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THE FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST

عيدُ العنصرة العظيم

Holy Pentecost



On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost. On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

THE EPISTLE

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

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

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 different 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 were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all 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, Judæa 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."

الرسالة.

إلى كُلِّ الأَرْضِ حَرَجَ صَوْتُهُمْ.

السَّمَاوَاتِ تُذِيعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الأَطْهَارِ (11-1:2)

لَمَّا حَلَّ يَوْمَ الخَمْسِينَ، كَانَ الرُّسُلُ كُلُّهُمْ مَعاً فِي مَكَانٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَحَدَّثَتْ بَعْتَةَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، كَصَوْتِ رِيحٍ شَدِيدَةٍ تَعْصِفُ، وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ البَيْتِ الَّذِي كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ فِيهِ. وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمْ أَلْسِنَةٌ مُنْقَسِمَةٌ كَأَنَّهَا مِنْ نَارٍ، فَاسْتَقَرَّتْ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ، فَامْتَلَأُوا كُلُّهُمْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَطَفَفُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَاتٍ أُخْرَى، كَمَا أَعْطَاهُمُ الرُّوحُ أَنْ يَنْطَفُؤا. وَكَانَ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ رِجَالٌ يَهُودٌ أَتَقِيَاءُ، مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ. فَلَمَّا صَارَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ، اجْتَمَعَ الجُمُهورُ، فَتَحَيَّرُوا، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَنْطَفُونَ بِلُغَاتِهِ. فَدَهَشُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ، وَتَعَجَّبُوا قَائِلِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: أَلَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ الْمُتَكَلِّمُونَ كُلُّهُمْ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ نَسْمَعُ كُلُّ مَنَا لُغَتَهُ الَّتِي وُلِدَ فِيهَا؟ نَحْنُ الفَرِثِيِّينَ، وَالمَادِيِّينَ، وَالعِيْلَامِيِّينَ، وَسُكَّانَ مَا بَيْنَ النَهْرَيْنِ، وَاليَهُودِيَّةِ، وَكِبَادُوكِيَّةِ، وَبُنْتُسَ وَأَسِيَّةِ، وَفَرِيحِيَّةِ، وَبِمَفِيلِيَّةِ، وَمِصْرَ، وَنَوَاحِي لِبْيَّةِ عِنْدَ القَيْرَوَانِ، وَالرُّومَانِيِّينَ المُسْتَوِطِنِينَ، وَاليَهُودَ، وَالدَّخْلَاءَ، وَالكَرِيتِيِّينَ، وَالعَرَبَ، نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَنْطَفُونَ بِأَلْسِنَتِنَا بِعَظَائِمِ اللَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL (Sunday of the Holy Fathers)

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 thirst, 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 of 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."

الإِنْجِيلِ (لِأَحَدِ الآبَاءِ)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ البَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (12:8 ; 52-37:7)

فِي اليَوْمِ الآخِرِ العَظِيمِ مِنَ العِيدِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَاقِفاً، فَصَاحَ قَائِلاً: إِنَّ عَطِشَ أَحَدٍ فليأتِ إِلَيَّ وَيَشْرَبْ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي، كَمَا قَالَ الكِتَابُ، سَتَجْرِي مِنْ بَطْنِهِ أَنْهَارٌ مَاءٍ حَيٍّ، إِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا عَنِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ مُزْمَعِينَ أَنْ يَقْبَلُوهُ إِذْ لَمْ يَكُنِ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ بَعْدَ. لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدَ قَدْ مُجَدِّدًا، فَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الجَمْعِ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا كَلَامَهُ، قَالُوا: هَذَا بِالحَقِيقَةِ هُوَ النَّبِيُّ. وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: هَذَا هُوَ المَسِيحُ، وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا: أَلَعَلَّ المَسِيحُ مِنَ الجَلِيلِ يَأْتِي؟ أَلَمْ يَقُلِ الكِتَابُ إِنَّهُ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمَ، القَرْيَةِ حَيْثُ كَانَ دَاوُدُ، يَأْتِي المَسِيحُ؟ فَحَدَّثَتْ شِقَاقٌ بَيْنَ الجَمْعِ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ، وَكَانَ قَوْمٌ مِنْهُمْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُمَسِّكُوهُ، وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يُلْقَ أَحَدٌ عَلَيْهِ يَدًا، فَجَاءَ الخُدَّامُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الكَهَنَةِ وَالفَرِيسِيِّينَ، فَقَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ لَهُمْ: لِمَ لَمْ تَأْتُوا بِهِ؟ فَأَجَابَ الخُدَّامُ: لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ قَطُّ إِنْسَانٌ هَكَذَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الإِنْسَانِ! فَأَجَابَهُمُ الفَرِيسِيُّونَ: أَلَعَلَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً قَدْ ضَلَلْتُمْ، هَلْ أَحَدٌ مِنَ الرُّؤَسَاءِ أَوْ مِنَ الفَرِيسِيِّينَ آمَنَ بِهِ؟ أَمَّا هَؤُلَاءِ الجَمْعُ، الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ النَامُوسَ، فَهُمْ مَلْعُونُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ نيقوديمُسُ، الَّذِي كَانَ قَدْ جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ لَيْلاً، وَهُوَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ: أَلَعَلَّ نَامُوسَنَا يَدِينُ إِنْسَاناً إِنْ لَمْ يَسْمَعْ مِنْهُ أَوَّلًا، وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فَعَلَ؟ أَجَابُوا وَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَلَعَلَّ أَنْتَ أَيْضاً مِنَ الجَلِيلِ؟ إِنْ لَمْ يَقُمْ نَبِيُّ مِنَ الجَلِيلِ. ثُمَّ كَلَّمَهُمْ أَيْضاً يَسُوعُ قَائِلاً: أَنَا هُوَ نُورُ العَالَمِ، مَنْ يَتَّبَعُنِي فَلَا يَمْشِي فِي الظَّلَامِ، بَلْ يَكُونُ لَهُ نُورُ الحَيَاةِ.

