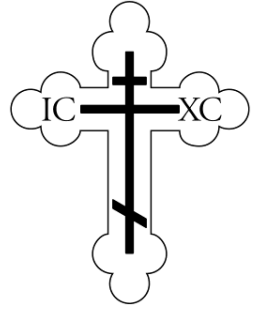
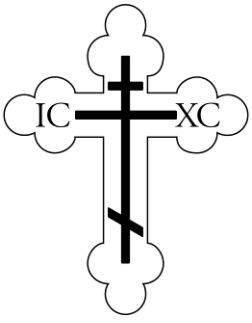


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# May 31, 2026

## The Day of Pentecost

### HYMNS OF THE DAY

#### First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us.

Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ref.*)

Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world. (*Ref.*)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Ref.*)

## Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

*Refrain:* O good Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion! (*Ref.*)

May He grant you your heart's desire,  
and fulfill all your plans!

Glory... now and ever... *then* "Only Begotten Son..." *as usual.*

## Third Antiphon

*Cantor:* In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (*Psalm 20.1*)

*Refrain:* **Tone 8 – Troparion of Pentecost**

Blessed are You, O Christ our God;

You have revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit.

Through them You drew the world into Your net.//

O Lover of man, glory to You!

*Cantor:* You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (*Troparion*)

*Cantor:* For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (*Troparion*)

*Deacon:* Wisdom! Let us stand aright! Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise Your power! (*Troparion*)

## Tone 8 – Kontakion of Pentecost

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,

He divided the nations;

but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//

Therefore, with one voice we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

### *Instead of the Trisagion we sing:*

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Alleluia! (3x)

Glory... now and ever... have put on Christ. Alleluia!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## **Tone 8 – Prokeimenon of Pentecost (Psalm 18)**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the universe!

### **Epistle: Acts 2.1-11**

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."

### **Gospel: John 7.37-52; 8.12**

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."

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**N.Dep.** Zach Mlynski  
Ljubica Pavleska  
Stephen Miller

**Ev. Mem** Anna Baus (1930)  
Tatiana Savich (1947)  
Evdokia Shendrick (1951)

### Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter  
Mat. Cynthia  
Hierom. John  
Mat. Anne  
Valer  
Nun Theodora  
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Claudia  
Mary Ann  
Raymond  
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Charlotte  
Betsy  
Klaudia  
Maja  
Gerald  
Janet  
Gerald  
Rebecca  
Christopher  
Moses

Helena  
James  
Elijah  
Lydia  
Nina  
Ezra  
James  
Rebecca  
Jesse  
Autumn  
James  
John  
Jacob  
Carol  
Snezana  
Ryan  
Nathan  
Kara  
Sarah  
Jamie  
Kyleigh  
Lauren

Kyle  
Carolynn  
Amelia  
Aaron  
Marcietta  
Charles  
Rosemary  
Nicholas  
Natalie  
Meagan  
Kimberly  
Stephanie  
Robin  
Leonardo  
Daniel  
Tiffany  
Yelena  
Anastasia  
Christine  
Mira  
Jaroslava  
Cameron

Regina	Rita	Sarah
Matthew	Kenneth	Anika
Cindy	Alla	Gabriel
Aisha	Maria	Kyle
Don	Ethan	Louis
Patricia	Logan	Noni
Charlette	Joseph	Erin
Elias	Mamie	Melissa
Sara	Mary	Solomon
Thomas	Kimberly	Atlas
Jarrayd	Michael	Katharine
Kira & unborn	Anastasia	Kalyn & unborn
Shaun	Michal	
Cecilia	Carlos	

*To add the name of a loved one recently departed or on the anniversary of their repose, or someone living and in particular need of prayer, please speak to Fr Jacob.*

### **Special Petition at the Augmented Litany:**

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially the victims in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

### **Festal Theotokion (*Instead of "It is Truly Meet..."*)**

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!  
 No tongue, however sweet or fluent,  
 is eloquent enough to praise you worthily.  
 Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.  
 Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

### **Communion Hymn**

Your good Spirit shall lead me into the land of righteousness!  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **THE KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST**

**Deacon:** Again and again, on bended knee, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (*all kneel*)

**Priest:** O Lord, pure and undefiled, existing before all eternity, invisible, incomprehensible, unsearchable, unchanging, surpassed by none, not to be calculated, long-suffering, the only immortal One: You abide in the unapproachable light. You created heaven and earth, and all the creatures that inhabit them, supplying all their needs even before they ask. To You we pray and You we entreat, loving Master, the Father of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven to be incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, the glorious Theotokos. At first He taught in words, but then showed us by deeds, when in enduring the saving Passion He gave to us Your humble, sinful and unworthy servants an example of how to offer our prayers in the bending of our heads and knees for our own transgressions and for the failings of the people.

