

THE ANNUAL SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH WILL BE HELD TODAY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY. ALL STEWARDS IN GOOD STANDING MAY PARTICIPATE. PLEASE JOIN THE COMMUNITY FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The Holy Metropolis of New Jersey will sponsor the 2011 CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD at the Linwood MacDonald YMCA Camp and Conference Center in Branchville, New Jersey. The three sessions are July 10-16 (JOY session); July 17-23 (GOYA session #1); and July 24-30 (GOYA session #2). For more information and to obtain a registration packet, contact the Metropolis Youth Office at 908-301-0500, or go online to www.nj.goarch.org

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT ST. KATHERINE IN FALLS CHURCH

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA is sponsoring two summer programs. The first is a Pre-School Camp for children ages 2 to five years old; from July 5 through August 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The second is a Vacation Bible School from June 27 through July 1, for ages 4 through high school age. For more information call St. Katherine at 703-671-1515.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT ST. MARK'S

Saint Mark Orthodox Church on River Road in Bethesda, is holding a Vacation Church School from July 18 through 22 at the Church. The program is for ages 3 to those entering 6th grade in the Fall. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 students. The subject will be *The Saints of North America*, and there will be lunch, games, music and crafts. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Ann Prentice at 703-865-3036, or by email at prentice@comcast.net

GREEK PRESCHOOL

Greek School for Preschoolers (GSP) is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Please visit the website for application forms and more information, or contact christinastayias@yahoo.com or contos-george@hotmail.com.

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

January 1 through June 7, 2011

Income \$611,013.79*
Expenses \$516,464.12**

* - Includes any income from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, General Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, and Harbor School Rent.

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HOLY PENTECOST
ST. PETER OF MT. ATHOS

JUNE 12, 2011



Today we celebrate the Great Anointing of the Church. We recall how the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles with fire and wind, power and light. We remember how that anointing moved them to preach with ever more energy, motivation, and zeal. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost signals to us that OUR faith must be so energized. Our witness to the Gospel cannot be a timid one. As the Apostolic Church we share the Great Anointing that came to the Twelve. Let us look into our own hearts to see if our faith is one of fire, conviction, and witness. Is our life motivated by our belief in Christ? Do we have the courage to spread that faith by the manner of our living and by open witness? *Think...*

APOLYTIKION
OF HOLY PENTECOST

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory

KONTAKION OF HOLY
PENTECOST

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (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.



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EPISTLE Acts 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, Pontus 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."

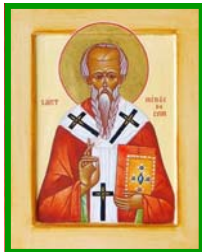
TODAY'S READER: ROBYN ANDRIS

GOSPEL 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 priest 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."

THE ANOINTING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

By St. Irenaeus of Lyons



The Holy Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

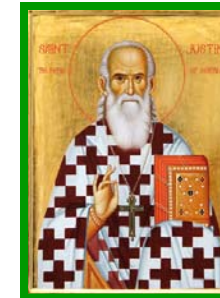


ACQUIRING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Pentecost sees the Apostles waiting. If Christianity were simply a man-made religion, even if it were the best and most beautiful man-made religion, there would be no need for the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem these days awaiting Pentecost. Why would they need to? They had for years lived in close contact with Christ, and had been His most intimate students. They could have simply begun to write and teach and pass on what they had learned. They had been fully trained, and so it is time to start training. This is how it is with every other of the world's religions. Not so with Christianity. Christianity is not about ideas, moral guidance, ethical norms, social structures, etc.. Christianity, of course, is not free from these things, but this is not what Holy Orthodoxy is about. Holy Orthodoxy is about the coming of the Holy Spirit into man. It is about human transformation and deification, not ideas. There is no Christianity without Pentecost. Orthodoxy without the Holy Spirit is not Orthodoxy. There is no prayer without the Holy Spirit praying in us. There is no church without the Holy Spirit. There is no Church Temple without the Holy Spirit. This is why when we erect a true church temple the bishop chrismates the altar and the temple itself. The Temple has its own Pentecost for it truly becomes not simply a functional gathering place, but the House of God and Temple of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives there. In fact, **our Goal is to acquire the Holy Spirit.** In the light of truth we see then that our holy father St. Seraphim was correct when he

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was asked by someone "What is the purpose of this life?", and he answered, "The acquisition of the Holy Spirit." All of our Christian effort and struggle is guided toward this one thing: obtaining an increase of the Holy Spirit, to realize the image of God within us, to achieve deification. This is what it means to become *spiritual*. This is the goal of Christianity: the union of man with God by the Holy Spirit.



PENTECOST AND THE CHURCH

By Saint Justin Popovich

The Day of the Holy Spirit, which began on the Day of Pentecost, is ever present in the Church in the inexpressible fullness of all the divine gifts and the life-giving powers (Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-16; 15:8-9; 19:6). Everything in the Church comes about through the Holy Spirit, from the least to the greatest. When the priest blesses the censer before censuring, he prays to the Lord Christ to "send down the grace of the Holy Spirit." The clearest testimony that the entire life of the Church comes from the Holy Spirit is at the consecration of a bishop, when God's indescribable miracle, holy Pentecost, is repeated and the fullness of grace is given. There is no doubt that the Lord Christ is in the Church through the Holy Spirit, and that the Church is in the Lord Christ through the Holy Spirit. The Lord Christ is the Head and Body of the Church; the Holy Spirit is its Soul (cf. I Cor. 12:1-28). From the very beginning of the theanthropic dispensation of salvation, the Holy Spirit has made Himself a part of the foundation of the Church, the foundation of the Body of Christ, by "bringing about the incarnation of the Logos in the Virgin."