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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha Holy Pentecost – Feast of the Holy Trinity**

**The feast of Pentecost in the old testament is celebrated by the Israelites after their Passover. Moses received the Ten Commandments from God 50 days after their Passover and their safe passage and the freeing from the Egyptian bondage. Thus they saw the law of the commandments as a gift from God. For us Christians, Passover is the celebrating of Christ's victory over death by his death and glorious resurrection, and therefore in this Passover we celebrate the gift that Christ gave us in uniting us back to the father.**

**Consequently, the term Pentecost takes on a whole new meaning for us in receiving the very Spirit of God that will Guide us and be with us till the end of time. Saint Nikodemos of the holy mountain tells us, "The grace of the Holy Spirit which is given mystically to every Christian when he is baptized acts and is manifested in proportion to our obedience to the commandments of the Lord. That is, if a Christian obeys the commandments of the Lord more, grace acts with him more, while if he obeys them less, grace acts within him less. Just as a spark, when covered in the ashes of fire becomes increasingly manifest as one removes the ashes, and the more fire wood you put the more the fire burns, so the grace that has been given to every Christian through Holy Baptism is hidden in the heart and covered up by the passions and sins, and the more a man acts in accordance with the commandments of Christ, the more he is cleansed of the passions and the more the fire of Divine grace lights in his heart, illumines and deifies him."**

**Tone 8 Troparion**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Troparion ST. George:You were.....Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

**Tone 8 Kontakion**

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.

**Kontakion St.George...Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Steadfast protectress of Christian (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. (Ps. 18:1)

**Epistle** (3) Acts 2:1-11

**Tone 1** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **V.** *By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps. 32:6)***V.** *The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps. 32:13)*

**Gospel** (27) John 7:37-52; 8:12

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)* Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily. Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

**Communion Hymn:** Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path! *(Ps. 142:12a)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Orthodox Saints Quotes

“Everything that breathes, breathes by air and cannot live without air; similarly all reasonable free creatures live by the Holy Spirit, as though by air, and cannot live without Him. “Every soul is quickened by the Holy Spirit.” Recognize that the Holy Spirit stands in the same relation to your soul as air stands in relation to your body. The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who fills the whole universe, passes through all believing, meek, humble, good, and simple human souls, dwelling in them, vivifying and strengthening them. He becomes one spirit with them and everything to them – light, strength, peace, joy, success in their undertakings, especially in a pious life, and everything good – “going through all understanding, pure and most subtle spirits” (Wisdom of Solomon vii, 23). “We have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (I Cor. xii.13). All pious people are filled with the Spirit of God similarly as a sponge is filled with water.”+ **St. John of Kronstadt**

“But as the old Confusion of tongues was laudable, when men who were of one language in wickedness and impiety, even as some now venture to be, were building the Tower; for by the confusion of their language the unity of their intention was broken up, and their undertaking destroyed; so much more worthy of praise is the present miraculous one. For being poured from One Spirit upon many men, it brings them again into harmony. And there is a diversity of Gifts, which stands in need of yet another Gift to discern which is the best, where all are praiseworthy.”

+ **St. Gregory Nazianzen**

“Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all “fulness of blessing,” both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment.”+ **St. Basil the Great**

+ **prayers for the livings:** Archbishop Benjamin, Luca Nicholas, Grace and her parents, Daniel, Abbot Tryphon, the child of God Monika, Nick, Sam, Marleen and thier Family, Ruth, Debrutu, Alex Janice and their family Janice, Elizabeth, Daniel and their children, Vaso, Angela, Sonya and Dragosh, Timothy, Eric & Betsy and their Children, Michael, Eva, Sharalyn, Salwa & Steven, Adrian and his family, Mihali and Sophia, Marin, Maximos, and jonette, and Maximos.

**Prayers for the Departed:** all the orthodox that lies here and there sleep in the Lord.

### REMINDER

\*\*\* Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> after reader vesper, we will have a Panakita for the soul of our beloved departed

\*\*\* Fr. Boris will be serving the Divine Liturgy this Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we also will be celebrating Father's day this Sunday with a BBQ. Please remember the Guide lines set up by our Archbishop, with regard to being vaccinated and face mask Policy

In CHRIST, always!