All-merciful and loving Lord, hear us whenever we call upon You, but especially on this day of Pentecost, on which, after our Lord Jesus Christ had ascended into the heavens, to be seated at Your right hand, O God and Father, He sent the Holy Spirit on His holy disciples and Apostles. As He came to rest upon each of them, and all were filled with His overflowing grace, they spoke in strange tongues of Your mighty works and prophesied. As we now pray to You, hear us and be mindful of us though we are lowly and deserving of judgment; recall our souls from the bondage of sin—Your own compassion interceding for us. Accept us as we kneel before You crying the familiar, "I have sinned!" We have been dependent on You from our mother's womb; You are our God. But because our days have been vainly squandered, we are stripped of Your help, without any defense. Even so, encouraged by Your mercies, we cry: Remember not our sins committed in youth and ignorance, and purge our secret thoughts. Do not spurn us in old age; when our strength fails us, do not forsake us; before we are returned to the earth, make us worthy to return to You, and treat us with Your favor and grace. Measure out Your mercies against our transgressions; contrast the depths of Your pity to the multitude of our offenses.

From Your holy dwelling place look down upon the people here present who await Your rich mercy; visit us in Your goodness; free us from the oppression of the Evil One; make our lives secure within Your holy and sacred laws. Entrust Your people to a faithful guardian angel; gather us all into Your kingdom; grant forgiveness to those who hope in You; remit their sins and ours; cleanse us through the work of Your Holy Spirit; put an end to the deceits of the enemy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, raise us up, and keep us, O God, by Your grace. (*all stand*)

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Again and again, on bended knee, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (*all kneel*)

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ our God, You have bestowed Your peace on mankind and the gift of the Holy Spirit, to be with us even in this life as a perpetual inheritance to believers never taken away. On this day, You more manifestly sent this grace upon Your disciples and Apostles, giving speech to their lips through fiery tongues, so that every human race, hearing in our own language, received the knowledge of God, and, illumined by the light of the Spirit, emerged from error as from darkness. In the distribution of visible tongues of fire, and by extraordinary power, we were taught faith in You and were enlightened to speak of You and of the Father and of the Holy Spirit as one Godhead, one power, one dominion.

As the reflection of the Father, the perfect and immutable likeness of His essence and nature, the source of salvation and grace, open the lips of this sinner and teach me how and for what I should pray. For You know the great number of my sins, yet Your compassion will overcome their enormity. For in fear I stand before You, casting my soul's despair into the sea of Your mercy. Govern my life as You govern all creation by the unspoken word and the power of wisdom, O calm haven of the storm-tossed, and make known to me the way in which I should walk.

Grant me the Spirit of wisdom in my thoughts, the Spirit of prudence in my ignorance. Let the Spirit of the awe of You overshadow my deeds. Renew a steadfast Spirit in my heart and let Your guiding

Spirit make firm my errant mind, so that each day, led by Your good Spirit towards that which is profitable, I may be worthy to keep Your commandments, ever mindful of Your glorious and soul-searching presence. Do not allow me to be beguiled by the world's corrupting delights, but rather to desire the enjoyment of future treasures. For You, Master, have said that whatever we ask in Your name we shall without fail receive from Your co-eternal God and Father. Thus I, too, a sinner, at the descent of Your Holy Spirit, beseech Your goodness. All that I have asked, grant me for salvation. Yes, Lord, You are the lavish giver of everything good, giving far in excess of what we ask. You are the compassionate and merciful One Who, though sinless, partook in our flesh, and, bending in love towards those who bend the knee to You, You became the propitiation for our sins.

Now then, Lord, grant Your people Your mercies; hear us from Your heavenly dwelling place; sanctify them by the power of Your saving right hand; shelter them in the shadow of Your wings; do not spurn the work of Your hands. It is against You alone that we sin, but it is You alone we worship; we know no alien god to adore, nor to stretch out our hands to any other deity, O Master. Remit our offenses, and as You receive our petitions on bended knee, extend to us all a helping hand. Accept our common prayer as a pleasing fragrance, rising up to Your blessed kingdom.

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**Priest:** Through the grace and compassion of Your only-begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Again and again, on bended knee, let us pray to the Lord.

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**Priest:** O never-failing Spring, bursting with life and light, creative Power coeternal with the Father, You fulfilled surpassingly the plan for the salvation of mankind, shattering the unbreakable bonds of death and the bolts of hell and trampling the throngs of evil spirits. You presented Yourself as a blameless victim for us, offering Your pure body, chaste and untouched by sin, in sacrifice, and by that terrible and indescribable oblation granted us everlasting life. You descended into hell and broke down its gates, and sojourning among those below, You showed them the way of ascent. As for the Prince of Evil, that dragon of the deep, You snared him in an inspired lure, binding him in circles of darkness. In Your infinite power, You fastened him in the nether world, in the eternal fire and the outer darkness.

O glorious Wisdom of the Father, You are the great help of those in peril, giving light to those in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord of everlasting glory, beloved Son of the Most High, eternal light of eternal light, Sun of righteousness: hear our supplications and give rest to the souls of Your servants, our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, all of our kin by blood and the whole household of faith who have fallen asleep and whose memory we keep this day. For in You is the strength of all, and in Your hand You hold the far reaches of the earth.

