

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Sat, May 27th:** **All Souls Saturday/Sorokousty (V)**
9:00 am: Matins for the Deceased
3:00 pm: Reception of 1st Confession for Candidates
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for Health and God's Blessings on Michael Wetherill, by Family.
- Sun, May 28th:** **Pentecost Sunday**
NOTE: THIS WEEK IS A FAST FREE WEEK—SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners and also for Hudson Gorsky and Noah Hanych.
- Mon, May 29th:** **Pentecost Monday—Memorial Day**
10:30 am: Remembrance and Panachyda for the Veterans and Deceased of St. Josaphat Parish, St. Josaphat Cemetery.
1:00 pm: Commemoration of Ukrainian-American Veterans, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Bound Brook, NJ.
- Tue, May 30th:** **The Venerable Father Isaac**
9:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
6:30 pm: Moleben to the Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine, Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA.
- Wed, May 31st:** **The Apostle Hermas and the Martyr Hermeas**
9:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
9:30 am: Change Altar Vestments/Clean Church (after the scheduled Liturgy).
NOTE: LAST DAY TO ORDER TICKETS FOR ST. JOSAPHAT FAMILY DAY AT COCA-COLA PARK.
- Thu, June 1st:** **The Martyr Justin and His Companions**
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for Health and God's Blessings on Nick Leporati, by Maria and Mike Wetherill.
- Fri, June 2nd:** **The Patriarch Nicephor**
NO DIVINE SERVICES SCHEDULED.
- Sat, June 3rd:** **The Martyr Lucillian and His Companions**
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, June 4th:** **The Sunday of All-Saints**
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Intention for +Walter Kiselewskij, by Jaroslaw Chorwat.
1:35 pm: Iron Pigs game start for St. Josaphat's Family Day at Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA.
NOTE: *The Apostle's Fast/Petrivka Begins at Sundown.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Week from Sunday, May 28th, through Sunday, June 4th, is a fast-free week; all faithful may partake of all animal food products even on Friday during this week. Also note, at sundown on Sun-

day, June 4th, the Apostle's Fast/Petrivka begins; the fasting rules of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia apply for all faithful who are able to participate in this fast.

2. Father Paul will be away from Monday, June 5th, 2023, through Friday, June 16th, 2023. Weekend Divine Liturgies will be celebrated as normal by Father Roman Dubitsky and Deacon Paul Makar. During this time, St. Josaphat's Rectory will be closed until Father Paul's return. If there is a pastoral emergency requiring a priest, please telephone Father Ed Higgins at Sts. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA, at (610) 867-2322, or if in the process of dying, contact the hospital chaplain or nearest Catholic priest.
3. The Annual Remembrance of Our Veterans and Deceased of St. Josaphat Parish will take place rain or shine on Memorial Day, May 29th, 2023, at 10:30 am at St. Josaphat Cemetery. Also, all veterans of our parish are invited to join UAV Post 42 at a remembrance of all Ukrainian-American Veterans at the Ukrainian American Veterans monument at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Bound Brook, NJ, on Memorial Day, May 29th, 2023 at 1:00 pm. All veterans and family members of our parish are invited to attend.
4. A meeting of St. Josaphat Tryzub Association is scheduled for Monday evening, June 5th, at 7:00 pm, for all members. New members are always welcome; for more information on joining the St. Josaphat Tryzub Association, please contact David Kadingo, or ask a Tryzub member of the parish.
5. ATTENTION VIETNAM ERA VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES: 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 would like to honor you for your service. If you had honorably served in the US Armed Forces at any time between 11/01/1955 –05/15/1975, regardless of your location, you, or the spouse of a deceased eligible veteran, are eligible to receive the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin on behalf of a grateful Nation. We need your name, address, branch of service, dates of service, phone and email. Please contact either Matt Koziak 610-867-4052 or Jerry Kindrachuk 610-730-3265 or by email to uavpost42@gmail.com no later than May 30. The date and time of presentation of the lapel pins will be announced.
6. ST. JOSAPHAT'S PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP! We need a few group of volunteers to help with the cleaning of St. Josaphat Church as well as for changing vestments and are scheduling days for this purpose. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to get service hours. For more information, contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
7. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023, at 6:30 pm, at Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
8. The Ukrainian-American Sport Center Tryzub is holding their annual Father's Day Festival on Sunday, June 18th at the Tryzub Sport Center on Lower State and County Line Roads, Horsham, PA, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Flyers with information for this event are provided in the Church vestibule.

