

Message from Fr. Michael...

Dearly Beloved Faithful:

Pentecost Sunday is June 16th. You are invited to attend Divine Services and also celebrate Father's Day at that time. Please join us!

Welcome to that special Holy Day of Pentecost. The Divine Liturgy then will be immediately followed with Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost. On that Sunday, Please remain in the pews, on that day, to receive the descent of the Holy Spirit upon you. This is a very important event and blessing: God sends His grace, His Mercy, His Healing, His Forgiveness, and His Love upon us! Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on that day. Before our Lord's Holy Ascension, He reminded us that He would not leave us, the faithful, as orphans. The Lord stated that He would send the Holy Spirit. The Lord stated, "But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything that I told you" (John 14:26). He also stated, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Fifty days after Pascha, the apostles gathered together and noise like rushing wind came from Heaven and tongues of fire descended upon each apostle. The Holy Apostles became filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak with other tongues. They each heard them in their own language. They were amazed! St. Chrysostom once said, concerning this event, "the rabbit is transformed into a lion, the midget into a giant, at the descent of the Holy Spirit." Prior to the great event of Pentecost, the Church had numbered only 120 souls. However, quickly the Church grew and found her ranks to 3,000 as we read: "So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Unfortunately, some doubted the news of this blessed event. The disciples were drunk with the Holy Spirit of God. However, this kind of drunkenness was not from imbibing alcohol. This kind is that where the Holy Spirit fills the soul of the individual for the purpose of rendering praises to the Lord. We should all strive to have drunkenness with the Holy Spirit. This enables us to endure the chaos and materialism of the world. It strengthens us to live in the world, without being of the world. This special drunkenness with the Holy Spirit gives us the Grace to live in God's word, protecting us from the soberness of evil. It is indeed unfortunate that we cannot understand these things perfectly, for the reason that we have never been drunk with the Holy Spirit of God. May the Holy Spirit of the Triune God guide our lives, as He did with the Holy Apostles.

May this upcoming special weekend serve as our Holy Pentecost where flaming tongues of the Spirit rest upon each and everyone of us. Let us be filled with the Grace of our Lord. Let us be reborn in faith and spirit!!! Prayerfully, in the spirit of those whom the Comforter has descended upon, with every blessing, I remain,

In His service,

+Fr. Michael

Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria



On this day we commemorate Saint Cyril's falling asleep. On January 18 we commemorate the occasion of the Saint's restoration to his see in Alexandria after he had suffered a brief exile because of the machinations of the Nestorians. Shortly thereafter the Third Ecumenical Council was convoked in Ephesus and the blasphemous doctrine of Nestorius was condemned. See January 18 for Saint Cyril's life and works.

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3 Virgin-martyrs of Chios

5 Nuns beheaded in Persia: Thecla, Mariamne, Martha, Mary, & Enmatha

Wisdom of the Fathers

For there is One God, and One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus. For He still pleads even now as Man for my salvation; ...

St. Gregory the Theologian

4th Theological Oration, 4th Century

... for He continues to wear the Body which He assumed, until He make me God by the power of His Incarnation; although He is no longer known after the flesh -- I mean, the passions of the flesh, the same, except sin, as ours.

St. Gregory the Theologian

4th Theological Oration, 4th Century

FATHER MICHAEL REQUESTS...that we, as a faithful community keep the following individuals in our prayers: Angelo Romas, Maria Lambrinos, Lilly Kashou, Issam Kashou, and Suzanne Vaishnani, daughter of Ted Simon, Please notify Fr. Michael if you have anyone else who should be included for special prayers. May they be under the grace and tender watch of our Lord.

On behalf of Fr. Michael, President Nick Pappas, Festival Chairman Kostas Papathomas, and the entire Parish Council, we would like to thank all the Grecian Festival workers and everyone who helped with the preparations in making this year's festival a success. May God bless you for your great work, servitude, energy, and self-sacrifice.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today, we will have the 40+ day Memorial Service for Presbyteria Magdalena Michalopoulos beloved maternal figure of many years for our entire church community. Presbyteria is survived by her daughter, Katerina (Katy) Gianakouros, son, Very Rev. Fr. Alex Michalopoulos, son-in-law, Charalambos (Harry), daughter-in-law, Presbyteria Maria, grandsons, and granddaughters. Our prayers and best wishes go out to the entire Michalopoulos and Gianakouros families. May her memory be eternal!

SPECIAL SERVICES for June 2019

Sunday, June 16 - at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy: Kneeling Service of Vespers for Pentecost

Saturday, June 22: Divine Liturgy 10 am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Binghamton

Saturday, June 29 - Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul: Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

POST FESTIVAL GREETINGS

A simple and sincere thank you to all the volunteers that worked very hard in making this year's Festival another success. Anyone interested in purchasing wine, food and pastries not sold during the festival please see me. Kostas

Whether you are an Orthodox Christian, or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. **Although Holy Communion is reserved for baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians, all are invited to receive the "ANTIDORON" (blessed bread) which is not a sacrament, but is a reminder of the "agape feast" that followed worship in the early Church.** After the Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us in the Church Hall for fellowship and refreshments. We hope that you will return often to worship with us, to grow in Christ and in our Orthodox Faith. For any spiritual, religious, or sacramental matters, please contact Fr. Michael at (607) 795-1474. For any building, facility or church property issues, please contact the Parish Council President or a member of the council. Deadline for suggestions for the bulletin is 12:00 noon on Thursday.