

We Welcome You to:
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A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation in our services. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, having prepared themselves through regular CONFESSION, prayer and fasting, are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We earnestly look forward to the day when unity in the faith, life and worship of all Christians will have been achieved. In the meantime, we encourage visitors to join with us in our prayers and hymns. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Feel free to ask questions before or after the services and, if you like, sign our guest book and fill out a request card. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Center after Liturgy. We want our visitors who are not Orthodox to receive the blessed bread after the Liturgy and to venerate the Cross if you wish.

To prepare properly for holy communion, we should fast from food and drink from 12:00 at night until reception of communion. Exceptions are made for those who need food and drink to take medication and for other age related difficulties and infirmities. If you have any specific questions please see Fr. Anthony personally.

CONFESSIONS: Before and after Vespers on Saturday 5:00PM
(Confession may be available on Sunday morning if needed as well.)

MATINS: 9:00AM on Sundays

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15AM ON Sundays

Feast Days: Vespereal Divine Liturgy – 6:30PM

Saint John Chrysostom Orthodox Church strives to serve those in the greater Fort Wayne community who seek fullness of truth and life in Jesus Christ; through the meaningful worship, the unchanging doctrines, and the joyful communion experienced in Holy Apostolic Tradition.



LITURGICAL TEXTS FOR SUNDAY

June 14, 2009

All Saints Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 8 / Eothinon 1

Saints of the Day: Prophet Elisha; Methodios the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos; Cyril, bishop of Crete

During the Little Entrance: The troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8

Tone 8

The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 193; Kazan, Sun. Mat., 30)

From the heights thou didst descend O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

The Entrance Hymn(Eisodikon):

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

After the Entrance we chant:

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Tone 4

All Saints (Nassar, 1023)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the body of thy Martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying, Turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. John Chrysostom

Grace has shone forth from thy mouth like fire, illuminating the inhabited world. Thou have treasured for the world the treasures of silver-hating and revealed to us the sublimity of humility. Wherefore, O Educator, by thy words, O John the golden-mouthed, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

طروبارية القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم (باللحن الثامن)

لقد بزغتِ النعمة من فمك مثل النار، فأثارت المسكونة ووضعت للعالم كنوزَ عَدَمِ حُبِّ الفِضَّةِ، وأوضحت لنا سُمُوَّ الإِتِّضاعِ، يا أيُّها الأبُّ المؤدَّبُ بأقوالِهِ يوحناُ الذهبيُّ الفمُ، فتشفع إلى الكلمةِ المسيحِ الإلهِ، في خلاصِ نفوسِنَا

Tone 8

Kontakion for All Saints (Nassar, 1024)

Unto thee, O Lord, the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do thou preserve in peace profound thy Church, O most merciful One.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (All Saints Sunday)

SUNDAY OF ALL THE SAINTS Gradual, Tone VIII

God is marvelous in his saints.

Verse: Bless the Lord in the congregations.

Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews (c.11 v. 33-39; c. 12, v. 1-2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, lived righteously, received new promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, found strength in their time of trial, became mighty in war put foreign armies to flight.

Some returned to their women from certain death as if by resurrection. Some were tortured, but refused to accept their release, because they wanted to inherit a better life after their resurrection.

Others endured derision, floggings, chains, and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawed asunder, they were tortured, they were put to the sword. They went about in sheepskins, and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated by the world, which was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts, in mountains, in caves, and in the holes of the earth.

Yet, all these martyrs, although well attested by their faith, have not obtained the divine promises. Because God had provided something better for all of us. He wanted us all to reach the fulfillment of our hopes together.

Gospel

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 (All Saints Sunday)

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The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

The Lord saith to his disciples: So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on his twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands; for my name's sake, will receive manifold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

7.) The Megalynarion: "It is truly meet ..."

8.) The Koinonikon: "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: Praise becometh the upright. Alleluia." (Nassar, 1026)

9.) Post-Communion: "We have seen the true Light ...", as usual. ONCE.

10.) At the Great Dismissal we say, "May He Who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, ... Through the prayers...".

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009 –

THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED BY MIKE AND ASEEL ZAWAHRI FOR THE HEALTH OF MIKE, ASEEL, ELAINA, BASSAM, IBTISAM, AFFAF, FEDA AND FOR ALL THOSE IN THE ZAWAHRI, HALASA, HEINY AND CONNOR FAMILIES.

