



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

MAY 31ST, 2026 | HOLY PENTECOST | TONE 7

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY — HOLY PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 2:1-11 | EPISTLE (3)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

JOHN 7:37-52; 8:12 | GOSPEL (27)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

MANY YEARS!

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3RD – Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 10TH – Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 16TH – Butch & Helen Sakala
- 25TH – Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 27TH – Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 29TH – Matt & Libbie Dawson

BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 ND – Leonard Volosin | 13 TH – Madeleine Hlatki |
| 5 TH – Austin Jackson | 14 TH – Joshua Sisneros |
| 5 TH – Colleen Hendrix | 19 TH – Abigail Bourge |
| 7 TH – Vickie Pasko-Tipton | 24 TH – Rachel Stevens |
| 8 TH – Nadia Sisneros | 27 TH – Harry Mikita |
| 8 TH – Victor Volosin | 28 TH – Tori Jackson |
| 10 TH – Makenzie Schulte | 29 TH – Kaleb Ritter |
| 11 TH – Lauren Nelson | 30 TH – Brock Burnside |

CALENDAR

MAY 30TH — SATURDAY
Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

MAY 31ST — HOLY PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
- coffee hour to follow in hall -

JUNE 3RD — WEDNESDAY
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JUNE 3RD — WEDNESDAY
Adult Study, 7:00 pm

JUNE 6TH — SATURDAY
Readers Vespers, 6:30 pm

JUNE 7TH — SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
- coffee hour to follow in hall -

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THE FEAST OF HOLY PENTECOST

Fifty days after Pascha, the Church arrives at the great feast toward which the whole Paschal season has been moving. Pentecost — called in the service texts "the last and great day" — is not simply a conclusion. It is a fulfillment. Everything that came before, from the Resurrection through the Ascension, has been preparation for this: the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered disciples, the birthday of the Church, the beginning of the age of grace.

The scene in Acts is vivid and strange. A rushing sound like mighty wind fills the house. Tongues of fire appear and rest on each of them. They begin to speak in languages they have not learned, and the crowd of devout Jews from across the known world — Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Egyptians, Romans — each hears them speaking in his own tongue. The confusion of Babel, where language was divided and people were scattered, is being reversed. The Spirit does not erase difference; he speaks through it, to draw all nations into a single household of faith.

The day also carries deep roots in Israel's calendar. Pentecost was the Feast of Weeks, the harvest festival held fifty days after Passover. Jewish tradition had come to associate it with the giving of the Law at Sinai. The Church reads this typology deliberately: at Sinai, God wrote his commandments on stone tablets; at Pentecost, the Spirit writes the law of love on human hearts. The old Passover becomes the new Pascha; the old law-giving becomes the new indwelling of the Comforter.

The kontakion of the feast holds this tension beautifully: at Babel, the Most High came down and "divided the nations" by confusing their tongues; but when he distributed the tongues of fire, he "called all to unity." The same descent, two opposite effects — because what changed is not God but humanity. At Babel, pride drove people apart. At Pentecost, the Spirit gathers what pride has scattered.

This is what the Church is: the people gathered by the Spirit, speaking in many voices, hearing in one tongue. Today the liturgy explicitly forbids kneeling during the service — a sign that we stand in the light of resurrection, not prostrate in penitence. After Vespers tonight, the Kneeling Prayers resume, and the long Paschal season gives way to the quieter work of ordinary time. But for now, we stand, illumined, with the Apostles in that upper room, receiving the same gift they received: the life of God poured into human life.

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA — DIVINE LITURGY

TROPARION | TONE 8 (PENTECOST)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

KONTAKION | TONE 8 (PENTECOST)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

PRAYER LIST

LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Mother Magdalena, Fr. Ambrose, Dcn. Herman & Family, Fr. Tikhon & Family

Charlie, Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Muriel, Gerhard, Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Ethan, Nawlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Millie, Charlotte, Cathy, Victoria, Mka. Lindsey, Rahab, Samuel, Ebelin, Carlos, Victoria Pasko-Tipton

DEPARTED: Betty, Melvin, Nicholas, Sam, Art, Blaine

CATECHUMENS: John

THOSE WHO ARE CONFINED: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

INFANTS: Infant Lawrence, Infant Dominic, Infant AdaLynn, Infant Gus, *Stephen III, Ezekiel*

THOSE TRAVELING: Trevor

italics = pending expiration

COMMEMORATIONS

Holy Pentecost — Feast of the Holy Trinity; Saint Hermias the Martyr of Comana in Cappadocia; Venerable Apollonios the Egyptian Monk; Venerable Philotheos (Leshchenko), Metropolitan of Tobolsk and Siberia

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp registration is open for July 6–9 at Buckhorn Camp, Bellvue, CO. Register at rmoyc.org.

Catechism classes resume Saturday, June 13 at 5:30 PM before Vespers. All are welcome.

Free Kids Food Boxes this summer (ages 18 & under) — Peyton, Ellicott, Calhan area.

Monday distribution, June–July. Register at KidsEat.org.

Attention: Prayer List names in *gold italic* are legacy entries from Fr. Stephen's bulletin, lacking last name, requester, and intention. Father needs these details to pray fully. To continue a name on the list, contact Fr. George or e-mail parish@holydormition.net with first & last name, who is asking, and the need.