THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we celebrate the Feast of PENTECOST today, it is important that we note that this day is a fulfillment of a promise that Christ gave to His Apostles at the Last Supper. As they gathered for one final Passover meal, our Lord explained to them that although He would be leaving them, He would not be abandoning them – He would send them the Holy Spirit, Who would guide them in all things. When Jesus was about to return to His Heavenly Home, He instructed the Apostles to go back to Jerusalem and wait.

Obediently, they did what they were told. With the rushing of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit entered the Upper Room where the Apostles were patiently waiting and came into their hearts. The Holy Spirit changed them instantly from timid, fearful men into fearless witnesses for Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and shared their first-hand knowledge of the Risen Lord, and 3,000 people became Christians that very day because of what they heard.

When we think of Pentecost, there is a great danger of simply viewing it as an event that happened in the life of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit did NOT come solely to these 12 men. The Spirit comes to ALL OF US, and we are all capable of receiving the same power, enthusiasm, joy and excitement for spreading the Word of God that the Apostles were given. The Holy Spirit came to us on the day of our baptism. When we pray fervently, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Every time we come to confession, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Every time we receive the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit comes to us.

We must remember that we are given a great responsibility that goes along with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are charged to do what the Apostles were asked to do: *"Go and teach all nations!"* We know what the Apostles were able to accomplish for Christ and His Church through the Grace of the Holy Spirit. How about us? What are we doing?

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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.



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Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Acts
2:1-11

Gospel
John
7:37-52; 8:12

Attendance
6/1/25
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Holy Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

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

2025 Ecclesiastical Award Recipients!

Woman of the Year
Annamarie Spondyl

Congratulations!

Man of the Year
Peter Pergins

Annamarie and Peter, along with our high school and college graduates, will be honored **TODAY at our Name Day Banquet.**

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Betsy Lazaris and Family
In Loving Memory of Patricia St. Jean

Upcoming Memorials

June 15
Memorials & Coffee Hour - Mickey Kalaitsides (3 Yrs) and Spyro Kalaitsides (13 Yrs)

June 22
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Athena Pergins

June 29
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Dimitra Kefalas

July 6
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Katherine Zantopulos

Condolences

Patricia St. Jean, age 76, fell asleep in the Lord on June 1, 2025.

May her memory be eternal!



NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on July 30, 2025.

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the decorating of the indoor taverna and outdoor patio for our festival. This is your chance to get involved in the decorating of the tables for our festival and hopefully join this very important committee. Please contact Ellen Romeo at 330-495-3164. Please consider helping with this important aspect of our festival. Thank you!

GRAPE LEAVES PICKING TIME

Dolmathes Grape leaves are needed! Please help in the collection of leaves for this year's festival. Leaves should be the size of your outstretched palm. Pick, wash and blanche them. Place in freezer bags and put in freezer at home or bring them to the church until the date we will make them. **We need at least 7000 leaves for Tuesday, July 8** and need lots and lots of leaves to make this successful! Thank you! *The 2025 Festival Committee*



Bakers and packers are needed for each of these dates and young and older are encouraged to come! Please mark your calendars and join us to make a successful festival again this year!

Please note the REVISED SCHEDULE for this month:



Saturday, June 14 – Baklava
Thursday, June 19 – Koulourakia (Date Change)
Monday, June 23 - Pastitsio Meat Prep
Tuesday, June 24 - Pastitsio
Saturday, June 28 – Tsoureki

We will begin at 9:00 am on each of the baking dates. Please watch the bulletin and the bulletin board outside the Church Office for updates! Thank you!

The 2025 Festival Baking Committee

48th Annual Grecian Festival
July 16, 17, 18, & 19th, 2025

Please remember to send in your donation card and indicate when you are able to help with our festival!

Sign up for help with the Indoor Taverna will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office within the next week. Call Sally Rath with any questions at 330-705-2663.

Patron Ads and Sponsorships are now available for our festival. For questions, please contact Steve Lazarides at 330-806-6823 or slazarides0671@gmail.com.

Calendar for the Week

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



Sunday, June 8
Pentecost Sunday
Ecclesiastical Awards
Name Day Banquet 11:30 AM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, June 9
Day of the Holy Spirit
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Tuesday, June 10
Father Nick Away
Senior Picnic Lunch 12:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 11
Father Nick Away
No Scheduled Events

Thursday, June 12
Father Nick Away
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, June 13
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, June 14
Father Nick Away
Baking - Baklava 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 15
Father's Day
Memorials & Coffee Hour
Mickey Kalaitsides (3 Yrs) and Spyro Kalaitsides (13 Yrs)
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

NOTICE:

Father Nick will be out of the office following Liturgy June 9 through Thursday, June 12 and on June 14.

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM! SCAN ME
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

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.