



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**MAY 23, 2021**

**Saturday, May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday – Descend of the Holy Spirit**

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For God's Blessings & the health of Thomas Bergkamp form Ann Woroniak

**Sunday, May 30, 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints**

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For the recovery of the victims of COVID-19 form Ann Woroniak

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## Holy Pentecost

We celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit, the appointed time of the promise and the fulfilment of hope. How great is the Mystery? Great indeed and revered! And so we cry out to you: Creator of all, Lord, glory to you! (1st Hymn of Vespers) The Feast Day of Holy Pentecost is the high point of the Pentecostarion period. The feast is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and is called the "Birthday of the Church," because of the events that took place. The hymnographer tells us very eloquently what happened that day: Marvellous things all the nations saw today in the city of David, when the Holy Spirit came down in tongues of fire, as Luke, God's mouthpiece, declared. For he said: When Christ's Disciples were assembled, there came a sound as of a mighty wind, and filled the whole house where they were sitting; and all began to speak with strange words, strange doctrines, strange teachings of the Holy Trinity.

The Apostles were blessed by the Holy Spirit that day and were able to speak different languages, even though some of them had never even been to school! St. Peter the Apostle preached that day in front of everyone, putting to rest the comments of some that day that the Apostles were merely "drunk." He told them that Jesus was the One to come and save us all from our sins and that they should "repent and be baptized." That day, about 3,000 people became Christians. Ever since then, the Gospel has been preached to billions of people, and the Eternal Truth of Jesus Christ lives in the Church. For the Church, this is the day she started Her ministry. It is our duty to also continue this ministry with everyone we know. People who were against the Church found themselves being Her greatest ambassadors (such as St. Paul the Apostle). We can show the Church's love by a simple smile, a "hello" to someone we see that needs a friendly greeting, to sharing the Truth of Jesus Christ with those that might have not met Him yet. Let us continue the work of the Apostles and know that Jesus Christ "will be with (us) always, even until the end of the age. Source: gometropolis.org

## FEAST OF PENTECOST

*After Blessed be the Kingdom... all kneel and the priest sing the following prayer: **Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings and Bestower of Life, come, and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.***

### **First Antiphon:**

The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of His hands.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Day pours out the word to day, and night imparts knowledge to night.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Through all the world their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

***Glory... Only Begotten Son...***

### **Third Antiphon:**

O Lord, in Your strength the king is glad; in Your victory how greatly he rejoices.

**Troparion (8):** Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory be to You!

You have granted him his heart's desire; You have not refused the prayers of his lips. **Troparion (8):** Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory be to You!

You came to meet him with the blessings of success; You have set on his head a crown of precious stones.

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**Entrance Hymn:** Arise, O Lord in Your power! We will sing and chant the praise of Your might.

### **Troparion and Kontakion:**

**Troparion (8):** Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit.

Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory be to You!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (8):** When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us praise the Most Holy Spirit.

**Instead of Holy God:** All you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3) Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. All you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Prokimenon (8):** Through all the world their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the earth.

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**Epistle: Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.** (Acts 2,1-11) In those days, when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues the mighty acts of God."

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse: By His word the heavens were made; by the breath of His mouth, all the stars. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: From the heavens the Lord looks forth; He sees all the children of men. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Jn 7,37-52;8,12) On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So a division occurred in the crowd because of him. Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one." So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

***Instead of It is truly right...*** (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):

O my soul, extol the one God having three divine persons. Hirmos: Hail, O Queen, glory of virgins and mothers. To adequately praise you is beyond the eloquence of the most cultured tongue. The wonderful manner in which you gave birth to Christ amazes every intelligence. Therefore, with one accord, we, the faithful, extol you.

**Communion Verse:** Your Good Spirit shall lead me into the land of righteousness. Let not Your Holy Spirit turn away from us; for You love mankind. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dear Parishioners and Friends!** We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.



**Father's Day Remembrances!** – You can recognize your living or deceased father by having him remembered at the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, June 20, 2021. You may commemorate your dad or any important father figures in your life such as your godfather, uncle, grandfather, brother or a special friend. Please use the envelope for this purpose clearly write the names you wish to be remembered and drop it, along with your offering, to the collection basket. We will pray together for them. The names of fathers and donors will be listed in the church bulletin.

**Support your Church** In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:**

**Sunday, May 15, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**