Please remember to pray for the sick, for those who are shut-in, and for all those who have requested, or are in need of, our prayers:

Anna Kapustiak	Amelia Balandovich	Ethel Bednarchek	Bob Silvert
Slava Harasymovych	Oleh Balaziuk	Mike Wetherill	Rev. John Ciurpita
Rev. Paul Wolensky	The Family of +John Zallie	All Our Archeparchial Seminarians	
The Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God			

If anyone knows of someone in need of our prayers, or who is sick or shut in and cannot make it to church, please contact Father Paul via email or telephone as listed on the cover of this bulletin if you wish to have their name added to our prayer list. Thank you and God bless you!



Weekly Stewardship Information for St. Josaphat's Bethlehem

Collection Income for the Weekend of 05/20—05/21/2023:

Sunday Collection: \$1397.00

Diocesan Collection: \$45.00; Donation for Aid to Ukraine: \$190.00

Total Income: \$1632.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!



Sunday Propers:

The Feast of Pentecost (Green Sunday)

At the Beginning of Liturgy: 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, . . .

Through all the world their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the earth. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, . . .

Glory be . . . Now and Forever . . . 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 pre-

Тропарі і Кондаки:

Неділя Зіслання Святого Духа

Царю небесний, утішителю, Душе істини, що всюди еси і все наповняєш, скарбе дібр і життя подателю, прийди і вселися в нас, і очисти нас від усякої скверні, і спаси, благий, душі наші.

Антифон 1: Небеса оповідають славу Божу, і діло рук Його проголошує твердь небесна. Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

День дневі передає слово, ніч ночі об'являє вістку. Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

По всій землі залунав їх голос, на край світу - їхні слова. Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава Отцю . . . І нині . . . Єдинородний Сину . . .

Антифон 3: О Господи, в силі Твоїй цар радіє і в Твоїй допомозі веселиться вельми.

Тропар (8): Благословенний Ти, Христе Боже наш, що рибалок премудрими проявив, пославши їм духа святого, ними Ти полонив вселенну, Чоловіколюбче, - слава Тобі!

Бажання серця його Ти йому вволив і проханню уст його Ти не відмовив.

Тропар (8): Благословенний Ти, Христе Боже наш, що рибалок премудрими проявив, пославши їм духа святого, ними Ти полонив вселенну, Чоловіколюбче, - слава Тобі!

Бо Ти йдеш йому назустріч благословенням щедрим, кладеш йому на голову вінець

cious stones.

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!

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

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!

Kontakion (8): *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.* 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. (3x)

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.

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

Epistle (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 gath-

щирозолотий.

Тропар (8): Благословенний Ти, Христе Боже наш, що рибалок премудрими проявив, пославши їм духа святого, ними Ти полонив вселенну, Чоловіколюбче, - слава Тобі!

Малий Вхід: Вознесися, Господи, у Твоїй силі! І ми будемо співати і славити Твою могутність.

Тропар (8): Благословенний Ти, Христе Боже наш, що рибалок премудрими проявив, пославши їм духа святого, ними Ти полонив вселенну, Чоловіколюбче, - слава Тобі!

Кондак (8): *Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Коли Ти, Всевишній, зійшов і мови змішав, то поділив між собою народи. Коли ж вогненні язики ти роздавав, то з'єднання всіх призвав, тому однодушно славимо пресвятого Духа.

Замість Святий Боже: Всі ви, що в Христа христилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алилуя (3x).

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Всі ви, що в Христа христилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алилуя.

Прокімен (8): По всій землі залунав їх голос, на край світу - їхні слова.

Стих: Небеса оповідають славу Божу, і діло рук Його проголошує твердь небесна.

Апостоль (Діяни 2,1-11): Тими днями, як настав день П'ятидесятниці, всі вони були вкупі на тім самім місці. Аж ось роздався зненацька з неба шум, неначе подув буйного вітру, і сповнив увесь дім, де вони сиділи. І з'явилися їм поділені язики, мов вогонь, і осів на кожному з них. Усі вони сповнились Святим Духом і почали говорити іншими мовами, як дух дав їм промовляти. А перебували в Єрусалимі між юдеями побожні люди з усіх народів, що під небом. І як зчинився той шум, зійшлась велика юрба і

ered 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 Verse: By His word the heavens were made; by the breath of His mouth, all the stars.

Verse: From the heavens the Lord looks forth; He sees all the children of men.

