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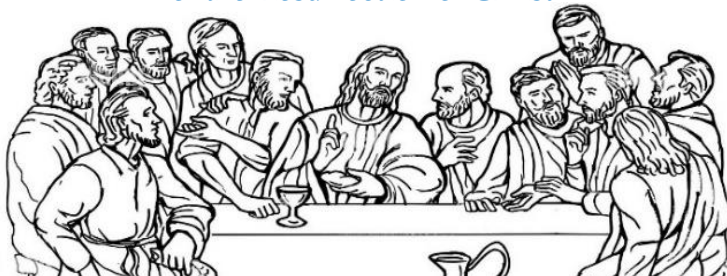
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*We invite you to a celebration
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior,
save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (Ps. 18:2)
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)
Glory ... now and ever Amen.

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (Ps. 19:3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")

The Third Antiphon

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (Ps. 20:1)

Tone 8 Troparion

**Blessed are You, O Christ our God,
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them You drew the world into Your net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to You!**



You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.

For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Entrance Verse

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power!

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Tone 8 Kontakion

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He called all to unity.// Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

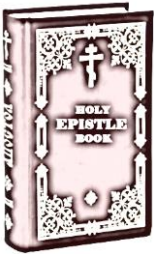
Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Pentecostarion*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

V. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.



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

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

V. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth

V. The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



The reading is from the Gospel according to St. John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of

David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Instead of “it is right in truth”

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily. Every mind is overawed by your childbearing. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

Communion Hymn

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Arlene Hawryluk, Mary C. Moon, Metro Senedak, Eleanor K. Laise, Julian Naumenko, Patricia Huly, David Scharba, John Senediak, Ann & George Klein, Sophia Karpa, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodzenko, Oleksander Dmytro. Victims of the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT,
AND SPIRITUAL PEACE**



Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Peter Borovitcky, Lorenzo, Rick Wilson, Walter Malys, Tom Drabick, Walter Duzzny, Lori, Christine Kline, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O’Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people suffering from war.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Kathleen Vuksanovich	9 Jordan Duzzny
4 David McCormick	11 Joe Novicky
4 Gayle Woloschak	12 Nichole Spencer
5 Mila Woloschak	16 Diane Senedak
5 Frank Senediak	21 Sarah Moon
6 Kaden Crown	21 Sydney Moon
6 Lisa Davis	22 Maria Battisti
7 Catie Rose Duzzny	23 Bobbi Yarosh
7 Michael Duzzny	23 Mike Moon
7 Katherine Battisti	24 Anna Ratliff
8 Nicholas Duzzny	26 Darlene Moon
9 Joe Rimedio	28 Mark C. Demetrius

Reflection on the Feast of Holy Pentecost

“The Spirit of truth... will guide you into all truth.”

- John 16:13

Fifty days after Pascha, we celebrate **Pentecost**, the day when the **Holy Spirit descended** upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire. It is often called the “**birthday of the Church**”, as the once-fearful disciples were transformed into bold witnesses, ready to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pentecost fulfills Christ’s promise:

“**You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.**” (*Acts 1:8*)

This power is not worldly, but spiritual—a divine presence that comforts, convicts, strengthens, and leads. The same Spirit that hovered over the waters at creation now fills the hearts of believers, breathing life into the Body of Christ.

This feast reminds us that we are not alone. The Holy Spirit dwells within us, animates the Church, and equips us for mission. Pentecost is not merely a historical event—it is a present reality. The fire that descended on the apostles burns still in the life of the Church.

We chant in the **Kontakion** of the feast:

“When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.”



WHY PENTECOST MATTERS TODAY:

- **Pentecost is the fulfillment of God's promise.**

Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave them as orphans. The coming of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of that promise and the continuation of Christ’s presence.

- **The Holy Spirit empowers the Church.**

The apostles, once fearful and uncertain, become bold preachers of the Gospel. That same Spirit empowers **us** today for ministry, witness, and love.

