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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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“Love, Pray, Repent”

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

12 June 2022, Pentecost Fiftieth Day After Pascha



MATINS/ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Elected / Appointed Members

- Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
- Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*
- Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*
- Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary*
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- Rdr Michael Baum, *Ecclesiarch*

Organization Representatives

- Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*
- Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*
- Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*
- Robert Abraham, *Facilities*
- Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*
- No Teen Rep Presently, *SOYO*

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

WORSHIP On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA
STUDIES & MEETINGS On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 11, Saturday, **10 am Baptism** Lukas Schrader, **6 pm Vespers**
 June 12, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship,
 11:45 am Antiochian Women Meeting
 June 15-18, Wednesday-Saturday, **Diocese Parish Life Conference, Grand Rapids MI**
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 June 19, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 June 20-28, **Saints Peter and Paul Fasting for Missionary Outreach**
 June 23, Thursday, **1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation** [On Zoom](#)
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 June 25, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**
 June 26, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 June 28, Tuesday, **6 pm Vespers for Saints Peter and Paul**
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 July 3, Sunday, **10 am Typica Service** Instead of Normal Services
 July 7, Thursday, **1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation** [On Zoom](#)
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 July 9, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**
 July 10, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 11:45 am Antiochian Women Meeting
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 July 17, Sunday, **10 am Typica Service** Instead of Normal Services
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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, June 12 Pentecost	Michael & Ruth Baum	Rdr Michael Baum
Sunday, June 19 All Saints/Father's Day	Open	Open
Sunday, June 26, Fast	George & Patrice Nimee	George Nimee
Sunday, July 3	Reader Service – No Meal	
Sunday, July 10	Open	Open
Sunday, July 17	Reader Service – No Meal	

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 – Ron and Dottie Malooley (anniv)	June 19 – Nick & Andrea Schaefer (anniv)
June 3 – Mary Miller	June 20 – Christopher/Melissa Leonard (a)
June 4 – Jeremiah Schaefer	June 20 – Angela Forsa, Elijah Schaefer
June 11 – Matthew/Angelena Panizzi (anniv)	June 23 – Melissa Leonard
June 12 – Kim & Jeannie Leonard (anniv)	June 26 – Kenneth Wiltse
June 17 – Adelaide Miriam Leonard	June 28 – Carole Ball
June 16 – Melanie Thompson	June 28 – Mark & Nicole Wiltse (anniv)

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CHURCH FINANCES

April 2022 Income-Expense

Total April Income: \$10,293.48
 Total April Expenses: \$16,093.93
 Net Income April: \$-5,800.45

January-April 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 22,051.61
 Total Year Expense: \$34,155.55
 Total Year Net Income: \$-12,103.94

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- The “Glory” hymn at the end of Matins:

THE DOXASTICON OF PENTECOST IN TONE SIX

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. O heavenly King, the Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places, and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life, come, and dwell in us, and cleanse us from every stain; and save our souls, O good One.

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN 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.

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- The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom:

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THE GREAT LITANY THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; a great King over all the earth.

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

Verse: He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

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

Verse: Glory to the Father... Both now and ever... (*Refrain*)

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THE LITTLE LITANY THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Vs: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee.

Refrain: **Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Vs: Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, & thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten.

Refrain: **Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Vs: The Lord grant thee according to thy heart and fulfill all thy purposes.

Refrain: **Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Vs: Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

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THE LITTLE LITANY THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Vs. O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. Thou wentest before him with blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages.

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN 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.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts.

Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Refrain: Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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- **After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.**

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN 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.

- *Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN 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.

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THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. Dynamis! (Louder!)

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

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- **The Scripture of the day, following the Anti-Trisagion Hymn:**

THE EPISTLE

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: **Their sound has gone forth into all the earth.**

The heavens declare the glory of God!

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (2:1-11)**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the Apostles 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 all 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 marveled, saying, "Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in our own language where we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens established.

The Lord looked down from heaven!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly 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, many 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 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."

