



Sunday, June 16th, 2019 - Holy Pentecost

This Morning's Readings

Acts of 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."

This Morning's Hymns

O faithful let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos, Who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, Who was born of a Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death to raise the dead through His glorious resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠύδોકησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Most blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fishermen wise and through them, illumined the world; and to You the universe was ever drawn, all glory to you O Lord.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν ἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα Σοι.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord, who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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

Ὅτε καταβάς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος ὅτε τοῦ πυρός τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα πάντα ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Holy Trinity Cathedral this morning we welcome you in the Name of the Lord! Orthodox Christian worship may be unlike other forms of worship you have encountered but you can follow along in the service book in the pews. (If you need assistance, simply ask the nearest parishioner.) And though Holy Communion is offered only to the Orthodox faithful who are prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, the blessed bread is offered to everyone after the service. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex and join us for coffee and refreshments in the community center so we can get to know you. May your time with us be blessed!

Announcements

NARTHEX DUTY SCHEDULE

Group 2: George Venetis, Coordinator

EPISTLE READER TODAY

Sofia Walsh

PENTECOST & FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Ladies of Philotochos would like to invite the community to a complementary salad luncheon to celebrate Pentecost, our Church name day, and Father's Day . The luncheon will take place immediately following the Kneeling Vespers after Divine Liturgy in our community center. Please come and enjoy lunch and fellowship at this very important feast day of our Church and also honor our most wonderful fathers!

YAL MEETING JUNE 21

Immediately after the 6:00pm Paraklesis service on Friday, June 21, YAL will meet with Pastoral Assistant Alexander at The Yard, 5640 N. 7th Street. Come have some fun and help plan future events!

LITTLE LAMBS SPLASH PLAY DATE JULY 13

Are you a young family in the Church looking to get involved? Please join our Little Lambs group at the Scottsdale Quarter Splash Pad, located at 15323 N Scottsdale road in Scottsdale, Arizona 85254. We will meet on Saturday, July 13 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Come for a brief gathering to get to know one another, and let the little ones splash and play for a bit. Please RSVP to Angela at angelagarozzo@gmail.com.

HTC HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADS

Your graduation gift from Holy Trinity Cathedral is waiting for you in the bookstore! Please stop by and pick it up or contact Patsy Harris at 480-239-5270 or patsy@stnectoriosphx.org.

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED

Please consider helping families in need within our congregation by donating Fry's, Walmart or Target GIFT CARDS. They can be dropped off in the Narthex or given to Cindy Kyprianou (480-993-6437).

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Today Sunday 6/16 HOLY PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY	8:00 am - Matins 9:15 am - Divine Liturgy 11:00 am - Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost	12:00 pm - Pentecost & Father's Day Celebration Luncheon (CC LH)
Monday 6/17 DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT		
Friday 6/21		6:00 pm - Paraklesis (Chapel) 7:00 pm - YAL meeting (The Yard)
Sunday 6/23 ALL SAINTS	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy A. M. Kouis 40 Day Memorial	

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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

Transformed

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It is easy for us, with a little effort, to put ourselves in the head-space of the Disciples after the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It must have seemed a whirlwind of activity to them! Scarcely three years prior they had met Him and had been called to be His followers.

All too quickly, it seemed that His earthly mission had ended in disaster on Golgotha and that, perhaps, they had been deceived. How could the Messiah be nailed to a Roman cross? How could the Son of God die? Then, in an event so amazing they could not, dared not, hope to believe it was true, Jesus rose from the grave!

And for the forty days after this incredible demonstration of His power, Jesus taught them and many others the things concerning the Kingdom of God. In their exuberance, they peppered Him with questions; *"Lord, is it now that you are restoring the Kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6)* And then, once again, He was gone! Ascended into the Heavens in their midst, leaving them discouraged and confused.

But Jesus' instructions were urgent and specific; *"And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city (of Jerusalem) until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)* And it was in that "upper room" that the 120 Disciples waited expectantly for the promise to be fulfilled, to be transformed from weak, timid, and fearful Disciples to bold and unstoppable Apostles about whom it would be said a few years later in Thessaloniki; *"those who have turned the world upside down are coming here also!" (Acts 17:6)*

This is the selfsame promise we eagerly await today on the Feast of Pentecost! Far from being a mere historical remembrance of a past event depicted in an icon, the Sending Down of the Holy Spirit is a renewal within us of the purifying and vivifying energy of God the Holy Spirit! It is only by the Holy Spirit who is called the "Spirit of Adoption" (Romans 8:15) that we are reborn into the Kingdom of God.

There can be no victorious New Life in Jesus Christ apart from the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Today, after the Divine Liturgy we will kneel as did those 120 Disciples in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit afresh and anew! May God grant us the grace to have our faith in Him rekindled on this great Feast of Holy Pentecost!

In Christ,

Fr. Apostolos