

Holy Pentecost

Fiftieth Day after Pascha (May 27, 2018)

Services:

At St Philip Church

Saturday, May 26

Divine Liturgy for Soul Saturday, 10 am
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6 pm

Sunday, May 27

Orthros 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy 10 am
Kneeling Prayers, 2 pm



Scripture readings:

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel
2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28
St. John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-11;
St. John 7:37-52; 8:12

The Synaxarion:

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

Verses

In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit
In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.
In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.

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.

Apolytikion (Tone Eight)

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 (Tone Eight)

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.

More Resources:

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/pentecost>

<https://www.goarch.org/pentecost>

How to Celebrate the Feast:

Make it a priority to attend Festal services.

Invite a friend to church.

Pray, read about, & discuss Christ's ascension and the Promise & Descent of the Holy Spirit in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.

Make sure you wear, prayerfully and purposefully, your baptismal cross, recalling your Baptism & Chrismation.

Give Alms. Help someone. Be bold in generosity!

Visit relatives, friends and neighbors (especially those in assisted living, who are homebound, or in the hospital).

Listen to an AncientFaith.com podcast on Holy Pentecost.

Question for reflection: In what ways has the Holy Spirit worked in the life of the Church, in your life? How does the Spirit continue to work?