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**Trinity Sunday
Pentecost**

Troparion of the Feast: Tone 4

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You.

Kontakion of the Feast: Tone 4

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men at Babel, He divided the nations. When He dispensed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity,

and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.

**Prokeimenon. Mode 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."



Traditions for Pentecost

According to tradition, this is the day that the Holy Spirit

descended to the apostles. Jesus' disciples all gathered together when all of a sudden, a sound was heard from the sky, as though from a strong wind. Languages emerged at that moment and converged on each of the disciples. They all began to speak in different tongues. Multilingualism was revealed unto them so that they could preach Christ's teachings among various peoples.

The Holy Church prays for the Holy Spirit's gift of grace to all those present, as well as to our previously deceased fathers and brethren so that they, too, may join in the Kingdom of Glory in the land of the living.

On this day, Orthodox Christians decorate their homes and churches with green wall nuts leaves (Romanian's tradition) or birch branches (Russian's tradition) and flowers. This custom comes from the Old Testament Church when homes and synagogues were decorated in green on the Pentecost in memory of the day when everything blossomed and turned green after Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

These blossoming branches symbolize how human souls blossom into seeds of virtue under God's grace. On this day, congregations gathered for mass in churches with

tree branches and homes were decorated with wall nuts or birch branches.



Quotes from the Saints

When the soul knows the love of God by the Holy Spirit, then he clearly feels that the Lord is our own Father, the closest, dearest Father, the best. And there is not greater happiness that to love God with all the mind and heart, and our neighbor as ourself. And when this love is in the soul, then all things bring joy to the soul.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, IX.15)

No matter how much we may study, it is not possible to come to know God unless we live according to His commandments, for God is not know by science, but by the Holy Spirit. Many philosophers and learned men came to the belief that God exists, but they did not know God. It is one thing to belief that God exists and another to know Him. If someone has come to know God by the Holy Spirit, his soul will burn with love for God day and night, and his soul cannot be bound to any earthly thing.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, VIII.3)

Consider that the Holy Spirit lives in the spiritual father, and He will tell you what to do. But if you think that the spiritual father live negligently,

and that the Holy Spirit can't live in him, you will suffer mightily for such a thought, and the Lord will humble you, and you will straightway fall into delusion.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, II.1)



Liturgical Schedule

Monday <i>June, 5</i>	8:30am 9:30am	Matins Divine Liturgy Holy Trinity
Wednesday <i>June, 7</i>	6:00pm	Paraklesis of Theotokos
Saturday <i>June, 10</i>	6:00pm	No Divine Liturgy –Fr. John will serve in St. C-tin Brancoveanu’s Romanian Church - CT Vespers
Sunday <i>June, 11</i>	8:30am 9:30am	Matins Divine Liturgy

Announcements:

- June 11 – Special Coffee Hours - **Cook out**
- June 11 - **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 and House Blessing upon request



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