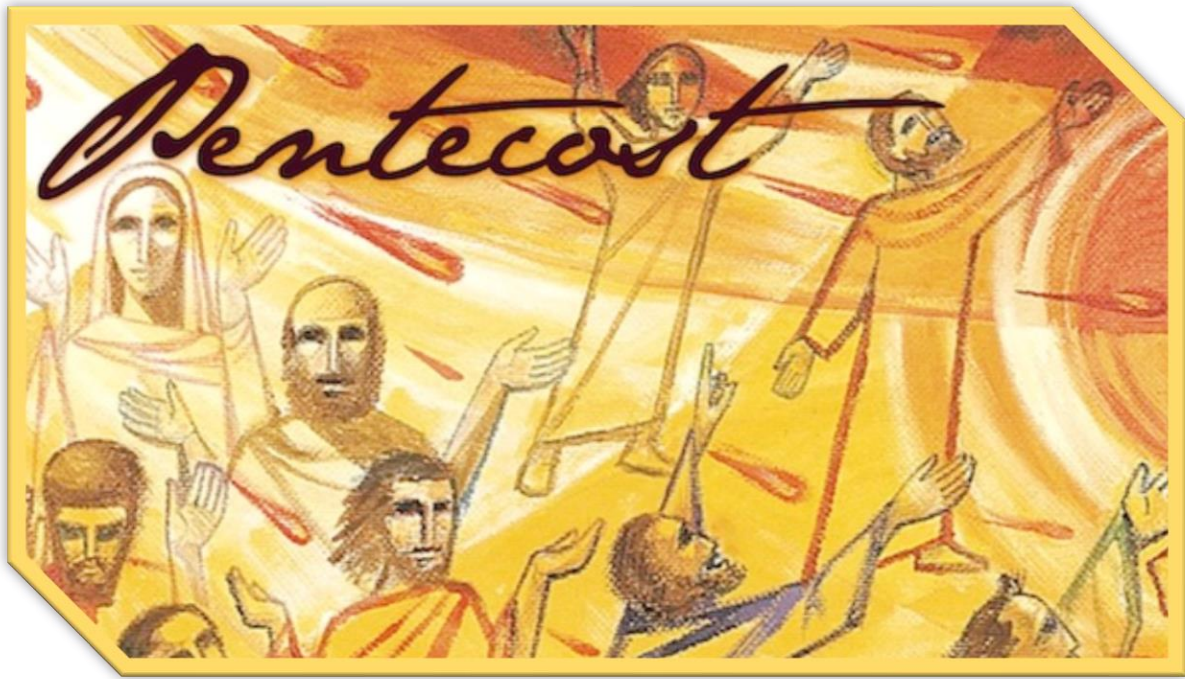
Funeral: On Wednesday, June 8, the funeral for John Prokos† was held. Eternal be his memory.

Wedding: On Saturday, June 11, the wedding between Kiriaki Louros and Christopher Oertel was celebrated; Koumbara is Sophia Louros.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, June 13, **Holy Spirit/Parish Feast Day**, Orthros, 9:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

Sunday, June 19, **All Saints Day**, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM



After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they

said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's Incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, now are made wise by the sudden rush of Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: "*Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, 'Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?' I say, 'The Sibyl.' 'Thou art wrong,' saith he, 'she is not.' 'Who then is she?' I say, 'The Church,' saith he. I said unto him, 'Wherefore then is she aged?' 'Because,' saith he, 'she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.'*" Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of "*the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ*" (PG 35:1108-9).

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "*The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ*" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "*The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord*" (PG 96, 1357c).

According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "*Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit*" (PG 74, 708-712).

Saint Gregory Palamas says, "*Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors*" (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "*After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests*" (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread," that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries "and in prayer" (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost, so there is no fasting until June, 28 when the Apostles Fast begins.

