

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church

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Sunday May 10th 2015 Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Pentecost



Pentecost— The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Before Liturgy - Hymn to the Holy Trinity - Blue Book pg.261 Red Book pg. 288 **O Heavenly King—** Blue pg.213 Red pg. 237

Antiphons, Tropars, Kondaks and other Special Hymns: Blue Book pg. 213, Red Book pg. 237..

Weekly Schedule:

Monday 6/1 9:30AM - Divine Liturgy—Pentecost Monday

Saturday 6/6 5 PM— Great Vespers

Sunday 6/7 10AM— Divine Liturgy

Why should I go to Church tomorrow morning?

After all... I was just there today, and once a week should really be enough right? Many of us might be asking ourselves this question tonight. Do I really need to be in Church for Pentecost Monday?

Lets try something. Picture yourself as one of Christ's disciples. One of His first followers. Picture yourself listening to His words as he's preaches. Feel the cool breeze of the sea on your face as you watch Him walking on water. Feel the brush of the course dessert sands on your feet as you watch Him heal the sick. Remember the sorrow you felt as you watched Him betrayed and Crucified. And then remember the joy you felt as you beheld His Resurrection. Remember the sense of awe and majesty you felt as you witnessed His Ascension.

Now it's Pentecost. You remember what Christ promised you before He left. That He would send you The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. You feel the rush of the mighty wind! A feeling like none you've ever know; it's the Holy Spirit upon you. You are even speaking a foreign language you never spoke before! But now what? What are you supposed to do?

Then you remembered something Christ told you. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". To spread the Word of God throughout the world. To proclaim the Divinity of Jesus Christ. To live a life in Christ and to share that joy with the world.

On Pentecost Monday, at the end of the Liturgy, the Gospel is proclaimed at the at four different spots in the Church. These four spots are just like the Apostles going to the four corners of the world and sharing the Good News and Jesus Christ.

Why should I go to Church on Pentecost Monday? Because you are a disciple of Christ! You actually live the events of the Gospel out through the life of the Church. You don't have to wonder what you would have done next after the Holy Spirit came upon you. The Holy Spirit is upon you. But what will you do next?

If you are retired or on summer vacation and can come to Church, ask the Holy Spirit. "Where should I be?" He will lead right here, to St. Elizabeth's to hear the Word of God and to receive His Body and His Blood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FR. MATTHEW

- **Fast Free Week**– The week after Pentecost is a week free of fasting.
- **Pentecost Monday** - Tomorrow, on *Pentecost Monday*, at the end of the Liturgy there is a procession where the Gospel is proclaimed (read) at the four sides of the Church. Just like the Apostles, upon the descent of the Holy Spirit, went to the four corners of the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, we too in the Church, do the same! Come to Church tomorrow, and be like the Apostles, who spread the Word of God throughout the world! - **Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 AM**
- **Camp Nazareth Registration Open!**- Camp Nazareth Registration is available online. Don't hesitate to register as early as possible. There is an *early bird* discount for those who register by May 15th! Cost for Camp is not a concern, if you need any assistance please see me. I will help anyone who has trouble through the online registration process.
- **Every Little Bit Helps**– Anyone who is willing to aid in the maintenance of the Church grounds please see me. There is lots to do. Feel free to come anytime to help keep the Church property beautiful!
- **Altar Society Meeting** - Today!
- **ACRY Bowling Tournament 2016...**

From the Scriptures....

“And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

What does this mean for us today, on the feast of Pentecost....the day when the Holy Spirit was given to us for all ages? It means that the Holy Spirit is here, and that we need to acquire Him in our lives. But how to we acquire the Holy Spirit in our lives?

We must ask. Ask and He will be given! We must seek. Seek and we will find! This is the only way to receive the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

That is why we must say the O Heavenly King prayer everyday. We must ask the Holy Spirit to “Come and dwell within us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls...”



Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Phillip, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise,



Through the prayers of St. Elizabeth, the Birth-giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, may our Risen Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