FOR GENEVIEVE DEEB, DON SCHENKENBERGER, ALEX TSIGULOFF

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN PHILIP AND HIS GRACE BISHOP MARK – FR. ANTHONY AND FR. GEORGE, ANTHONY & GERTRUDE MICHAELS

AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, FOR ALL IT'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BENEFACTORS AND SUPPORTERS, AND THE FOUNDERS OF THIS HOLY TEMPLE.

THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

FOR FAWAZ, FARHAN, SALTANIE, MIKHAEL, MALAKY, THABIE, & ALEX – COLLEEN MALOLEY

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL THE DEPARTED LOVED ONES OF ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH – MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL.

UPCOMING BREAD OFFERING:

– **Jun 14:** Mike & Aseel Zawahri – **Jun 21:** DG & Betty Bojrab – **Jun 28:** Walid & Salma Nadrous
Jul 5: Robert & Elizabeth Tindall – Jul 12: Marwan & Najwa Koudsia – **Jul 19:** Joe & Sandy
Cockrell – **Jul 26:** Don & Connie Schenkenburger

June Birthdays

8 Chris Wright – **10** Paul Canavati – **12** Timothy Connor – **13** Mona M. Smith – **14** Chris
Mitson – **19** Sue Mitson, Meriana Nadrous – **22** Nicholas Corey – **25** Anne Canavati –
27 Betty J. Bojrab – **28** Julie Bojrab

– **GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS** –

*Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or any other special occasion please forward your
information to Fred Deeb or Father Anthony, that your name may be included in the bulletin.*

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 P.M. AT FR. ANTHONY’S HOUSE

The topic is from the Old Testament. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this unique
opportunity to understand the New Testament.

BASIC CLASS IN ORTHODOXY (NEW TIME)

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

This is an excellent learning opportunity for potential catechumens discovering the Orthodox
Church and for long-time Orthodox Christians desiring to gain
a deeper understanding of their faith.

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THE FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PEOPLE

TOTAL DONATION WAS \$1051.96

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL

WHO DONATED FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, Jun 13 -

5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jun 14 -

ALL SAINTS 1st Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jun 15 -

Apostle fast begins

Tuesday, Jun 16 -

7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

Thursday, Jun 18 -
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ the Church

Saturday, Jun 20 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jun 21 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – FATHER’S DAY
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jun 22 - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, Jun 23 - Vacation Bible School
7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

Wednesday, Jun 24 – BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST Vacation Bible School

Thursday, Jun 25 -
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ the Church

Saturday, Jun 27 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jun 28 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost –
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jun 28 – HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL

Saturday, Jul 4 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jul 5 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Jul 7 -
7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

Thursday, Jul 9 -
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ the Church

Saturday, Jul 11 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jul 12 -
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Jul 14 -
7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

Thursday, Jul 16 -
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ the Church

Saturday, Jul 18 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jul 19 - AT THE NEW RECEPTION HALL 402 BADIAC ROAD
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jul 20 - GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS

Tuesday, Jul 21 -
7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

Thursday, Jul 23 -
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ the Church

Saturday, Jul 25 -
5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, Jul 26 -
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED OUR PARISH WEBSITE?

On the website, you can find:

- All church bulletins dating back to July 2005
- Service schedule and information
- Updated church calendar
- Photographs of church events
- Readings prepared by Fr. Anthony
- Information of parish organizations
- Links to other Antiochian / Orthodox Sites

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR OF PARISH EVENTS????

We try to update the website regularly, so visit www.stjohnfortwayne.com

TIPS ON CHURCH ETIQUETTE:

THERE ARE TIMES DURING ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES THAT CALL FOR THE PEOPLE TO KNEEL. EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY GIFTS (“THINE OWN OF THINE OWN, WE OFFER UNTO THEE ON BEHALF OF ALL AND FOR ALL....”) AND DURING THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM DURING SERVICES IN GREAT LENT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET ONTO YOU KNEES, YOU SHOULD KNEEL.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO GET ONTO YOUR KNEES, IT IS PROPER TO REMAIN STANDING WITH YOU HEAD BOWED.

YOU SHOULD NOT SIT, EVEN IF YOU ARE ON THE EDGE OF THE SEAT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED.

REMEMBER, SITTING IS NOT THE SAME AS KNEELING.