Paving of Parking Lot: Capital Campaign

Please note that next week, starting June 14 - June 17, milling of the parking lot will begin. Limited parking will be available during the day, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Paving of the parking lot will start June 20 to June 24, parking will not be permitted during this time. Please park on the street if you need to visit the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer List

For Health and Well-being of the servants of God:

Rich, Ketí, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Guerline, Phyllis, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilía, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Dorka, Stavroula, Maroulla

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, June 14 End-of-year members' luncheon, 12:00 noon at Galloping Hill
Caterers, \$20. per person. Kindly make your reservation with Kassandra Romas, Chair.

Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Progress

Holy Trinity is still accepting donations for the 2022 Capital Campaign. We thank all who have donated thus far. Holy Trinity is blessed to have received pledges for over half our goal but we still need your help to achieve our fundraising objectives. With your assistance and generosity, we can meet our goal and help maintain our facility in pristine condition.

**In the June edition of The Promise, the names of our donors will be published. Only names will appear to thank you for your kind donation.*

Call the church office to donate or donate online by clicking here: [Donate Now](#)

How your donation will be spent

Holy Trinity Capital Campaign	
Refurbishment of church dome	\$220,000
Replacement of boiler, condenser, Coils	\$260,000
Repaving of parking lot	\$120,000
Rooftop air conditioning	\$75,000
Church air conditioning	\$75,000
Total	\$750,000





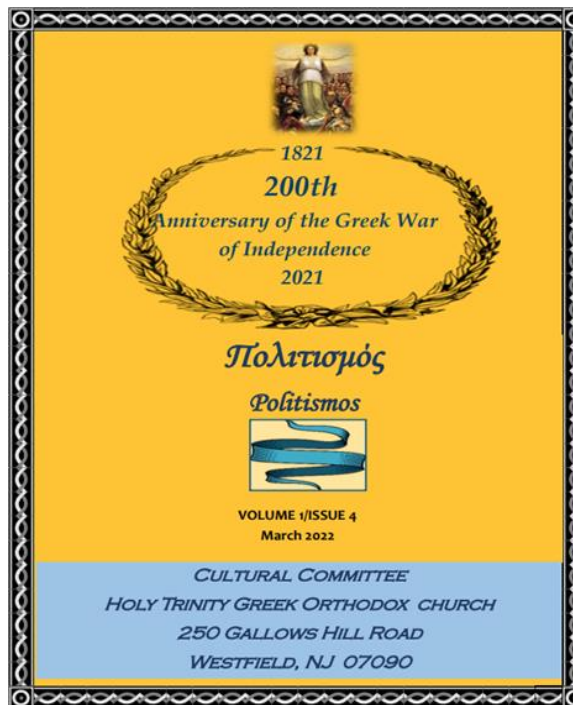
Afternoon Tea

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
invites you to an afternoon tea
to celebrate Father's Day and
our Graduating Seniors



Sunday, June 19, 2022

Bouras Center
immediately after church services
if you can help, sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/dadsgrads2022>



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National Clergy/Laity Congress Philoptochos Convention - July 3-7

In less than a month the 46th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of our Sacred Archdiocese will be taking place in New York City. With such a large undertaking, with delegates and parish representatives from throughout the country, our Archdiocese is in needs of Volunteers to assist with welcoming guests, assist with registration, as well as to assist with the various events that will be taking place throughout the week.

Can you help?

If you can help the Archdiocese by being a Volunteer, please find a link to a sign-up sheet below. Volunteer opportunities based on your availability can be found.

The Sign-Up Genius Link for Clergy-Laity Volunteers:

- ✓ [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Sign-Up



The Ladies Philoptochos Society

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ

presents

Trinity Treasures & Classy Collectibles Rummage Sale

Friday, July 15th 9am - 5pm

Saturday, July 16th 9am - 4pm

Drop Off Dates

Wednesday, June 29th-Sunday, July 10th

- Household Items
- Holiday Décor
- China & Glassware
- Small Appliances
- Small Furniture
- Linens & Dry Goods
- Baskets, Frames, Artificial Flowers
- Toys, Games
- Home Décor Items
- Jewelry
- Purses, Scarves, Hats
- Greek Baked Goods

Bakers needed and much appreciated. For more information please reach out to Elise Savnik

(908) 337-5046

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Cash Only!



