

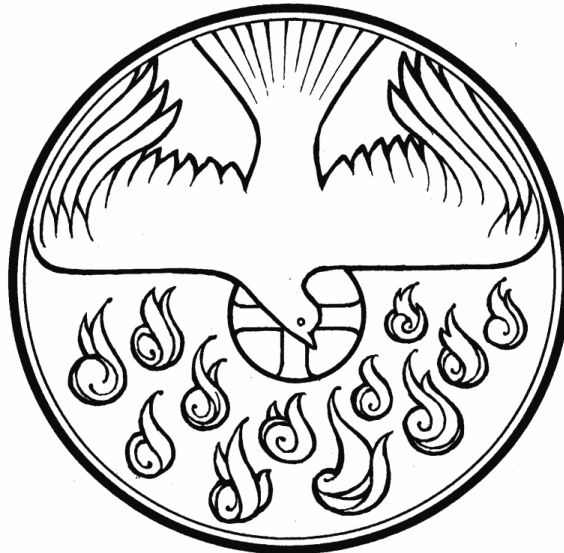
St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Holy Pentecost

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Matins, 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM



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Today's Epistle Reader: Mark Kerasotes

Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour: Ron and Dottie Malooley

Next Sunday: No Divine Liturgy or Coffee Hour; Morning Prayers at 10am

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Pentecost: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion for Pentecost (Tone 8): Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Kontakion for Pentecost (Tone 8): When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

In place of the Trisagion Hymn:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. *(Three times)*

In place of the Hymn to the Theotokos:

O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

The Communion Hymn:

Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

For Pentecost Sunday

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from Heaven like a 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 different 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 were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying: "Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us our own language where we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judaea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

THE GOSPEL

For Pentecost Sunday

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly 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, many 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 the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, 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.”

:: Synaxarion Reading for the Feast of Holy Pentecost ::

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord’s promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Wednesday, June 22 – Sunday, June 26:** Parish Life Conference in Livonia, Michigan.
- **Saturday, June 25:** NO VESPERS
- **Next Sunday, June 26:** Father Andrew will be at the Parish Life Conference, so no Divine Liturgy. Mark Kerasotes has graciously agreed to lead Morning Prayers at St. George Church next Sunday for anyone who wishes to come.

- **Tuesday, June 28: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul**, patron saints of the Patriarchate of Antioch. Liturgy at **5:30 PM**.
- **Also Tuesday, June 28: “Prayers for the Valley”** community prayer event, at Centennial Park in Peru, 7:00 PM.
- **Saturday, July 2:** Akathist Hymn to All Saints of America, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday, July 3:** Matins, 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM.

Camp St. George is now accepting applications for our diocese summer camp in Cedar Rapids, IA. The dates are August 14-20, and application forms for kids age 9 and up are now available online at campstgeorge.org. Please let Fr. Andrew know if your child would like to attend and we will coordinate drivers.

Building project update. Downstairs you will find architectural designs for three different options on our proposed church building project. Our goal over the coming weeks as a parish community is to gravitate towards one of the three designs, and gather together for another all-church meeting later in the summer. Thank you to Mark Kerasotes and our building committee for having these drawings prepared!

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	Ron/Dottie Malooley	Mark Kerasotes
Sunday, June 26	Parish Life Conference – No Divine Liturgy; Morning Prayers at 10am	
Sunday, July 3	OPEN	Kenneth Wiltse
Sunday, July 10	George/Lynette Forsa	George Forsa
Sunday, July 17	Father out of town – No Divine Liturgy; Morning Prayers at 10am	
Sunday, July 24	Richard/Bette Malooley	David Anderson
Sunday, July 31	OPEN	Matthew McNatt

Regarding HOLY BREAD, you are welcome to bake your own, or use the bread provided by the church (donations of any amount are appreciated). On your Sunday, please also provide to Father Andrew a list of names (living and departed) for prayers during the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR may be as simple or elaborate as you want. While CLEAN UP is primarily the responsibility of those who provide coffee hour, all of us should help by bussing our own tables and cleaning up as we are able!

***Please also note the OPEN DATES in July and August:
July 3 and 31; August 7, 14, and 21.***



June Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)

Ron and Dottie Malooley, June 1

Nick Malooley, June 2

Mary Miller, June 3

John Kishler, June 6

Kim and Jeannie Leonard, June 12

Melanie Thompson, June 16

Angela Forsa, June 20

Maggie Kishler, June 24

Kenneth Wiltse, June 26

Mark and Nicole Wiltse, June 28

Carol Ball, June 28

Church Finances

May 2016:

Operating Income:	\$4118.00
Operating Expenses:	\$6593.44
Cash Flow:	\$-2475.44

January – May 2016:

Income:	\$28,081.99
Expenses:	\$27,480.12
Cash Flow:	+\$601.87

Please continue to support St. George Church with your tithes and offerings, especially through the summer months, when attendance and giving tend to be far lower.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 19-24



Sunday, June 19: Holy Pentecost

John 20:19-23 / Acts 2:1-11 / John 7:37-52; 8:12

Monday, June 20: Holy Spirit Monday

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29* /
Ephesians 5:8-19 / Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 21: Martyr Julian of Tarsus

Joel 2:23-32 / Romans 1:1-7; 13-17 / Matthew 4:23-5:13

Wednesday, June 22: St. Alban, first martyr of Britain

Ezekiel 36:24-28 / Romans 1:18-27 / Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 23: Martyr Agrippina of Rome

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-6 / Romans 1:28-2:9 / Matthew 5:27-32

Friday, June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Judges 13:2-24 / Romans 13:11-14:4 / Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80

Saturday, June 25: Virgin-Martyr Febronia of Nisibis

Isaiah 40:1-5 / Romans 1:7-12 / Matthew 5:42-48

**Old Testament readings this week are appointed for the Feasts of Pentecost and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.*

**“ACQUIRE THE SPIRIT OF PEACE, AND THOUSANDS
AROUND YOU WILL BE SAVED.”**

~ ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

