

Special Hymns for Holy Pentecost & Father's Day

Today's Entrance Hymn:

Be exalted, O Lord, in your power. We will sing and praise Your mighty deeds. Save us, O Good Comforter, we sing to you alleluia.

Apolitikion:

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made wise men of poor fishermen by sending down upon them Your Holy Spirit, and through them You caught the whole world. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion:

Once when He descended and confounded the tongues, the most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity, and with one accord we glorify the All Holy Spirit.

Trisagios Hymn:

Those who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ for evermore. Alleluia.

Megalynarion:

You conceived and gave birth in virginity; the Word who created all, though You became incarnate. O Mother who knew not man, Virgin Theotokos, the boundless One was held by You, the dwelling of Your infinite Creator: we magnify You.

Communion Hymn:

Let Your good spirit lead me along a path that is sure, a path that is sure and straight. Alleluia.

O Radiant Light

O radiant light of holy glory, the immortal Father, heavenly and holy, blessed Jesus Christ. And now that we have come to the setting of the sun with all the light of eventide, we praise You the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. It is worthy at all times to praise You, with voices of holy song O Son of God and giver of life, of life the world does glorify, glorify You.

Who is So Great a God?

Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who works wonders alone.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ

Εισοδικον

Υψώθητι Κύριε εν τή δυνάμει σου, άσωμεν καί ψαλούμεν τάς δυναστείας σου. Σώσον ημάς Παράκλητε αγαθέ, Ψάλλοντάς Σοι Αλληλούια.

Απολυτικιον

Ευλογητός ει Χριστε ο Θεός ημών ο πανσόφους τούς αλιείς αναδείξας, καταπέμψας αυτοίς τό Πνεύμα τό Αγιον, καί δι'αυτόν τήν οικουμένην σαηνευσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον

Οτε καταβάς τάς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν έθνη ο Υψιστος. Οτε του πυρός τάς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εις ενότητα πάντας εκάλεσε. Καί συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τό πανάγιον Πνεύμα

Αντι Τρισαγιου

Οσοι εις Χριστον εβαπτισθητε, Χριστον ενεδυσασθε. Αλληλουια

Μεγαλυνάριον

Μή τής φθοράς διαπείρα κυοφορήσασα καί παντεχνήμονι Λόγω σάρκα δανείσασα, Μήτηρ απειρανδρε, παρθένε Θεοτόκε, δοχείον τού αστέκτου χωρίον τού απείρου πλαστουργού σου, σέ μεγαλύνωμεν.

Κοινωνικόν

Τό Πνεύμα σου τό αγαθόν οδηγήσει με εν τή ευθεία. Αλληλούια

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 19 Holy Pentecost & Father's Day

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 (Red Book, page 62)

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12 (Red Book, page 63)

Acolytes: Group 3 (Seraphim): A. Lountzis, A. Midouhas, A. Marmarou, E. Polyak, N. Lountzis, P. Daglis, J. Radwanski, A. Tilley, A. Lynch, C. Sasaran, N. Radwanski, N Rohm, N. Kiritsis, E. Kiritsis

Council Members Welcoming: Tony Phyrillas
Kim Shunk

Council Members Ushering: Harry Dialectos
Gus Kotsakis

40 Day Blessing: Son of James & Maria Savant

Fellowship Sponsors: Mrs. Marilyn Holden and
Christopher & Mary Harris

Fellowship Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Harris
Mrs. Victoria Hatzas

Monday, June 20

Opportunity House at 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday

Sunday, June 19 All Saints Day

Orthros at 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 9:15 a.m.

Acolytes: Group 4 (Archangels): V. Phyrillas, A. Futrick, M. Faust, A. Futrick, Jr. , G. Koumaras, T. Siegel, K. Schlageter, T. Hunsicker, A. Karetas, J. Wagner, C. Hunsicker, C. Kraras

Announcements

Summer Camp - GOYA: July 10-16. Cost is \$500. (Contact Father Tom for financial aid). Register online at www.pittsburgh.goarch.com. (Follow the link to register).

Fightin' Phils Night: Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Treat yourself to an evening of fun with your family and exciting post game fireworks. Contact Ann Kraras (annkraras@comcast.net or 610-376-2184 by Friday, June 24 with the exact # of complimentary tickets needed. There will be (optional) postgame discussions with players about their faith for any who are interested.

Save the Dates:

- **VBS** is August 22-26. Please contact: Marisa Hunsicker marisa1976@comcast.net
- The **Church Picnic** is August 21st at St Benedict's Picnic Grove

In the Hospital (Remember in Prayer)

Reading: Kallie English
Lawrence Medaglia
Harry Pappas
Georgios Kakalelis
Christine Georgeadis



The Trinity

Pentecost, on June 19 this year, is also the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It's a good day to consider this question: How can God be One and Undivided, as Christians claim, and at the same time be three distinct Persons, as Christians also claim?

Part of the answer is that this is how God has shown Himself to be in Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. The Book of Genesis is one example of this. The second verse of the book says that "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" at the time of creation.

Then, in 1:26, God says, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness." This verse with its plural "our" is

what the Gospel writer John is referring to when he writes, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing

was made that was made" (1:3). John is describing Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as co-creator with the Father.

So the Bible clearly establishes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the three Persons of the Trinity. Yet some Biblical commentators contend that when God speaks in Genesis about making man "in our image" He is addressing not Christ, but the beings who surround Him in heaven, the members of the heavenly court.

This contention doesn't really make sense. The angels and the beings around God are still created by Him. They can bear His image, but they cannot share it as His equals by nature any more than we can. They too are creatures, even though they are privileged to stand before their Maker in heaven.

Father Alexander Schmemmann, writing about the Creed in "Celebration of Faith" Volume I, gives the other part of the answer. He says that God **MUST** be a Trinity of Persons:

"We believe in one God, but not in a God who is alone, not in a God who is self-centered, not in a God who lives in and for Himself. God is love, Christianity says. But to love is to be turned towards the Other, and at its most exalted, to love is to surrender to Him. The Father, says the Gospel, loves the Son and gives everything to Him. The Son, says the Gospel, loves the Father and gives Himself totally to Him. Finally, the Holy Spirit is this gift of love itself, this love itself as gift, joy, fullness, existence, thirst and quenching of thirst, giving and receiving.

And through this love, through this giving, God creates the world, calls each of us into life, makes each of us beloved and bestows His love, His Spirit, so that each can partake of divine Life. Thus we pray to the Spirit: 'Come and abide in us'...And in answer He comes to abide in us, to lead us, as Christ promised, into all truth...to give us eternal life.

This then is the radiant mystery of Christian faith, the mystery of God who is Trinity, the God who is Love."

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