

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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May 31, 2015 – Pentecost (Trinity Sunday): The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Today's Saints

Apostle Hermas (of the Seventy); Martyr Hermias of Comana; Martyr Philosophus of Alexandria

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy & “Kneeling Prayers”

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)
Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-Day Altar Vigils offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Royer (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our annual “Spaghetti & Meatball” dinner is today at 11:30 AM. Reminder that the summer schedule, in which morning services will start at 9:00 AM, begins next weekend. Fr. Sophrony shall be away on vacation June 8-22, 2015. A substitute priest will celebrate Divine Liturgy on the two Sundays during his absence—June 14th and June 21st. In the event of an emergency, call Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.

Upcoming Services

June 6-7, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on the Fiftieth Day after Pascha The Great Feast of Pentecost

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands. Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaims knowledge. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee. Refrain: Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia. Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten. (Refrain) The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... "O, Only-begotten Son and Word of God..."

THE THIRD ANTIPHON O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. (Troparion of the Feast) The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. (Troparion of the Feast) Thou went before him with goodly blessings; Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stones. (Troparion of the Feast) He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages. (Troparion of the Feast)

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE FEAST Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia. • Now sing the festal troparion and kontation in the following order:

TROPARION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

- Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

THE EPISTLE The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (2:1-11) When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one

heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

THE GOSPEL The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE SEVEN

O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

COMMUNION HYMN FOR PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the land of uprightness. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Troparion of Pentecost.
- NOTE: After "Blessed be the Name of the Lord ..." (thrice), the three Kneeling Prayers with their litanies shall be said.
- Divine Liturgy concludes with the Festal Dismissal