Gospel (John 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

хвилювалася, бо кожний чув, як вони говорили його мовою. Здивовані й остовпілі, вони один до одного казали: "Хіба не галилеяни всі оці, що розмовляють? Як же воно, що кожний з нас чує нашу рідну мову: партяни, мідяни, еламїї, і мешканці Месопотамії, Юдеї і Кападокії, Понту й Азії, Фригії й Памфілії, Єгипту й околиць Лівії, що біля Кирени, римляни, що тут перебувають, юдеї і прозеліти, критяни, араби - ми чуємо їх, як вони нашими мовами проголошують величні діла Божі?"

Апостольські Стих: Словом Господнім створене небо, і подихом уст Його - вся Його оздоба.

Стих: Господь із неба поглядає, Він бачить усіх дітей людських.

Євангелія (Іван 7,37-52;8,12): Останнього ж великого дня свята стояв Ісус і закликав на весь голос: "Коли спраглий хтось, нехай прийде до мене і п'є! Хто вірує в мене, як , Писання каже, то ріки води живої з нутра його потечуть!" Так він про Духа казав, що його мали прийняти ті, які увірували в нього. Не прийшов був ще Дух Святий, бо Ісус не був ще прославлений. Численні ж з народу, вчувши ті слова, казали: "Він - Христос." Ще інші: "Чи з Галилеї Христос прийде? Хіба в Писанні не сказано, що з роду Давидового Христос прийде з села Вифлеєму, звідки був Давид?" І роздор виник із-за нього серед народу. Бажали схопити його деякі, та ніхто не наклав рук на нього. Повернулись, отже, слуги до первосвящеників та фарисеїв, а ті питають їх: "Чому не привели його?" Слуги ж відказують: "Ніколи чоловік не говорив так, як цей чоловік говорить." Фарисеї ж: "Чи й не ви дали себе звести? Невже хтось із старшини або фарисеїв увірував у нього? Та проклятий той народ, що закону не знає!" Але озвався до них Никодим, що приходив до нього вночі, а був уже один з них: "Чи дозволяє наш закон засуджувати чоловіка, не вислухавши його спершу та й не довідавшись, що він робить?" Ті ж йому: "Чи і ти з Галилеї? Розвідайся, то й побачиш: з Галилеї пророк не приходить." І ще промовляв до них Ісус, і так їм казав: "Я - світло світу. Хто йде за мною, не блукатиме у темряві, а матиме світло життя."

world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Instead of *It is truly right...*, the Irmos: O my soul, extol the one God having three divine persons. 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 (3x).

Замість *Достойно . . .*, Ірмос: Величай, душе моя, в трьох Особах єдине Божество! Радуйся, Царице, славо дів і матерів! Найшляхетніші і найкрасномовніші уста не можуть насмілитись, щоб Тебе достойно оспівати, ані жаден розум неспроможен збагнути Твоє народження. Тому ми однозгідно Тебе славимо.

Причасний Стих: Дух Твій благий наведе мене на землю праву. Алілуя (3х).

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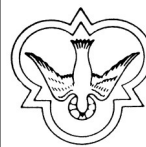
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Membership at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church benefits **YOU** as it enables you to participate in stewardship of your church and enjoy a fuller spiritual life. To join St. Josaphat's Church as a registered member, email or telephone Father Paul at St Josaphat's Rectory (contact information is listed on the cover of the bulletin).

THE MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, HOLY EUCHARIST): Those who wish their children to receive the Mysteries of Christian Initiation must contact St. Josaphat Rectory at least 6 weeks in advance of the desired Baptismal date; at least one parent must be an active registered parishioner of St. Josaphat's Church when requesting this Sacrament. Sponsors (Godparents) must provide a letter of suitability from the pastor of the Catholic Church they attend if they are not registered members this parish. Non-baptized adults who wish to be received into the faith should contact Father Paul to arrange for receiving Catechetical instruction in preparation to receive the Mysteries of Christian Initiation.

THE MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Confessions are offered to all the faithful 1/2 hour before each scheduled Divine Service, or you may make an appointment with Father Paul at any time.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST: The reception of the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved only for Baptized Catholic Christians whose consciences are free from mortal sin. If you are not Catholic, or if you have not made a Confession and are bound by mortal sin, you may come ask for a blessing from Father.

THE MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK can be administered anytime there is a case of serious illness, injury, or disease. Contact Father Paul at any time to arrange for the reception of this Sacrament. Please do not wait until your loved one is in danger of death!

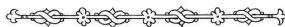
THE MYSTERY OF MATRIMONY: Couples who wish to marry at St. Josaphat Church should contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date (or as soon as they are engaged).

