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June 12, 2011

8th Sunday of Pascha.

HOLY PENTNECOST

- 8:40am – Hours
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy & Vespers

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

- Panikhida – in memory of newly departed Andrew Bacsik.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour in memory of newly departed Andrew Bacsik.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

6:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - All Saints.

8:40am - Hours

9:00am - Divine Liturgy

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The Trinity

Pentecost 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:

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, George Makara, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

"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."

Today's Memorial Offering



- Church Bread and Wine – in memory of Julianne and Andrew Bacsik – offered by Terry Cimboric.



Announcements

❖ Our parish name's day picnic is coming! Reserve this date: **Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 6:00pm.** Everyone is welcome. If you can, please bring dish to share. There is a sign-up list at the candle desk. Hot dogs, hamburgers and kielbasa will be provided. Let us celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saints!

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours are: June 26 – sponsored by RBO; July 10 – by Wasilewski Family.

❖ Available at the candle desk are **memorial candles, Altar bread and wine** to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

❖ **A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards** available at the candle stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at NO COST to you.

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.