BETWEEN THE LEAVES

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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE CONNIE SCHENKENBERGER

Vacation Bible School

June 22, 23, 24, 2009

Hosted by St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Coordinator Deacon Michael

ST JOHN'S MUST HOST ONE DAY DURING VBS.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS, HELPERS, AND DONATORS.

PLEASE CONTACT

FATHER OR REGINA BOJRAB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Feast of Holy Pentecost

Introduction

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Biblical Story

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

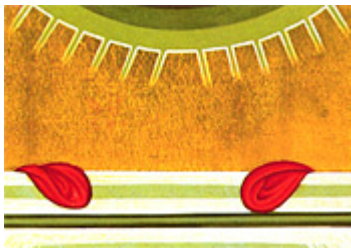


Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

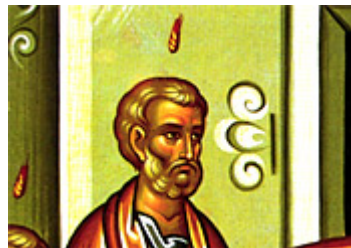
The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as "The Descent of the Holy Spirit". It is an icon of bold colors of red and gold signifying that this is a great event. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it (1). The rays are pointing toward the Apostles, and the tongues of fire are seen descending upon each one of them signifying the descent of the Holy Spirit (2).



1. Semicircle of rays pointing to each of the Apostles (detail).



2. A tongue of fire rests above the head of Saint Peter (detail).

The building in the background of the icon represents the upper room where the Disciples of Christ gathered after the Ascension. The Apostles are shown seated in a semicircle which shows the unity of the Church (3). Included in the group of the Apostles is Saint Paul (4), who, though not present with the others on the day of Pentecost, became an Apostle of the Church and the greatest missionary. Also included are the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark (5), Luke (6), and John—holding books of the Gospel, while the other Apostles are holding scrolls that represent the teaching authority given to them by Christ.



3. The Apostles in the upper room being filled with the Holy Spirit.



4. Saint Paul, who was not present on the day of Pentecost, is included amongst the twelve (detail).



5. Saint Mark the Evangelist, who was not present with the twelve Disciples on this day, is included (detail).



6. Saint Luke the Evangelist, who also was not present on this day, is included (detail).

In the center of the icon below the Apostles, a royal figure is seen against a dark background. This is a symbolic figure, Cosmos, representing the people of the world living in darkness and sin, and involved in pagan worship (7). However, the figure carries in his hands a cloth containing scrolls which represent the teaching of the Apostles (8). The tradition of the Church holds that the Apostles carried the message of the Gospel to all parts of the world.



7. The Cosmos, appearing in the center of the icon, representing the people of the world (detail).



8. The scrolls that are carried by the Cosmos are representing the teachings of the Apostles (detail).

In the icon of Pentecost we see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent down upon the Apostles who will teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. Here we see that the Church is brought together and sustained in unity through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit guides the Church in the missionary endeavor throughout the world, and that the Spirit nurtures the Body of Christ, the Church, in truth and love.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost

This great Feast of the Church is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom on the Sunday that is the fiftieth day after the celebration of Pascha. The Liturgy is conducted on the day of the Feast, and is preceded the evening before by a Great Vespers service and on the morning of the Feast by the Matins service. On the day of the Feast a Vespers service is conducted that includes the kneeling prayers. These prayers mark the beginning of the practice of kneeling during the Liturgy at the time when the holy gifts of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ. The practice of kneeling has been suspended during the Paschal season. On the Monday following the Feast, the Divine Liturgy is conducted in commemoration of the All-holy and Life-creating and All-powerful Spirit, Who is God, and One of the Trinity, and of one honor and one essence and one glory with the Father and the Son (From the Synaxarion of the Feast).

Scripture readings for the Feast are the following: At the Saturday Vespers: [Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29](#) ; [Joel 2:23-32](#) ; [Ezekiel 36:24-28](#) . At the Orthros (Matins): [John 20:19-23](#) . At the Pentecost Sunday Divine Liturgy: [Acts 2:1-11](#) ; [John 7:37-52, 8:12](#) . At the Divine Liturgy on the Monday of the Holy Spirit: [Ephesians 5:8-19](#) ; [Matthew 18:10-20](#) .

Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion (Plagal Tone Four)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Four)

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.
