Sunday, June 16th: Sunday of Holy PENTECOST
   Father’s Day
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Saturday, June 22nd: Parish Life Conference

Sunday, June 23rd: First Sunday after Pentecost
   **please note that St. Mary Church will be open**
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, June 30th: Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day (church office closed)

Saturday, July 6th: 6:00 P.M. – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, July 7th: Third Sunday of Matthew
   Family Day (rain date July 14th)

Tuesday, July 9th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 14th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Sunday, July 7th: Third Sunday of Matthew
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm


Sunday, July 28th: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Thursday, August 1st-Wednesday, August 14th (weeknights only):
   7:00pm Parakalesis Services

Sunday, August 4th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 5th-9th: Church School Summer Camp at the Parish Center

Sunday, August 4th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 11th: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, August 13th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th: 7:00pm Liturgy

Sunday, August 18th: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
   Feast Day:
   9:00am: Matins
   10:00am” Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN
   12:00pm: Luncheon at the Parish Center– more info to follow
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, August 25th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

Coffee Hour
Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of our fathers; John Kelley & Emil Awad and is being offered by Matt & Amani Kelley. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)
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 undfiled hope of the Apostles

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God,
have mercy on us. Amen.
CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the participation of Charles and Angela Abosamra in our Charitable Gift Program.

It is worth noting that Charles and Angela were on the original committee that comprised the Charitable Gift Program.

May God Grant Them Many Years of Health and Happiness!

Holy PENTECOST

RESURRECTIONAL OF PENTECOST: Tone 8
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.

THE KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 8
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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Pentecost
This is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2). The Church applied the name Pentekoste = the fiftieth day, to the feast celebrating this event which may be considered the birthday of Christianity as an organized religion. In early times, the whole period between Easter and the Sunday marking the Fiftieth day after it was called Pentecost. During that time no fast was allowed, prayer was offered while standing, and the alleluia was sung more frequently. Now it is only the Easter week, from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of St. Thomas, that both Wednesday and Friday are not considered to be fasting days.

Why does the Lord command us to love our enemies and to pray for them? Not for their sake, but for ours! For as long as we bear grudges, as long as we dwell on how someone offended us, we will have no peace.

—Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica
When the day of Pentecost has 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 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, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the part of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Gospel
John 7:37-52, 8:12

And 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 priests 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." Nicodemus, 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."