

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Tone 7** || Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

**Epistle:** Acts 2:1-11 **GOSPEL:** JOHN 7:37-52, 8:12

## Parish Contacts

### Clergy:

*Dean - New York State Deanery*

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### Parish Priest-in-Charge:

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### Parish Council Warden:

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**Welcome** to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.

## Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Council and Faithful of Holy Trinity, we greet all on this Most Holy Feast of Pentecost: the Feast of the Holy Trinity and our 103rd Parish Feast Day!

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. **Again a Joyous Feast to all!**

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**Sunday, June 16th:** Pentecost

Sunday: 8:40am - Hours,  
9:00am - Festal Divine Liturgy,  
Kneeling Vespers, followed by  
Parish Feast Day Dinner.

**Enjoy a Fast Free Week!**

**There is no fasting this week  
in celebration of the Feast of  
Pentecost.**

**Saturday, June 22nd:** 5pm -  
Vespers

**Sunday, June 23rd:** 8:40am -  
Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy,  
followed by Fellowship

## Prayer List

### +Memory Eternal:

*All departed Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Faithful Men of God.*

### For the Health of:

Archpriest Jason	Elizabeth
Archpriest Herman	Kristen
Archpriest John	Katherine
Rdr. David	Elizabeth
Rdr. Thomas	Anastasia
Stella H. - <i>Fr. Timm's mother</i>	
Ruth	Margarete
Helen	Mary Ann
Nadezhda	Sierra
Kathleen	Carol
Child Hannah	Alexander
Leon	Maria
Kate	Michael
Antonina	
Gregory	
Sarah	
Harriett	
Kathryn & unborn Child	

All of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Faithful Men of God who we give thanks for on this day.

### Traveling:

Nadezhda Melnik - Wintering in SC  
All those traveling in this Summer season.

### Special Intentions:

Bridget

### Parish Children:

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

**Festive Luncheon Today:** Everyone is invited to join in celebrating our Parish Feast Day at the Social Hall following Divine services with a festive luncheon.

### On THE VESPERS OF PENTECOST

The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is “added” to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn “summing up” of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon: “Who is so great a God as our God?”

Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter “the ordinary time” of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called “after Pentecost”—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle.

At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church “never grows old, but is always young.” It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—“the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity,” and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

*Happy Father’s Day!*

*May God Grant You Many Years!*

### Fellowship Schedule:

**June 23rd**

King/Lyon Family

**June 30th**

Charlanow Family

**July 7th:**

Potluck - Dish to Pass

### Readers

### Schedule:

**June 22nd & 23rd:**

Carol Haluszczak

**June 29th & 30th:**

Steve Cheplick

**July 6th & 7th:**

Rdr. William