- **The Church is born in unity and diversity.**

At Babel, languages divided; at Pentecost, languages united. The Spirit forms one Church from many nations and peoples, calling all to unity in Christ.

- **Each believer receives the Holy Spirit.**

Through Baptism and Chrismation, we too receive the same Holy Spirit who descended at Pentecost—guiding us, strengthening us, and sanctifying our lives.

- **The Spirit continues to guide us.**

Christ promised the Spirit would lead us into all truth. In every generation, the Church depends not on human wisdom but on the Spirit's direction.

- **Pentecost is the reversal of fear.**

The apostles locked themselves away in fear—Pentecost opened the doors. When we allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, fear gives way to courage, hope, and joy.

- **The Spirit gives gifts for the building up of the Church.**

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (*1 Cor. 12:7*). We are called not just to receive, but to **use** our gifts for God's glory.

- **The Christian life is a Spirit-filled life.**

We are temples of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost calls us to a daily life of prayer, discernment, and surrender to God's will.

- **The Spirit leads us into holiness.**

Pentecost is not only about power—it's about transformation. The fire of the Spirit purifies, renews, and makes us more like Christ.

- **Pentecost is a call to mission.**

Just as the apostles went out to preach and baptize, so we are sent into the world to live the Gospel, proclaim Christ, and bear witness to God's love.

Come, Holy Spirit!

The Feast of Pentecost invites us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit—to be renewed, refreshed, and rekindled with divine fire. As we proclaim the joy of Pascha, may we also live in the power of Pentecost, allowing the Spirit to move in us, through us, and among us.

Let our lives echo the prayer of the Church:

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*O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are everywhere present and fill all things,
Treasury of blessings and Giver of life,
Come and dwell within us,
And cleanse us of all impurity,
And save our souls, O Good One.*

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Orthodox Christianity 101

PENANCE (Hoily Confession)

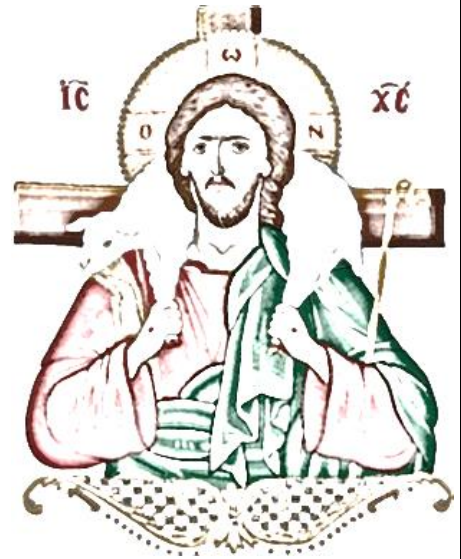
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matt.3:2). With these words, first uttered by St John the Baptist, Jesus Christ began His own mission (Matt.4:17). Christianity was from the very beginning a call to repentance, to conversion, to a 'change of mind' (*metanoia*). A radical transformation of one's entire way of life and thought, a renovation of the mind and senses, a rejection of sinful deeds and thoughts, a transfiguration of the human person: these are the main elements of Christ's message.

The pattern for repentance is set by Jesus Christ in his parable of the prodigal son (see Luke 15:11-24). Having lived a sinful life 'in a far country', that is, far away from God, the prodigal son, after many tribulations, comes to himself and decides to return to his Father. Repentance begins with his conversion ('came to himself'), which is then transformed into determination to return ('I will arise and go'), and finishes with his return to God ('he arose and came'). This is followed by confession ('Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'), which results in forgiveness ('Bring quickly the best robe'), adoption ('this my son'), and spiritual resurrection ('was dead, and is alive again'). Repentance is therefore a dynamic process, a way towards God, rather than a mere act of recognizing one's sins.

Every Christian has all of his sins forgiven in the sacrament of Baptism. However, 'there is no man who shall live and sin not'. Sins committed after Baptism deprive the human person of the fulness of life in God. Hence the necessity of the 'second Baptism', the expression use by the church Fathers for repentance, emphasizing its purifying, renovating and sanctifying energy.

