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Sunday of the Holy Pentecost

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 1

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion, Tone 4

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.

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
Psalm 18.4,1**

**Their voice has gone out into all the earth.
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.**

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they 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, Pontos 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 According to John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart 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, some 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 of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, 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."



Word of the week – Reflection

„The most important thing in the spiritual life is to strive to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. It changes our lives (above all inwardly, not outwardly). We will live in the same house, in the same circumstances, and with the same people, but our life will already be different. But this is possible only under certain conditions: if we find the time to pray fervently, with tears in our eyes. From the morning to ask for God’s blessing, that a prayerful attitude may define our entire day.”

„The earthly life is for us a continual Judgment of God. If we follow Christ’s commandments, then the Grace of the Holy Spirit will come to us; but when we embark on them (even in small ways), God leaves us and we feel that abandonment about which outsiders do not even know. They do not understand what abandonment by God is.” “The Christian’s great tragedy is the inability to find a spiritual father. Laymen are themselves guilty in this, if they are unwilling to listen to the words of their spiritual instructors.”

“Life without Christ is tasteless, sad, and forlorn.”

All of us, at every moment of our lives, are in absolute need of Divine grace,

which is given to man through pain and effort. When we pray in the morning, pray in the evening, and pray every moment – then we have the right to say: ‘Lord, do not leave me; help me.’”

“It is essential to read the Gospel, that incomparable book. Then our life will be built up on the basis of the Word of God. And we will begin to think and make decisions in the spirit of the Divine commandments. How beautiful, when one begins to think like the Creator of this world!”

“When we begin to lead the Christian life, all our labor, all our struggle [podvig] is directed towards accepting even our enemies with love. In this consists the Christian’s martyric witness.”

Arch. Sophrony Sakharov from Essex Monastery, UK. Arh. Sophrony was best known as the disciple and biographer of St Silouan the Athonite and compiler of St Silouan's works.

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“If we know that the person we are talking to might die from one moment to the next and that the sound of our voice, the content of the words, the gesture that we do, the way we address, our intentions might be the last things perceived by her/him and which would take them with themselves forever in eternity, how

careful, caring, loving we really would + Metropolitan Anthony Bloom.
be.”



Liturgical Schedule for this week

Monday <i>May,28</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am	Matins Divine Liturgy – Holy Trinity
Wednesday <i>May,30</i>	6:00 pm	Paraklesis
Friday <i>June,1</i>	6:00 am	Akathist
Saturday <i>June,2</i>	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Vespers
Sunday <i>June,3</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am	Matins Divine Liturgy

Announcements:

- **Monday June 4th - St. Peter and Paul (Apostles) Fast Begins**
– No dairy, eggs or meat are allowed. Saturday and Sunday during this fast period fish is allowed.
- **Confession is every Christian duty** and it should be made at least four times per year especially during the fasting period (ideal every month) – call Fr. John for appointments.
- **Sunday June 3rd – Cook out - Extended coffee hours** – hamburgers, hot dogs, other goodies and a lot of fun.
- Coffee hour sponsored by **Joseph and Evangelia Collazo**.

