

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, June 7, 2020
8th Sunday of Pascha – Tone 7
Our Parish Feast: Pentecost,
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
JOYOUS FEAST, EVERYONE!

WITH THANKS TO GOD FOR THE NEXT STEP IN RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH ...

What a thrill it is to anticipate seeing 25 people gathered in the church, today and tomorrow, for the first time in almost 3 months! Many thanks to everyone who continues to work gladly and tirelessly – not only to beautify the church for our Parish Feast, but to take the many additional measures needed to prepare the church to receive parishioners again! ***Thank you!***

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at

Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights or www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan

Today – The Great Feast of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit – Our Parish’s Altar Feast

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by The Kneeling Prayers Of Pentecost

Tomorrow – Monday, June 8 – The Second Day of Pentecost, the Day of the Holy Spirit

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by The Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost

Saturday, June 13

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 14 – The Sunday of All Saints

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

3:00 PM Wedding of Larissa King and Brighton Styles (Wedding Party and Family Attending)

TODAY’S EPISTLE Acts 2:1-11 In those days, when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

TODAY’S GOSPEL John 7:37-52, 8:12 At that time, on the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Adeline, Matushka Nadine Brown (+6/4), David, Dinara, Mathew, George, Popadije Marilyn, Rocco, David, Archimandrite Elias (Bitar) (+5/20), Sophie, Anna, Helen, Vera, Archpriest Paul Lazor, Mildred, Patricia, Annabel, Anne, Leonel, Carl, Anatoly, Tamika, Vera, Cherie, Tara, Lydia, Irine, Cynthia, Inna, Stanley, Marcel, Robert, Lorna, John, George, all those taken from us by the Coronavirus.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia; John, Florence, Thomas, Nancy, expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana & Ashley; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Antonina, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail, newborn Kaiden & Samuel, Sylvia & baby Esther. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Leonid, Fr. Alexis, Fr. Moses, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Terence & Mat. Barbara, Fr. Joseph & Mat Ellen, Gabriel, Zoe & Emily; Mat. Tabita, Mat. Mary, Rdr. Vasily & Anna, Tatiana (mother of Mat. Anastasia Karlgut), Claire, Cyprian, Alexandra, Marie, Heather, James, Nicholas, Anne, Randy, Julee, Vinny, Talia, Larry, Paul, Anna, Pauline, Anastasii, Ioann, Mihail, Anne, Eleanor, Lynn, Helen, Brandon, Christine, Ricardo, Joseph, Judi, Virginia, Sue, John, June, Dr. Sonia, Claudia, Lore, Olga, Nicholas, Magdalena, Michael, Tara, Rebecca, Shawn, Merrill, Ilia, Ludmilla, Sheila, Heather. Drs. Carol & Steven, Adam, Anna, Sdn. Shawn, Officers Luke & Boris, and all of the healthcare professionals and first responders in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them.

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Duke University

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Statement of The Holy Synod of Bishops
of the Orthodox Church in America
Concerning the Tragic Events in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

“We, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, mourn the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020. We too have looked with horror at the footage of this episode, and condemn the brutal actions that caused his violent death. We look to the civil authorities to bring to justice those who participated in this senseless tragedy.

“We categorically reject racism in any form. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and was created to exist (Wisdom of Solomon 1:14). We are all, each of us, “one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).” As such, there should be no hatred, no enmity, no hostility between us, but reconciliation.

“In the face of civil unrest, we call upon the members of the Orthodox Church in America, and to all the communities they live in, to engage in the service of righteousness and peace in the Holy Spirit. We exhort everyone to “pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:17, 19).”

Finally, we offer our prayers to God for Mr. Floyd, his family, and to those communities that are experiencing anxiety, sadness, and despair, because they have seen destruction of life and property.”

**Prayers During the Liturgy During Times of Civil Unrest:
(Prayed During the Litany Following the Sermon)**

Again we pray for this country, for all its cities, towns, and countrysides that are divided by strife; for all those who are victims of violence, of hatred and injustice, of disorder and unrest, and especially for those who have been killed, that they might find their repose in Thee; for all who are beset by anger and fear; for those in civil authority and all who enforce the law; and for all the people of this land: for justice, godly liberty, mercy, a peaceful life, and remission of our sins.

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Again we pray that all people of this land, its rulers and authorities, its citizens and all who reside here, might be enlightened with the light of Thy Gospel and Thy commandments, unto peace and good order, unto justice and love for one another, so that we might easily and safely pass from here, our temporary homeland, to our true one with Thee in Heaven.

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)