Almighty Master, God of our Fathers and merciful Lord of the living and the dead, Creator of all mortal nature, composed and again dissolved, of life and of death, of earthly existence and of hereafter: You measure out the years for living and set times for passing, bringing down to death and raising up, fettering in weakness and liberating in power; You provide aptly for the present and fittingly dispose what is to come, restoring those who are wounded by the sting of death with the hope of resurrection.

Master, Lord of all, our God and Redeemer, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off at sea, on this latter great and saving day of Pentecost You disclosed to us the mystery of the holy, consubstantial, co-eternal and life-giving Trinity, indivisible yet distinct, and in the descent and presence of Your holy and life-giving Spirit poured out its grace upon Your holy Apostles in the form of fiery tongues, making them proclaimers and confessors of our holy Faith, of true knowledge of God. On this universal and saving feast, deign to accept petitions for those imprisoned by death, thus giving

us great hope and relief to the departed from their grievous distress and Your comfort. Hear us, humble and pitiable, as we pray to You, and give rest to the souls of Your Servants who have fallen asleep in a place of brightness, a place of renewed life, a joyous place, shunned alike by pain and sorrow and sighing. And place their spirits where the Righteous dwell, counting them worthy of peace and repose. For the dead do not praise You, Lord, nor do those in Hades offer You glory, but it is we the living who bless and entreat You and offer You propitiatory prayers and sacrifices for their souls.

O God, great and eternal, holy and loving, having deemed us worthy to stand at this hour in the presence of Your unapproachable glory, to sing in praise of Your wondrous acts, be gracious to Your unworthy servants and grant us grace to offer You in contrition of heart the thrice-holy doxology and thanksgiving for the great gifts You have bestowed on us and continue always to bestow. Lord, be mindful of our weakness, and do not let us be lost in our wrongdoing, but show mercy as we humble ourselves, so that, escaping the darkness of sin, we may walk in the day of justice, and girded with the armor of light, we may live free of the assaults of the Evil One, and so with courage glorify You the only true and loving God in all things.

Truly great is Your mystery, Master and Maker of all, of the temporary separation of Your creatures, to be united again in everlasting rest. We confess Your grace in all things, for our entrances into this world and our departures, of which our hope of resurrection and a life of bliss, according to Your certain promise, are the guarantee. May we enjoy it in Your future second coming. For You are both the pioneer of our resurrection and the just but compassionate judge of our lives and Master and Lord of our reward. In ultimate condescension, You shared in our flesh and blood and in our passions. You willingly assumed them in the depth of Your compassion so that after being tempted Yourself, You might offer Yourself freely as helper to us who are tempted. Thus, You united us all to You in Your freedom from passion.

Be pleased to accept, then, Master, our prayers and entreaties and give rest to everyone's fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters and children, and all the souls that have gone ahead to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to everlasting life. And place their spirits and their names in the book of life, the bosom of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the land of the living, in the kingdom of the heavens, in the bliss of Paradise. Let Your angels of light lead them

all into Your holy mansions. And on the day You have ordained, raise up our bodies as well according to Your unfailing promises. For in departing our bodies to dwell in You our God, there is no death for Your servants, Lord, but rather a change from the more sorrowful to the better and more pleasing, to rest and to joy. And if we have in any way sinned against You, be merciful to them and to us; for no one is free of stain in Your sight, though he live but a day—only You, who came sinless to earth, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we all hope to find mercy and remission of sins.

Thus, as a good and loving God, remit and forgive them and us our failings committed in knowledge or ignorance, intentionally or unaware, in deed or in thought, in word, in all goings about. Both to those who have gone before and to us who await, give release and repose, granting us and all Your people a good and peaceful end, opening up to us Your heart of love and mercy at Your terrible and awesome coming, and judging us worthy of Your kingdom.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to the **newly-illuminated Connie (Emily), Lisa (Olga),** and their sponsors!

After venerating the cross, we will serve the **1-year memorial for Steven Mitrovich.**

**Thank you** to our Golf Outing organizers Rich, Linda, and Lara, and to everyone who helped out yesterday.

For Bible Study tomorrow read Ruth 1-4.

**Women's Monastery Trip** is coming up soon. See Tiffany O'Day as soon as possible if you want to attend but haven't signed up.

**Please return any outstanding books from the Lending Library** that have been checked out for longer than three months.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

June 1: **Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral** for their parish  
feastday @ 9:30am  
**Bible Study @ 7pm**

June 4: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

June 6: **Spring Outdoor Cleanup** beginning @ 9am; lunch provided.

June 9: **Guys' Night Out** at Maxim's Lounge @ 6pm

Jun 9-11: **Woman's Retreat** at Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan

Jun 29-Jul 17: Fr Jacob on vacation.

**Last Week's Gifts to the Lord: \$4,974**

**Glory to God for  
all things!**