

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Parish Newsletter

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THE FIFTIETH DAY – DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TRINITY SUNDAY • GREEN SUNDAY

READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF JOEL.

^{2,23} O children of Sion, exult and rejoice in the LORD, your God! He has given you the teacher of justice: he has made the rain come down for you, the early and the late rain as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵And I will repay you for the years which the locust has eaten, The grasshopper, the devourer, and the cutter, my great army which I sent among you. ²⁶You shall eat and be filled, and shall praise the name of the LORD, your God, Because he has dealt wondrously with you; my people shall nevermore be put to shame. ²⁷And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel; I am the LORD, your God, and there is no other; my people shall nevermore be put to shame.

^{3,1}Then afterward I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; ²Even upon the servants and the handmaids, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. ³And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke; ⁴The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, At the coming of the Day of the LORD, the great and terrible day. ⁵Then everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the LORD; For on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant, as the LORD has said, And in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD shall call.

PROKIMENON, Tone VIII

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; * and their words to the ends of the universe.

PSALM 18

NOTE: The sacred liturgist sees the Law of Christ shine down from the Christian sky with light for eyes of faith and warmth for the believing heart.

The heavens declare God's glory, and the work of his hands, the firmament proclaims! ²Day unto day heralds the message and night unto night makes it known.

³Neither speech nor language nor voice can one hear; ⁴yet, their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe....

⁷The Lord's law is perfect: refreshment for the soul. The Lord's words



Saturday, June 26

In conjunction with the post-Pentecost penitential season
Common Confession Rite
at 6:00 p.m.

All Saints Sunday, June 27

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

After having celebrated Pentecost, keep a FEAST for one week, and after that keep a FAST for one week [*origin of the so-called Apostles' Fast—Ed.*]; for it is right to rejoice over the Gift of God [*meaning the Descent of the Holy Spirit—Ed.*], and then to keep a fast after the time of relaxation [*of Wednesday/Friday fasting during the 50-day Paschal/Pentecost season.*].

—Apostolic Constitutions,
Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)

Happy Fathers' Day.

God grant many happy years!

As things relax around us, we must continue to be vigilant. There are over 675,000 cases of Covid-19 in Virginia. Vaccination must be seen as God's providence.

can be trusted: wisdom for the mind. ⁸The Lord's precepts are right, joy for the heart. The Lord's command is clear, light for the eyes....

¹¹So, in them your servant finds instruction, for to keep them is well worth his while. ¹²Yet, who can see his own mistakes? From the faults I cannot see, acquit me....

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart ever please you, O Lord, my rock, my savior!!

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

IN THOSE DAYS: ^{2,1}When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them flames like tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. ⁶At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were amazed, and in astonishment they asked, "Are not all these men speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? ⁹We are Parthians, Mēdes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotámia, Judéa and Kappadokía, Pontos and Asia, ¹⁰Phrýgia and Pamphýlia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Kyrēnē, as well as travelers from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Krētans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own languages of the mighty acts of God."

ALLELUIA

Psalm 32

NOTE: The Creator is all-powerful; he is the wise and mighty ruler of the world; he sees and knows all things; and he alone is the source of victory and salvation. Verse 20 expresses our confidence in God's goodness.

⁶By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and by the spirit of his mouth their starry host....

⁸Let all the earth stand in awe of the Lord; let all who inhabit the world revere him. ⁹For he spoke, and it came into being; he commanded, and it stood fast....

¹²How happy the nation the Lord, its God, has blessed, the people he has chosen as his own.

¹³From heaven the Lord looks down; he sees all the

children of men.... ¹⁸See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who revere him, on those who await his loving kindness, ¹⁹to save them from death, to sustain them in famine.

²⁰We set our hope on the Lord; he is our help and our shield. ²¹In him do our hearts find joy; in his holy name we trust. ²²May your lovingkindness rest on us, O Lord, for we place our trust in you.