The sacrament of Penance is spiritual healing for the soul. Every sin, depending on its gravity, is for the soul either a small injury, a deep wound, sometimes a serious disease, or perhaps even a fatal illness. In order to be spiritually healthy, the human person must regularly visit his father-confessor, a spiritual doctor: 'Have you sinned? Go to church and repent in your sin... Here is a physician, not a judge. Here nobody is condemned, but everybody receives forgiveness of sins', says St John Chrysostom.

From the very beginning of Christianity, it was the duty of the apostles, and then of bishops and presbyters, to hear the confessions and to give absolution. Christ said to His apostles: 'Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven' (Matt.18:18). The power of 'binding and loosing', which was given to the apostles and through them to bishops and priests, is manifested in the absolution which the priest gives to the one who repents on behalf of God.



But why is it necessary to confess sins to a priest, a fellow human being? Is it not enough to tell God everything and receive absolution from Him? In order to answer this question, one should be reminded that in the Christian Church a priest is only a 'witness' to God's presence and action: it is not the priest who acts in liturgical celebrations and in the sacraments, but God Himself. The confession of sins is always addressed to God, and forgiveness is also received from Him. In promoting the idea of confession before a priest, the Church has always taken into account a psychological factor: one might not feel quite as ashamed before God about one's sins, but it is always embarrassing to reveal one's sins before a fellow human being. Moreover, the priest is also a spiritual director, a counsellor who can offer advice on how to avoid particular sins in the future. The sacrament of Penance is not limited to a mere confession of sins. It also presupposes recommendations, or sometimes *epitimia* (penalties) on the part of the priest. It is primarily in the sacrament of Penance that the priest acts in his capacity of spiritual father.

If the penitent deliberately conceals any of his sins, whether out of shame or for any other reason, the sacrament would not be considered valid. Thus, before the beginning of the rite, the priest warns that the confession must be sincere and complete: 'Be not ashamed, neither be afraid, and conceal thou nothing from me... But if thou shalt conceal anything from me, thou shalt have the greater sin'. The forgiveness of sins that is granted after confession is also full and all-inclusive. It is a mistake to believe that only the sins enumerated during confession are forgiven. There are sins which we do not see in ourselves, and there are some, or many, that we simply forget. All these sins are also cleansed by God so long as our confession is sincere. Otherwise total forgiveness would never be possible for anyone, as it is not possible for the human person to know *all* of his sins or to be a *perfect* judge of himself.

The importance of frequent confession might be illustrated by the fact that those who come for confession very rarely are usually unable to see their sins and transgressions clearly. Some who come to a priest would say things such as: 'I live like everybody else'; 'I haven't done anything special'; 'I did not kill anyone'; 'There are those who are worse than I am'; and even 'I have no sins'. On the contrary, those who come regularly for confession always find many faults in themselves. They recognize their sins and try to be liberated from them. There is a very simple explanation for this phenomenon. As dust and dirt are seen only where there is light but not in darkness, so someone perceives his sins only when he approaches God, the unapproachable Light. The closer one is to God, the clearer he sees his sins. As long as someone's soul continues to be a *camera obscura*, his sins remain unrecognized and consequently unhealed.



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



* (HEARING **CONFESSIONS** ON SUNDAYS BEFORE LITURGY 8:30AM - 9:15AM)

- Sunday, June 8, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 8th Sunday, PENTECOST - Trinity Sunday**
First Confession.
- Sunday, June 15, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 1th Sunday after Pentecost**
Recognition of our Parish Graduates. Fellowship for the **Graduates/Father's Day**
- Sunday, June 22, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
- Sunday, June 29, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
- Sunday, July 6, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 4th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Sunday, July 13, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 5th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Sunday, July 20, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 6th Sunday after Pentecost**
– **Sts Peter & Paul Parish Feast Day**

