COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

The Feast Day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, commonly referred to as PENTECOST, is celebrated by our Holy Church fifty days after Pascha. This time of great rejoicing marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving these simple fishermen the strength, courage and wisdom necessary for them to spread Christ's Gospel and establish His Church throughout the world. Listen to what some of the famous Church Fathers had to say about this major feast day:

"Through the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, our return to Paradise is achieved, for we are now elevated to the Heavenly Kingdom, once more becoming children of God. Through the HOLY SPIRIT, we are able to call God our FATHER, as we become partakers of the grace of Jesus Christ, His Divine SON." -St. Basil the Great

"This day the earth became Heaven for us. Not because the stars descended to earth, but because the Apostles ascended to Heaven by the grace of the Holy Spirit, which transformed the entire world. Human nature was not changed by the coming of the Holy Spirit, but rather the direction of man's will was changed, seeking goals now of a loftier nature." -St. John Chrysostom

"Come, O Powerful One, who fulfills, transforms, and changes all things by Your will alone! Come, fill us with God's presence! Come, fill us with the power to overcome! Come, restore the image of God in us! Come, empower us to speak and work for You in the world! Come, breathe the life of God into us, immortal and everlasting! Come, Holy Spirit, come!" -St. Symeon The New Theologian

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Apolytikion of Pentecost

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Kontakion of Pentecost

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (Babel), He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.



PENTECOST

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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Acts 2:1-11

Gospel
John 7:37-52; 8:12

Attendance
6/16/24
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Holy Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

Welcome

Visiting Clergy & Guests and Members of St. Haralambos;
All who have come to celebrate the Feast Day of Holy Pentecost with us today!

2024 Ecclesiastical Award Recipients!

Woman of the Year
Panagiota Aslanides

Congratulations

Man of the Year
Tom Papadopoulos

Panagiota and Tom, along with our high school and college graduates, will be honored today at our Name Day Banquet.

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Peggy Vellios
In Loving Memory of Nick Koinoglou

Upcoming Memorials

June 30
3-Yr. Anna Karvounides/23-Yr. Yianni Karvounides and
2-Yr. Michalena Kalaitsides & Family Memorials & Coffee Hour

July 14
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Nick Koinoglou and George Vellios

July 21
10-Yr. Memorial - Evelyn Romeo
3-Yr. Memorial - Thamy Greenbaum

Condolences

Athena Pergins, age 91, fell asleep in the Lord on June 15, 2024.



May her memory be eternal!



NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on August 7, 2024.

FESTIVAL BAKING

DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – Meat for Pastitsio

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – Pastitsio

Friday, June 28, 2024 - Dolmathes

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Fengarakia

Dates Yet To Be Determined
Paximathia

FESTIVAL BAKING

The 47th Annual Grecian Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is on July 17, 18, 19, & 20. Come join us for lunch and/or dinner during these dates! Join us for outdoor activities of Food Booths and Vendors from 4pm - 10pm on Wednesday, July 17th and 11am–10pm on Thursday, and 11am-11pm Friday and Saturday. Enjoy Gyros, Souvlaki, Beer & Wine, Greek Pastries, Loukoumathes, Saganaki & More!!! **DRIVE THRU AND CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!** There will be Entertainment and Music each day, as well as opportunities to tour our Church Facility.

The Festival Taverna has a sign up sheet outside the Church Office. Workers are needed both for Lunch and Dinner and in between each day. Please sign up for a day or two if you are able! Should you have any questions, please contact Sally Rath at 330-705-2663.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, work in the kitchen, booths, food lines, and sell many items. Please consider volunteering your time, talents, or treasures!

Donation cards AND Sponsorship sheets are still available outside the Church Office to help defray the costs of our Festival. We want to keep our Grecian Festival the most popular Festival in Stark County and growing positively. **Our 2024 Donation Goal is $40,000.**



Information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*



Sunday, June 23
Pentecost Sunday
Summer Camp Week #2
Ecclesiastical Awards
Graduate Recognition
Name Day Banquet 11:30 AM

Monday, June 24
Day of the Holy Spirit
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 25
Baking - Meat for Pastitsio

Wednesday, June 26
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 27
Seniors Trip to Cleveland
Baking - Pastitsio 9:00 AM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, June 28
Baking - Dolmathes 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Baking - Fengarakia 9:00 AM
Baptism 11:30 AM
Persephonie Schrock

Sunday, June 30
Summer Camp Week #3
3-Yr. Anna Karvounides/23-Yr. Yianni Karvounides and
2-Yr. Michalena Kalaitsides & Family Memorials & Coffee Hour 11:30 AM
Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego, CA

NOTICE:

Father Nick will be out of the office June 30 - July 4 and July 7-13.

Apolytikion of the Feast.
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!

Kontakion of the Feast.
Mode pl. 4.

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations. * When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all to unity. * And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 18.4,1
Their voice has gone out into all the earth.
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

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, Pontos 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."

The Gospel According to 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." Nikodemos, 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."

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὕψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἑνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε· καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ Πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 2:1-11

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 18.4,1
Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν.
Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 2:1-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν ἅπαντεςΝ ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὥσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὤφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέν τε ἐφ' ἕνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἰερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνῆλθεν τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἷς ἕκαστος τῇ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῇ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ᾗ ἐγεννήθημεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἐλαμῖται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρῆτες καὶ Ἄραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ θεοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 7:37-52, 8:12 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν δὲ τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ τῆς ἑορτῆς εἱστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων· ἐάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ῥεύσουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὗ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὔπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφὴ εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυΐδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτὸν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἦλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· διατί οὐκ ἠγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται· οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μή τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτὸν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἷς ὢν ἐξ αὐτῶν· μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γνῷ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἕξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.