

After the Ascension of Christ, the followers of the Lord gathered daily in Jerusalem, praying and fasting, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit which had been promised by Jesus. For nine days they waited. Then, on the tenth day, there came suddenly the sound of a rushing wind that filled the house they were in. And there appeared tongues of fire over the heads of the apostles. This is what they had been waiting for! This was the Descent of the Holy Spirit to give life to the Church.

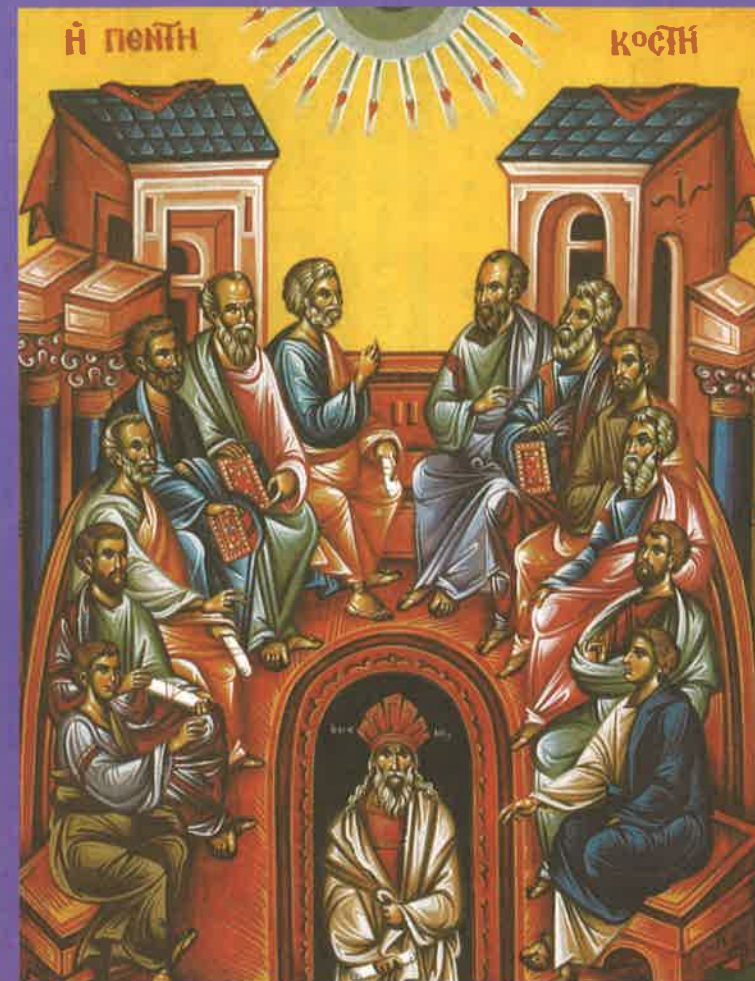
Before they had fled from the crucifixion because they were afraid, but now they fearlessly confessed their faith in the Lord; before they locked the doors of the house in which they gathered, now they went out opening the doors of faith to thousands; before Peter had thrice denied the Lord, now he publicly preached and confessed Christ before the crowd.

The place in which they had gathered had become a house afire. The torch of faith inflamed each of the apostles and they truly became soldiers of Christ, ready to die for Him. Animated with the Holy Spirit, they were charged with His love. Filled with a passion for truth and for others, this faithful group set the world aflame with the Christian message.

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# PENTECOST

**O**ften we take our Church for granted, seldom thinking about what it took to get this Faith to us today. On the first Pentecost Day, the Church consisted of some 120 people, mostly fishermen and common folks.



But then something unusual happened - the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church and those first Christians. By the end of that day, the Christian Church consisted not only of 120, but of some 3,000 faithful. Down through the ages, the faith has been passed on, generation to generation, and now it has come down to us.



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HOLY PENTECOST

Orthros Gospel: Festal

EPISTLE: Acts 2:1-11 (pg. 62-63)

GOSPEL: John 7:37-52; 8:12 (pg. 63-64)

PROSFORÓ – Offered by Helen Frederick

THERE ARE NO SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

ACTIVITY

THU. JUNE 23 – Philoptochos Fashion Show Meeting

6:00 PM

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**OUR SINCERE THANKS** to Lynne Kakiou, Chairperson, and to all those who volunteered so much time, effort, and expertise this past week to make our June 2016 Greek Food Festival such a success. This event unites our parish family like no other, and serves as our face to the larger community. May God continue to bless our endeavors in the future. Let us also remember to show the same warmth and hospitality to those who come to worship with us!

**SUMMER SCHEDULE** began today; Orthros 8:30 AM / Liturgy 9:30 AM; Sundays only!

**CHOIR NEWS** - Today will be the last Sunday that our choir will sing before their summer break. The choir will resume their regular schedule on Sunday, September 11.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES** are needed for next Sunday, June 26. Hosts or hostesses can add their names on the Sunday of their choosing for 2016; you can honor people for their birthdays, namedays, accomplishments, etc. Please insert your names in the dates you prefer on the boards that are on the wall in the Small Hall.

**FATHER'S DAY PRAYERS** – Ladies Philoptochos is once again honoring all the living and departed Fathers, Pappous, Godfathers and Fathers-in-law with Artoklasia and Koliva for Father's Day; due to the holiday of Pentecost falling on the same day (today), all the names will be honored next Sunday, June 26, and all the the names will be printed in the August Monthly Bulletin. Names are now being collected for the living and departed fathers to be honored. For your convenience, a form is included in the June Monthly bulletin; the names are being collected by Marie Poulis and Silvia Kazas during Coffee Hour. Names can also be e-mailed to Marie at [marie.poulis@yahoo.com](mailto:marie.poulis@yahoo.com). Deadline for handing in names is this Wednesday, June 22. Thanks to all who participate in this worthy project!

**UPCOMING EVENTS – 1)** "Tea & Treasure Baskets" sponsored by St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Mother's Club next Sunday, June 26, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM; \$25.00/person. High Tea with scones, finger sandwiches and delicious desserts. Hats are welcome and every lady will receive a ticket to win the "Grand Treasure Basket". For reservations, please contact Julie Taylor at 724-375-2784. **2)** 3rd Annual Dinner Banquet in memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia, Sunday, July 24, hosted by Gerontissa Theophano and her Sisterhood of the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery, Saxonburg, **"Let the Children Come to Me"** at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Oakland, beginning with Vesper Service at 4:00 PM followed by the Dinner Banquet at 5:00 PM. More information will be forthcoming. "Please come and help build a new monastery".

**SAVE THE DATE** – Philoptochos is sponsoring a Fall Luncheon Fashion Show on Saturday, October 1, 2016 in our Community Center. Apparel will be exhibited from Rome Inspiration, Rochester, and Christopher & Banks, Beaver Valley Mall. A light luncheon, Chinese Auction, door prizes and 50/50 raffle will take place. Purchase of tickets and more information will follow in August. This event is open to the public as well as our parish members.

**THANK YOU** to all those who have filled out their Stewardship Pledges for 2016. Your generosity is deeply appreciated as this is the single most important source of income for our Church. If you do not currently pledge, we encourage you to speak to Lynne Kakiou, our Financial Secretary. All pledges remain in strict confidence.