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**June 12, 2022  
Pentecost Sunday:  
The Descent of  
the Holy Spirit**

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Jun. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Vespers with Confession</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Jun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday of All Saints (Father's Day)</b>	
		Hours	<b>9:15 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>9:30 am</b>
		<i>(Apostles' Fast begins at sundown)</i>	

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday Liturgy.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:33-12:2

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

## **Epistle (*Resurrection*)**

(Acts 2:1-11)

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."

## **Gospel (*Resurrection*)**

(*John 7:37-52, 8:12*)

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.”**

## **Announcements:**

**TODAY** we recognize the achievements of our parish Graduates *Isaac Hunter Thomas* from Frazier High School and *Thomas Kovach* from Monessen High School! **GOD BLESS OUR GRADUATES!** Remember our young men in your prayers as God keeps them in His loving care as they make plans for their future endeavors.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Archbishop Melchisedek will be making an archpastoral visit to HROC on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

This Month's Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**HROC Summer Yard Sale:** This year's Summer Yard Sale will be held on **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm.** Collection of *clean gently* used items for the sale will begin this Sunday through Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please NO televisions or computers!** Call Jack Lofink (724/963-7664) if you need assistance in having an item moved. Anyone wishing to help? Your assistance is *always* greatly appreciated! We will start setting up and pricing items on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. With enough help, we may be ready for a Pre-Sale during Coffee Hour on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Jack's Kitchen will be open during both days of the Yard Sale offering sustenance to the treasure hunters. Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Please keep in your **PRAYERS** three of our diocesan priests who have been dealing with health issues during the past several months - Fr. Andrew Matychak, Igumen David Lewis, and Igumen Patrick Carpenter.

**Reminder:** Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

## **Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit:**

**By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley**

Fifty days after Passover, on the Feast of Weeks (or Pentecost), Christ's disciples were waiting in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter. The ascended and glorified Christ fulfilled His promise, pouring out the Holy Spirit upon His disciples with the roar of a mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire, enabling them to declare the mighty acts of God in foreign languages.

Filled with power to witness to Christ, the disciples eventually took the Good News of His Kingdom to every land. Though they were humble and rustic fishermen, God by His Spirit made them most wise, drawing the whole world into His saving net. Through them, all the divided nations are called to unity in Christ so that they may find salvation and glorify with one voice the All-Holy Spirit.

**Glory to God for all things!**

**One of the Least Remembered Fasts of the Church calendar** – the **Apostles' Fast** – starts at sundown on **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and ends Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. Observe the Season by attending the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul **and/or** by adjusting your diet utilizing the abundance of veggies and fruit available this time of year **and/or** by resolving to attend a June Sunday Divine Liturgy **and/or** by remembering the material needs of the Church with a special offering in honor of the 'Great Pillars', Peter & Paul.