

# Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



Epistle: Acts 20:16-18 & 28-30; Gospel: John 17:1-13



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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am  
Festal Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

**Theosis:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

pot luck dinner 6:00 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm Gospel of Matthew

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday  
Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,  
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.**

**Today**

8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Matins/ Confessions  
 9:50 am Blessing of the renovated church dome & new dome crosses by His Grace Gerald Dino  
 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Ordination of Subdeacon Adam Lowe to Diaconate by His Grace Bishop Gerald Fr. Chris: Intention of Helga Dzek by Henry Zuger

**Monday** ***Pentecost Monday/Simple Holy Day***

**May 16**

*Epistle: Ephesians 5:8b-19; Gospel: Matthew 18:10-20*

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/Procession around the Church&Reading of four Gospels/Main Celebrant Fr Robert Pipta For Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends

**Tuesday** ***Andronicus and Others Apostles***

**May 17**

*Epistle: Romans 1:1-7 & 13-17; Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12*

9:00 am Blessing on Danovich Family

**Wednesday** ***Theodotus and Others Martyrs***

**May 18**

*Epistle: Romans 1:18-27; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26*

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions

6:00 pm Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit

**Thursday** ***Patrick Bishop-Martyr***

**May 19**

*Epistle: Romans 1:28-2:9; Gospel: Matthew 5:27-32*

Father's Day Off

**Friday** ***Thalaleus and Others Martyrs***

**May 20**

*Epistle: Romans 2:14-29; Gospel: Matthew 5:33-41*

6:00 pm +Paul Gutierrez by Debbie Sanchez

Fr. Chris: +Judith Pangaro by Pam Baiqa

**Saturday** ***Constantine and Helen Equals to the Apostles***

**May 21**

*Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: John 10:1-9*

**Sunday** ***Sunday of All Saints***

**May 15**

*Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12a; Gospel: Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30*

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija

6:00 pm +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Matins/Confessions

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;  
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to  
those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their  
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Sharif Rabadi  
Stephen Horner  
Katrina Anderson  
Lillian Murphy  
Marilyn Fore  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Abraham Haddad  
Jenny Ford  
Robert Hasaka  
Threima Leech  
Pricilla Hughes  
Steve Jakymiw

Fr. Julian Gnall  
Henry Zugger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Laura Dominguez  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Joe & Mary Ann Kosty  
Jordan Smith  
Maggie Batsel

William Frank  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Mike Harahuc  
Robert Zadel  
Nathan Barkocy  
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santamaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
Paola Terlaza

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. Glorious Mysteries are recited from Easter Sunday until All Saints Sunday.

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*

### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### ***Holy Father's Intentions for May***

**Universal:** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

**Evangelization:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.



***Vocation Icon  
Today: Sankel  
Next Sunday: Doberman***

**We welcome our Chief Pastor, Bishop Gerald** this weekend. Bishop Gerald is the fourth bishop of our eparchy. He was born in Binghamton, NY, on January 11, 1940 and ordained a priest of the Eparchy of Passaic on March 21, 1965, following studies in Pittsburgh. He later graduated with a licentiate in Oriental Ecclesiastical Studies in Rome in 1972, and a graduate degree in religious communication at Loyola University in 1973. He served parishes in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and was the dean and a professor at our seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius 1973-79. While he served as the protosyncellus of the Passaic Eparchy, he was pastor of St George in Linden, NJ, and administrator of SS. Peter and Paul in Elizabeth, NJ.

He was consecrated Bishop on March 27, 2008. At his request, the Holy See confirmed the permanent transfer of our eparchy from California (due to damage caused by the Northridge earthquake of 1994) and changed the name from the Eparchy of Van Nuys to the Holy Protection of Mary of Phoenix. Bishop Gerald ordained our pastor, Fr. Artur, to the priesthood on Sept. 14, 2014. Our eparchy covers all the western states including Alaska, with 19 parishes, several missions and outreaches containing about 2,500 faithful who are served by 26 priests, 9 permanent deacons, and 2 Sisters of St. Basil the Great. May God grant to our beloved bishop many years in health and happiness!

<b>DATE</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>TROJCA</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>COUNTER</b>	<b>HOST</b>
May 22	Christy MacMurchadha	Soriah Chavez	Luba Kmetyk	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Open

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to Nahrain Youseff for hosting the social. She made two big trays of beefy macaroni and cheese. Delicious! She also brought two big bowls of salad and four trays of cookies!

Pam Pettit brought in a yummy chocolate cake to celebrate Tessa's graduation from UNM. Already? I remember when you were born, Little One!