FUNERALS: Active parish membership and participation is mandatory if one desires an ecclesiastical funeral within the Church; otherwise, the funeral service will be conducted at the funeral home or the home of the deceased.

Viewings in the Church are discouraged as this is traditionally reserved for consecrated monastics or clerics. If an in-church viewing is desired, a separate facility use fee will be assessed by St. Josaphat Church equivalent to the prevailing funeral home facility rates in the Lehigh Valley.

Also, the Church teaches us to avoid cremation (except only for dire circumstances) due to the sanctity and holiness of the human body that was created in the image and likeness of God. If a cremation is insisted on, the family of the decedent must schedule the funeral service before cremation takes place if an ecclesiastical funeral is desired.

For inquires regarding burial in St. Josaphat's Cemetery, contact the Rectory via email or telephone.



17 Worldly Consolations That Decrease My Faith

By Roosh Valizadeh; Reprinted from <https://shorturl.at/cjVXZ>, Edited for the Bulletin.
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When I'm tired, irritated, sick, or merely experiencing a lull in the day, I can choose to console myself in one of two ways: through a worldly comfort or by lifting up my eyes to God with prayer, religious reading, or divine contemplation. Lamentably, I usually look to the world to give my flesh instant relief. Here is a list of consolations I currently use or have used to feel better in the moment, all of which competes with my love for God.

1. Eating tasty food past the point of satiety;
2. Reaching for my smartphone to check for unimportant new messages or news;
3. Prolonged staring at beautiful women;
4. Seeking direct praise when sharing my opinions, stories, or ideas;
5. Oversleeping, taking gratuitous naps, or using an alarm clock's snooze function beyond what is reasonable;
6. Consuming secular music or films to "unwind," not worry about life, and forget about death;
7. Taking unnecessarily long showers in hot water;
8. Consuming a socially acceptable drug (e.g., caffeine, alcohol) to create a desirable mental or physical state;
9. Craving nonstop laughter and fun during social conversation;
10. Seeking novelty through travel;
11. Gaining useless secular knowledge to feel more knowledgeable;
12. Improving my physical appearance for the main purpose of looking better than other men;
13. Complaining and grumbling (usually about other people);
14. Using modern medicine and supplements to alleviate the fear, anxiety, and physical pain of common illnesses;
15. Turning on the air conditioning when it's not that hot;
16. Indulging in fantasies where I am a hero or saint; and,
17. Responding with anger upon an insult or false accusation.

At the end of each item on the list above, add "because it feels good" for the reason I do it. Sadly, my body seems not to care about the next life, and only wants to be coddled and pleased in the here and now. I prefer immediate rewards that I know yield comfort or pleasure than wait for God to console me on His timeline according to His will. His consolation requires patience and is dispensed according to whether it will benefit the soul while worldly consolation only cares about the body without taking into account salvation.

Worldly consolation is fleeting, forms addictions, and leads to worship of false idols while divine consolation is sweet, joyful, and makes us become more in the likeness of God. If you are persistently consoling yourself with entertainment, food, and all other manner of pleasure, why then does God need to console you? Why does he need to fill you with His divine grace?

I do not judge you if you participate in behaviors that I've determined are unhealthy for me. You can do your own self-examination to see what is competing with your love for God. I've noticed that some men, for example, can speak to a beautiful woman without the risk of falling into lust like myself, but nonetheless our Lord does call us to a life of self-denial, so if you're filling your day with things that feel good, and none of those activities give you an opportunity to glorify God, you may want to ask yourself if you seek the temporal bosom of the world or the eternal bosom of God.

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We kindly ask you share this bulletin with your loved ones. Let your family & friends know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Josaphat's, Bethlehem, PA!

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Ukrainian Catholic Trivia Hey! Don't You Know?

There are four fasting periods as well as four fast-free periods where fasting is not allowed. The four fasting seasons are:

1. The Great Fast/Lent (from the Sunday of Forgiveness/Cheesefare to Lazarus Saturday and Holy Week).
2. The Apostle's Fast (from the Sunday of All-Saints to the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29th)
3. The Dormition Fast (Aug. 1st-14th)
4. Philip's/Nativity Fast (Nov. 15th through Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th).

The four fast-free seasons/weeks are:

1. The Week of the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee.
2. Bright Week (after Easter Sunday).
3. Trinity Week (the week from Pentecost Sunday to All-Saints Sunday).
4. The two weeks from Christmas Day to the Eve of Theophany.

St. Josaphat Calendar of Events – Mark Your Planners!