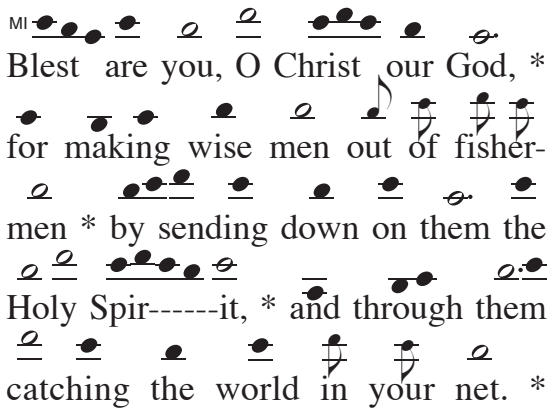
READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

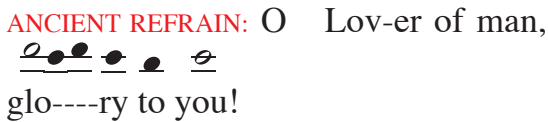
AT THAT TIME: ^{7,37} On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: *Rivers of living water will flow from within him.*" ³⁹ He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. ⁴⁰ Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he?" ⁴² Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³ So a division occurred in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴ Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. ⁴⁵ So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" ⁴⁶ The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one." ⁴⁷ So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, ⁵¹ "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" ⁵² They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

^{8,12} Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

TROPARION, Tone VIII

Greek-Church Chant

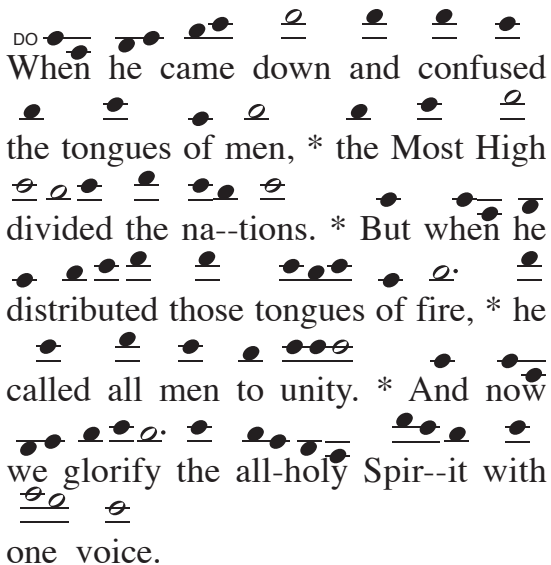
MI  Blest are you, O Christ our God, *
for making wise men out of fisher-
men * by sending down on them the
Holy Spir-----it, * and through them
catching the world in your net. *

ANCIENT REFRAIN: O Lov-er of man,

glo----ry to you!

Glory: Both now:

KONDAKION, Tone VIII

Greek-Church Chant

DO  When he came down and confused
the tongues of men, * the Most High
divided the na--tions. * But when he
distributed those tongues of fire, * he
called all men to unity. * And now
we glorify the all-holy Spir--it with
one voice.

THE ÉKTENY or FERVENT PRAYER (Ancient Penitential Litany and Prayer)

Let us all say with our whole soul,
and with our whole mind let us say:
Lord, have mercy.

O Lord almighty! O God of our fathers!
We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your great mercy!

We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray:

- For devout and Orthodox Christians.
- For our Archbishop Tikhon.
- ~For Ed and Janet and Andrea and Mildred and Ritz Bernadette, and for all who have asked for our prayers *NN...*: we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon, and remission of their sins.
- For Orthodox Christians who are made to suffer on account of Christ, and we pray for those who persecute them.
- For Orthodox Christians and indeed all men who are victims of war and civil strife [and terror], of hunger and want, of intolerance and injustice.
- For physicians, nurses, care-givers, and all serving those infected with the virus; and for the thousands who have succumbed to the disease—and for all who will die today.

PRAYER OF THE ÉKTENY

Lord our God, accept this fervent prayer from your servants, and have mercy on us according to the greatness of your mercy. Send down your compassionate help upon us and upon all your people awaiting the rich mercy that comes from you.

For you are God, merciful and loving to man, and we render glory to you—to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.