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• **Instead of "It is truly meet," The Megalynarion For The Feast In Tone Seven**

O thou who without experience of corruption wast found to be with child, and didst lend flesh unto the Word Who devised all things, O thou Mother who hast not known wedlock, O Virgin Theotokos, vessel of the Uncontainable One, dwelling place of thy boundless Fashioner, thee do we magnify.

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• **After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..."**

Sing the following Hymns in Tone 4 from Vespers LIHC:

Today all the nations beheld strange things in the city of David, when the Holy Spirit descended in fiery tongues, as Luke, the herald of things divine declared; for he said: As the disciples of Christ were gathered together, there came a sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting; and all began to articulate strange and foreign words, doctrines strange and new, strange and new teachings of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Spirit hath ever been, and is, and shall be, neither beginning nor ending; but He is ever ranked and numbered together with the Father and the Son. He is Life, and life-creating; Light, and light-bestowing; by nature good, and the source of goodness; through Him the Father is known, and the Son is glorified; and thereby all men acknowledge a single sovereignty, single covenant, a single worship of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is Light and Life, and a living, noetic Fountain, the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding; the good, the upright, the noetic, the governing Spirit, Who purgeth offences. He is God, and doth deify; He is Fire, issuing from Fire, speaking, working, distributing the gifts; through Whom all the Prophets, and the Apostles of God, and all the Martyrs received their crowns. Strange is this report, strange this spectacle, a Fire divided that these gifts may be apportioned.

THEN KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PENTECOST IN TONE 8:

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

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- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing the Apolytikion of Pentecost.*
- *Following “Blessed be the Name of the Lord” the chanters sing:*

THE GREAT PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Refrain: Who is so great a god as our God? Thou art the God Who workest wonders.

Verse 1. Thou hast made Thy power known among the peoples; with Thine arm hast Thou redeemed Thy people. (*Refrain*)

Verse 2. And I said: Now have I made a beginning; this change hath been wrought by the right hand of the Most High. (*Refrain*)

Verse 3. I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember Thy wonders from the beginning. (*Refrain*)

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- *Now the Priest and Choir say Three Kneeling Prayers and Litanies*
- *Then, the priest returns to the Altar as the chanters sing:*

THE APOSTICHA FOR HOLY SPIRIT MONDAY IN TONE THREE

Now, the tongues have become manifest wonders to all; for the Jews, of whom cometh Christ after the flesh, were divided by lack of faith. They fell from the divine grace and the divine light which we, the Gentiles, have attained, who are established by the sayings of the Disciples, giving utterance to the glory of God, the All-beneficent, with whom we bend our hearts as well as our knees, and worship the Holy Spirit in faith, being strengthened by the Savior of our souls.

Verse 1. *Create in me a new heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

Now, the comforting Spirit hath been poured on all flesh; for, starting with the rank of the Apostles, He extended grace through the communion of believers, certifying His effective presence by the distribution of tongues to the Disciples in fiery likeness for the praise and glory of God. Wherefore, being noetically illumined with them and confirmed in the steadfast Faith, we beseech the Holy Spirit to save our souls.

Verse 2. *Cast me not away from Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

Now, the Apostles of Christ have put on might and power from above; for the Comforter hath renewed them, and in them renewed the knowledge of the new mysteries which they proclaimed to us in tones and resounding words, teaching us to worship the all-bountiful God of the eternal, simple Nature of three Persons. Wherefore, being illumined by their teachings, let us worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, beseeching them to save our souls.

Verse. *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Come, O ye peoples, let us worship the Godhead of three Hypostases: the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit; for the Father timelessly begat the Son, Who is co-eternal and of one throne; and the Holy Spirit was in the Father, glorified with the Son; one Might, one Essence, one Godhead, which we all worship, saying: Holy God, Who didst create all things through the Son, with the co-operation of the Holy Spirit. Holy Mighty, through Whom we have known the Father, and through Whom the Holy Spirit came to the world. Holy Immortal, the Comforting Spirit, Who proceedest from the Father and retest in the Son. O Holy Trinity, glory be to Thee.

