

Weekly Schedule

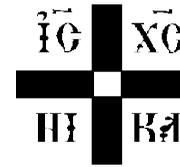
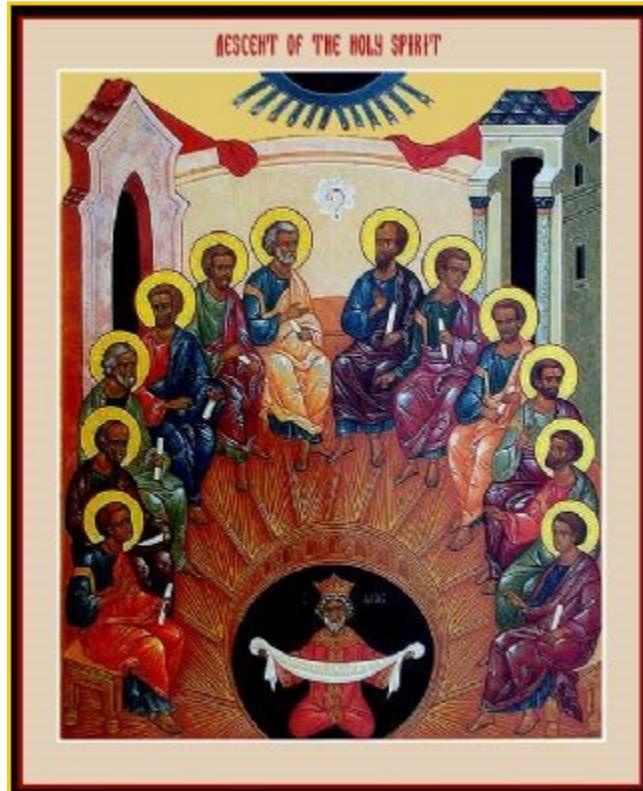
Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Great Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end - the achievement and fulfillment - of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast.

Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.



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Call to arrange sacraments, services,
instruction, counseling, home visits, sick
calls.

Troparion (Tone 8)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God;
for You have shown the fishermen to
be most wise by sending down on
them the Holy Spirit and through them
catching all the world in Your net.//
Glory to You, O good God Who love
mankind!

Kontakion (Tone 8)

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

May 23, 2010
8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 7.
HOLY PENTECOST.

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Brendan, John, Margaret, Pellack family,
James, Julia, James, All parishioners at
Holy Assumption. **May God Grant
Them Many Years!**

Helen, Anna, Julia, Anna, Anne, George.
All those parishioners who have fallen
asleep. **May Their Memories Be Eter-
nal!**

Glory to God For All Things!

Epistle Reading

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.

Gospel Reading

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. Nicodemus (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."

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

Month of Evangelism

We've entered our "Month of Evangelism," here at Holy Assumption. Look for a special bulletin insert next week. As well, I would ask that everyone of you invite someone to attend our services sometime this month. This is the key to our growth—your willingness to invite others to partake of the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

NYC or Bust

Our youth are planning for a trip to NYC on June 26-27, which will include a visit to the American Museum of Natural History and to St. Vladimir's Seminary.

Church Cleaning, Coffee Hour, and Reading Schedule

Our sign-up sheets for the above have been looking a bit bare lately. Please do volunteer some time.

Benefit Concert

A concert to benefit the Covenant House, an organization that works with homeless youth, will be held at the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross in Medford, NJ, this evening at 7:00p.m. Please see the flier on our bulletin board and/or speak to Alex Petkas for more information.