Thanks to everyone who donated to the **Birthright Carnation Benefit**. We made \$210.00 plus \$500.00 from an anonymous, very generous donor. Thanks to the Brewer Family who all participated in the distribution of the flowers, especially Sara and Grace. Birthright appreciates our continued support in this yearly fundraising event. See you next Mother's Day!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Monday, May 23	10:00 am Senior Shut-ins Outreach
Thursday, May 26	6:00 pm Potluck Dinner in Church Hall 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study Matthew 19
Monday, May 30	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
June 6 – 10	Eparchy of Phoenix Clergy Conference at St. Stephen Cathedral Hall, Phoenix, AZ
June 24 – 26	Myrrh-Bearers Women Retreat Franciscan Retreat House in Phoenix, AZ. Retreat theme: “Journey to Holiness.”
Saturday, June 18	10:00 am – 4:00 pm Annual Byzantine Bazaar featuring traditional stuffed cabbage rolls, pirohi, sausage, baklava, home-made baked goods, a wide range of Catholic books and Eastern icons in our store, great raffle prizes, tours of the church and its centuries old art.
Friday, June 24	Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy with blessing of Litija Bread and Myrovanije
Sunday, June 26	Feast of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help—our church patron feast.
Saturday	5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija
Sunday	9:00 am Festive Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Myrovanije 6:00 – 8:00 pm Parish Family picnic at the Montgomery Pool
Wednesday, June 29	Feast of the Preeminent Apostles SS Peter & Paul (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
Tuesday	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy with blessing of Litija and Myrovanije
Wednesday	9:00 am Festive Divine Liturgy/Myrovanije

**Axios!** God’s Blessing and Heartfelt congratulations to Deacon Adam and his wife Amanda and their children. God grant you many years!

**We welcome today Fr. Robert Pipta**, rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, who is serving as Master of Ceremonies at the Pentecost Liturgy, and whose home parish is Annunciation in Anaheim; and Deacon Michael Bezruchka who will be ordained on June 19 at his home parish of St. John Chrysostom in Seattle.

**Myrrh-Bearers Retreat for all girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 & women 18+**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Franciscan Renewal center, Scottsdale, AZ.

*Journey to Holiness* is the theme for this Retreat. All girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 and women 18+ are invited to attend this annual Retreat. Fliers are available for Registrations.  
**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

# Pentecost Meditations

The forty days of Easter lead us through the joy of the Resurrection to the moment when Jesus ascended into Heaven. At that event, **on Ascension Thursday, He promised to send an advocate, a comforter, to the disciples.** The Bible tells us that the apostles, disciples, and the mother of Jesus – our Blessed Lady – withdrew to the upper room where Jesus had celebrated the Last Supper and in which He had repeatedly appeared after His Resurrection. There they prayed, fasted, studied Scripture, and waited for God to act, while also worshipping at the Temple. **The Descent of the Spirit came with a great wind that rushed through the building, and tongues of fire danced on the heads of the disciples.** This event, **at nine o'clock in the morning, is commemorated every day in the Divine Office at the Third Hour.** As a result of the descent of the Holy Spirit, Saint Peter is transformed and he begins his preaching ministry in the street outside of the house, and thousands of Jews are converted to faith in Jesus as the Son of God and the true Messiah of Israel.

**All Pentecost icons show Our Lady in the upper part, just off-center. She is the one who prayed with the apostles and disciples, and this is her last appearance in the bible. She will step aside to let the apostles and disciples undertake their preaching ministry to save souls.** The apostles are in a semi-circle, showing their unity in the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is at the top, as a dove, with rays of fire coming forth. Many icons have an empty space in the center, where Christ would sit. Instead, His invisible presence is shown by the small gap in the altar or seats. Most icons also show a large black opening at the bottom center, with a king in the center. The king is “Cosmos”, a crowned man who represents the universe. The Gospel is to be carried out to all nations, to the cosmos itself. The Gospel is for everyone. With the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are able to launch out into the known world, and shortly enough to go beyond the boundaries and trade routes of the Roman and Persian empires as they carry the Good News to all peoples. **Within the first generation of Christians, the Faith was carried all the way to India!**

On Pentecost, we kneel down while the priest kneels at the Royal Doors and sings “Heavenly King” once, and we repeat it two more times, just like the Easter Troparion. We kneel in humility, waiting for the Spirit of God to descend upon us. **Through the gift of sacred time, *kairos*, we are lifted out of our daily time, *chronos*, and so we are present in the Upper Room with Mary and the rest of the apostles and disciples,** and we are able to partake in the Spirit’s gifts. The Prophet Isaiah listed these gifts for us in chapter 11, verses 2-3: **“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”** Saint John Paul II taught: **“The Holy Spirit, while bestowing diverse ministries in Church communion, enriches it still further with particular gifts** or promptings of grace, called *charisms*...The charisms are *received in gratitude* both on the part of the one who receives them, and also on the part of the entire Church. They are in fact **a singularly rich source of grace for the vitality of the apostolate** and for the holiness of the whole Body of Christ (*The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People*, 24).

## Senior Shut-ins Outreach Visit



Drawings for shut-ins were prepared by Abel, Esther & Anton Gloetzner