Upcoming dates & events

- June 8 - **First Confession.**
- June 15 - **Recognition of our Parish Graduates.** Fellowship for the **Graduates/Father's Day**
- June 19 – **Parish Board Meeting**
- July 12 – **Christmas in July Sisterhood party at noon at Rachel's.**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On May 25	On June 1
General:	\$ 1561.00	\$ 1606.50
Renovation:	\$ 84.00	\$ 136.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00

Bulletin Dedication

(in memory of a loved one, or in honor for the anniversary)

Sun June 1	Sun June 8	Sun June 15	Sun June 22	Sun June 29
1. Available	1. Dedicated	1. Dedicated	1. Available	1. Available
2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available
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1. Available	1. Available	1. Available	1. Available	
2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	

For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830 Fr Mykola

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS:



- Let it be known to you of the Impending Marriage of
Peter Majetich, son of Steven & Elaine Majetich
with **Katherine Anderson**, daughter of David & Anna Anderson
The wedding is June 28, 2025.



• **Congratulations on Your First Confession!**

ADDISON RATLIFF, ZACH MCCORMICK,
NICK YAROSH, AND ETHAN RHODES.

May this sacred step in your spiritual journey bring peace to your heart and draw you closer to God's love and mercy. As you open your heart to Christ, may you always feel His forgiveness, grace, and guidance.

We are proud of you and rejoice with you on this special day. May it be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with our loving Lord.

God bless you always!

- With love and prayers, Father Mykola & Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Family

• **Congratulations to Catcher Temnick on receiving the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation!**

Today is a joyful beginning—a new life in Christ!
We are overjoyed to welcome you into the family of the Church.

Through the sacred waters of Baptism, you are clothed in Christ, and through the Holy Chrism of Chrismation, you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. May God's light always shine brightly in your heart, and may you continue to grow in faith, love, and joy every day of your life.



- With blessings, Fr Mykola & Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish Family



• **Orphanage Mission Ministry Strudel Sale Fundraiser**

The Orphanage Mission Ministry of Sts Peter & Paul would like to thank our parish and our community for your continued support.

Through strudel purchases and monetary donations, we are able to donate \$2,000.00 to assist these precious children. God bless you for your efforts!

- The Orphanage Mission Ministry

• **Bingo to Help fight Breast Cancer**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parish bingo ministry and local community for the hard work, continued generosity and support.

Through your enthusiastic participation in our Bingo Night and generous contributions, we are thrilled to announce that \$2,300.00 has been raised for the Joanie Abdu Breast Care Center! Your kindness helps bring hope, healing, and vital care to those in need. May God richly bless you for your compassion and your commitment to making a difference.



- Parish Bingo Team

• **Congratulations to Zachary McCormick
on his First Confession**

Congratulations to Zachary McCormick
on his First Holy Confession.

May God bless him always!

- Love, Mom, Dad, Avery
and Grandparents Linda & Greg Pupa.



• **Congratulations to Crystal Walkowicz on her retirement**



This year marks the end of Crystal's 34 year career of teaching special education students at Campbell Memorial High School. Each of her students wrote her a letter telling her how much she meant to them. She has her students for 4 years so they grow close to her. Many of them wrote that not only was she a great teacher but also like a mother. Some of letters even choked me up. What they enjoyed most was when Crystal would read to them, then followed up the story by showing them the movie. Therefore she bought each of them the book "To Kill a Mockingbird" a story they enjoyed very much. Tomorrow starts the next phase of her life.

I am very proud to be her husband. May God Grant her many happy retirement years. Campbell Memorial has lost a great teacher.
- Michael Walkowicz, *husband*

• **Congratulations to Ethan and Sarah Rhodes
on receiving the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation!**

On June 1st you have marked the beginning of a sacred journey in Christ. Ethan, as you are baptized, you are clothed with new life in Christ. Sarah, through Chrismation, you receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. Together, you step fully into the life of the Church, embraced by the love and prayers of your parish family.

May the light of God always guide your hearts, and may your lives be filled with faith, hope, and love. It is a true joy and blessing for all of us to witness this special moment in your spiritual life.

With prayerful love and blessings,
*Fr. Mykola and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian
Orthodox Church Family*