No clothing, shoes, books, TVs, CDs.
Any questions: call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

Πεντηκοστή ονομάζεται κατά την Καινή Διαθήκη η επιφοίτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος στους Αποστόλους.

Η Πεντηκοστή έλαβε χώρα την πεντηκοστή ημέρα από την Ανάσταση του Ιησού Χριστού (Πράξεις β' 1-41).

Σε ανάμνηση του γεγονότος αυτού, κάθε χρόνο, εορτάζουμε με ιδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα την εορτή της Πεντηκοστής, μια ημέρα πριν την εορτή του Αγίου Πνεύματος, και αυτό διότι θεολογικά η ημέρα αυτή θεωρείται η γενέθλια ημέρα της Εκκλησίας.

Η εορτή αυτή αντιστοιχεί με την επίσης μεγάλη ετήσια εορτή των Ιουδαίων η οποία στις Εβραϊκές Γραφές (Παλαιά Διαθήκη) αποκαλείται Γιορτή του Θερισμού ή Γιορτή των Εβδομάδων. (Έξοδος 23:16· 34:22) η οποία ήταν καθαρά γεωργική εορτή με τελείως διαφορετικό περιεχόμενο. Η τήρηση της λάμβανε χώρα την πεντηκοστή ημέρα μετά τις 16 Νισάν του Ιουδαϊκού ημερολογίου, την ημέρα κατά την οποία η κεφαλή κάθε οικογένειας προσέφερε στον Θεό ένα δεμάτι κριθάρι, που υποδήλωνε την επιθυμία για ειρηνική σχέση μαζί Του. (Λευιτικό 23:15, 16) Οι προσφορές για αυτή τη γεωργική γιορτή γίνονταν μέσω του ιερατείου αρχικά στην Σκηνή της Μαρτυρίας, ενώ αργότερα στον Ναό στην Ιερουσαλήμ.

Την ημέρα της Πεντηκοστής έλαβε χώρα η επιφοίτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος στους 12 μαθητές (περιλαμβανομένων και των αποστόλων του Ιησού) οπότε, σύμφωνα με τις Πράξεις των Αποστόλων, έλαβαν Άγιο Πνεύμα μιλώντας σε ξένες γλώσσες (γλωσσολαλία) «για τα θαυμαστά έργα του Θεού», γεγονός που έγινε αντιληπτό από Ιουδαίους και προσήλυτους που ήταν στην Ιερουσαλήμ για τη γιορτή των Εβδομάδων. Ως αποτέλεσμα, έπειτα και από το κήρυγμα του Πέτρου, βαπτίστηκαν εκείνη την ημέρα 3.000 νέα μέλη της χριστιανικής εκκλησίας. (Πράξεις 1:13-15· 2:1-41) Εκείνη η ημέρα ήταν 50 ημέρες μετά την ανάσταση του Ιησού Χριστού που συνέπεσε στις 16 Νισάν.

Η «Πεντηκοστή» άρχισε να γιορτάζεται από τους αποστολικούς χρόνους είτε στο ναό των Ιεροσολύμων μαζί με τους Ιουδαίους (Πράξεις κ' 16), είτε χωριστά. Σύμφωνα με τους εκκλησιαστικούς Πατέρες και συγγραφείς του β' μισού του 4ου αιώνα γίνεται λόγος περί του εορτασμού από τους αποστολικούς χρόνους όπου κατά την εορτή αυτή γινόταν και η βάπτιση των κατηχουμένων όπου και για το λόγο αυτό συνεχίζεται και ψάλλεται ο τρισάγιος ύμνος: «Όσοι εις Χριστόν εβαπτίσθητε...».

Η Πεντηκοστή είναι εβδομαδιαία εορτή δηλαδή εορτάζεται όλες τις ημέρες της εβδομάδας με ιδιαίτερη έξαρση το Σάββατο. Από τις μεθεόρτιες ημέρες ξεχωρίζει η Δευτέρα που είναι αφιερωμένη στο Άγιο Πνεύμα όπου και επαναλαμβάνεται ομοίως όλη η ακολουθία της Κυριακής.



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✙ AMEN ✙