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- *Then the priest continues with the Final Blessing and the Dismissal.*

COMMEMORATION: Christ poured out the grace of the All-holy Spirit from Heaven upon His holy disciples and apostles in the form of fiery tongues for our salvation.

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest - Parish Life Conference

Host: St. George Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown

June 15-18, 2022

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Pentecost- Having celebrated the Holy Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ to his throne in heaven, we turn our attention to the coming of the promised Holy Spirit – the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. It was through the inspiration and power of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity that the disciples who were once cowering in the locked upper room became the fearless ambassadors of the risen and ascended Christ across the known world. St. Nikodemos the Hagiorite reminds us that the Holy Spirit brought about a change of mind, a change of heart, and a change of tongue in the apostles. He writes that this change of mind is seen in that “their previous ideas concerning the things of this world were altered so that they began to understand clearly the lowliness and vanity of present good things, and on the other hand to understand the greatness and eternalness of the future good things.” Their change of heart can be seen through their transformation from “frightened hares” to “fearless lions,” writes St. Nikodemos. “Then they went outside like fearless lions and preached the crucified Jesus before all the multitudes of people with open faces, with brave chests, and with courage and boldness without flinching before either threats, or lashings, or torments and tortures or death

itself.” Finally, we see that the Holy Spirit brought about a change of tongue in the apostles who once spoke of “earthly and base things” such as position and honor, now declare the wonderful mysteries of God. “These very same Apostles, I say, after the coming of the Holy Spirit, did not speak about anything else but the wonderful things of God, about lofty and great things, the kingdom of the heavens, the theology of the Holy Trinity, the incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnate Economy, that Christ is true God. They spoke with sublime rhetoric, surpassing frankness, and in various tongues: “We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God” (Acts 2:11).” (Meditation on Pentecost) Each of us are invited to consider our own lives on this glorious Feast of Pentecost, to see whether we too have a mind, heart, and tongue aflame with the Holy Spirit, or if the attention, affection, and action of our lives is merely focused on the things of earth. As St. Paul writes, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4) St. Nikodemos concludes his Meditation on Pentecost with this exhortation: “Lastly, entreat the Holy Spirit to strengthen that which He has begun to work in you: “Strengthen, O God, this which Thou hast wrought in us” (Ps. 67:29), and demonstrate a complete change in your tongue by His grace so that you never again err with your tongue by any improper word: “If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man” (Jam. 3:2). But rather that the Holy Spirit use your tongue like a pen and direct it with His right hand so that you speak only those things He wants. Then you will say: “My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing Scribe” (Ps. 44:1). And those who see and hear you will say: “This change hath been wrought by the right hand of the Most High” (Ps. 76:10).” May our celebration of the Feast of Holy Pentecost fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit and empower us to go forth into all the world and make disciples! Blessed Feast! *by Rt. Rev. Bishop THOMAS (Joseph), Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic.*

Pentecost in Judaism is called the Festival of Weeks (Hebrew: Shavuot) and was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the first day of Passover (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) in Deuteronomy 16:9 & Leviticus 23:16. The Festival of Weeks is also called the Feast of Harvest in Exodus 23:16 and the Day of First Fruits in Numbers 28:26. In Exodus 34:22 it is called the “firstfruits of the wheat harvest.” During the Hellenistic period, the ancient harvest festival also became a day of renewing the Noachic covenant, described in Genesis 9:8-17, which was established between God and “all flesh that is upon the earth”. According to Acts 2:5-11 as the Apostles waited for the Holy Spirit to descend on them, there were Jews from “every nation under heaven” in Jerusalem as pilgrims for Pentecost. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD offerings could no longer be brought to the Temple and the focus of the Jewish celebration of the festival shifted from agriculture to only the receiving the Torah (the Five Books of Moses and the Law at Sinai) gathering at synagogue and staying up all night reading about the commandments and their promise to live by the Torah.