May 31st:	Change Altar Vestings/Church Cleaning (Alternate Date June 2nd)
June 4th:	St. Josaphat Family Day – Coca Cola Park, Allentown, PA (Game time: 1:35pm)
June 5th:	<i>Apostle's Fast (Petriovka) Begins</i>
June 5th:	St. Josaphat Tryzub Meeting (7:00 pm, Church Hall)
June 6th-7th:	Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Pyrohy/Noodle Prep and Sale
June 17th:	Summer Theology on Tap (after the 6:30 pm Liturgy, location TBD)
June 16th-18th:	5th All-American Youth Pilgrimage, Parma OH (See Flyer in Vestibule)
June 29th:	<i>Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation; Apostle's Fast/Petriovka Ends)</i>
June 30th:	Change Altar Vestings/Church Cleaning
July 3rd:	St. Josaphat Tryzub Meeting (7:00 pm, Church Hall)
July 4th:	Independence Day
July 9th:	Holy Ghost Noodle Sale (No Pyrohy)
July 22nd:	Summer Theology on Tap (after the 6:30 pm Liturgy, location TBD)
July 24th-28th:	TENTATIVE-Holy Ghost Children's Summer Camp
August 1st:	<i>The Dormition Fast (Spasivka) Begins/Small Blessing of Holy Water</i>
August 1st:	Church Cleaning.
August 6th:	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>
August 9th:	Holy Ghost Noodle Sale (No Pyrohy)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Author Unknown; Edited for the Bulletin.



Today, we think about the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the early church. Besides the coming of the Spirit with mighty signs and wonders, there is a much gentler coming of the Spirit to our hearts. This is the experience of the comforting presence of God's love abiding by our side each and every day. It is the assurance that God has not abandoned us. It is the nudge in the hearts of God's sons and daughters that leads us back to Him. This is the coming of the Comforter into our lives. And it is this Spirit which is called Comforter who bids us to listen with our hearts. As Jesus says, "The Comforter will testify of me."

[In turning our hearts to Jesus in this moment we hang onto the message He speaks. Jesus tells his followers that there will soon come a time when they will inevitably meet persecution because they follow him. There was a time when the disciples had Jesus present with them to protect them. But they would not always have Jesus with them and so he is beginning to prepare them for the realities which they will soon face. This is a message for us. Because we do not have the luxury of seeing Jesus eye to eye, we must abide in His presence which comes to us by way of the Holy Spirit.

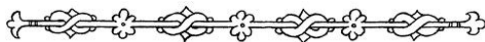
In being reminded that we God is truly with us, we are also reminded that there is a certain sadness in the fact that we do not have Jesus physically with us. We are no different than the disciples of old. We yearn and desire to behold Him with our eyes and touch him with our hands. Instead we are left with the promise that Jesus will be with us. We are given the assurance of the Spirit bearing witness to Him as He speaks to our hearts.

Jesus reminds us that he must be at home with God. But the promise is sure and holds true that we are not left all alone to fend for ourselves in this world. We are given the Comforter in the midst of our tears and yearning which assures us that Jesus is risen and lives in our hearts.

It is with this experience of assurance that we hear a difficult word from Jesus himself. He says to us in essence, "I am telling you the truth. You will be better off if I leave you." How can this be the case? Only if Jesus leaves us in God's loving hands can we begin to choose to be open to the Spirit's leading us into the truth about God. It is only in the absence of Jesus that we can truly begin to trust in him. Remember that very shortly Jesus will say to another of his bewildered, wondering, wounded, and sad disciples over his departure, "Blessed are those who believe and do not see."

Jesus' absence makes clear the issue of our belief in Jesus. Thus, it is only when Jesus is absent that the test of faith can play itself out in us. Jesus says plainly that the Spirit of God will convict people because they are "wrong about sin." In John's Gospel the reality of sin can be focused sharply in the refusal of people to place their trust in Jesus. If people refuse to trust Jesus whom they cannot see then they remain in their sin.

God sends the Spirit to bear witness to the gospel truth about Jesus so people might believe while not being able to have the presence of Jesus physically with them. This is surely gospel, for if we could hold Jesus with us physically then he would surely die like all the rest of us, and the promise of new life found in him would also fade away. But Jesus has been raised and lives in God's love. That same love is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. That is why the judgment of the world about wanting to keep Jesus with us to hold has been already judged and, indeed, overcome by the Comforter. Thanks be to God.



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, your family, and your friends. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to bring them to Father Paul or one of our parishioners. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. May God's blessings be with you always!

Pentecost

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

The 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 mankind, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care 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.

-from the treatise Against Heresies

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