Love Your Neighbor

June - Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve - FOCUS North America

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve exists to support the growth of Orthodox Christian service efforts by providing engagement opportunities that reveal Christ in our neighbor and serve community needs within our five ministry areas of Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter.

\$100,000 Challenge

Dear Parishioners,

A parishioner and his family challenged us to raise \$100,000 for our Fellowship Hall, and we did it! They will match our donations!

Dear parents of graduates,

We at St. John's, would like to recognize our graduates by publishing their names, photos and biographies in the church bulletin. This way, we can all know who they are and what is next for them in life. We are proud of them. Please help us to do this by submitting their pictures and bio via email.

Memorial Services

June 23rd: by Fairouz Freij : 30 years memorial for Angel Freij and 20 years for Emilie Haddad . May their memory be eternal!

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
June 30th	Festival committee meeting after Coffee Hour.
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

June 23rd	Luncheon by Fairouz Freij in memory of Angel Freij and Emilie Haddad. \$10 donation goes to the building fund.
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Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Vivian Srouji, Daniel Romley and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Frida Cawog**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Henriette Hilal**. Many years!

Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha and Maron Juha

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Fellowship Hall News

Building Committee Update:

The doors, the doors! Our long awaited windows and doors for the hall have arrived from Jordan. These will be installed in the next two weeks, after which the tiles will be mounted to the new stucco exterior wall of the hall. This will mostly complete the exterior of the building. Interior work is continuing on electrical, audio visual (thank you Jay Cawog!), HVAC and some plumbing.

Outside the building, the new retaining walls on the corner of Moraga Way and Hall Drive are nearing completion and the preschool playground area is being cleared and prepared for fencing and eventual playground equipment. The service driveway is poured and some fencing installed, but we are waiting for PG&E to install the new electrical transformers in that area.

As an aside, special thanks to our contractor Petra Construction for replacing the existing church building electrical panels and bringing them up to the newest codes.

Parish Help Needed

Fellow parishioners, the fundraising committee is seeking your help in finding funding for our community hall. If you or anyone you know, has any experience with grants for charitable organizations, we would love to talk with you! We would like to apply for some grants, but don't know where to begin. This is an important step in fulfilling our financial goals for the hall. If you have any information, please email David Hanna at davidnlisah@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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May 28, 2024

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of this Archdiocese,

Christ is risen!

Ten years ago, our young adults gathered for the first Orthodox Young Professionals Conference in San Diego. They initiated this project themselves, in order to keep our Faith at the center of their lives and to strengthen their relationships within the Church. This year, they will gather in Anaheim, California, July 25–28, for the same purpose. The weekend includes prayer, speaker sessions, and time for fellowship with one another. Father Evan and Presbytera Stacy Armatas will be the keynote speakers, focusing on “Love & Relationships—God’s Greatest Gift.” Young adults aged 21+ are welcome, whether single or married.

We are so glad when our young adults prioritize faith in Christ and make it the foundation of their lives—building their house upon the rock, as our Lord Jesus said in His parable (Matthew 7:24–25). Moreover, we are encouraged by their camaraderie and love for one another, since those networks of relationships across the archdiocese bind us all together and foster collaboration in our sacred mission. Therefore, I would love to see as many of our young adults as possible attend this year’s conference, and I urge our pastors to spread the word and encourage those in their communities to attend.

Again, this year’s conference will be held July 25–28, at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, California. Find more information and register at www.oypc.org.

Wishing you a joyous continuation of the Paschal season, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive style.

✠ SABA

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“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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2024 Parish Life Conference

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YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



DAY: HYGIENE KITS W/ TEEN SOYO

**THURSDAY
JULY 4**

NIGHT: YOUNG ADULT HAFLEH



**FRIDAY
JULY 5**

DAY: YOUNG ADULT MEETING AND KEYNOTE BY
FR. CHRIS SALAMY

NIGHT: TACO BAR - SALSA & DABKE DANCE

DAY: POOL PARTY

**SATURDAY
JULY 6**

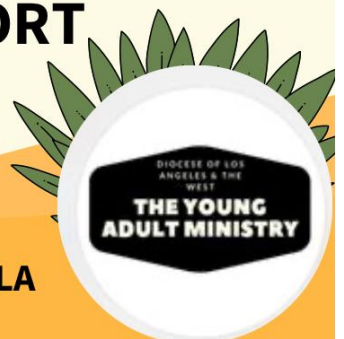
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Congratulations Class of 2024!

Dear parents of graduates,

This year, we are honoring our graduates by putting their names and photos in the bulletin. We are very proud of them. We ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be with them in the next step in their lives.

Peter Sami Adranly

Sami and Kathy Adranly joyfully announce the graduation of their youngest son, Peter Sami Adranly, from Santa Clara University, where he has earned a degree in Computer Science. We celebrate his achievements and eagerly anticipate the bright future ahead for him.

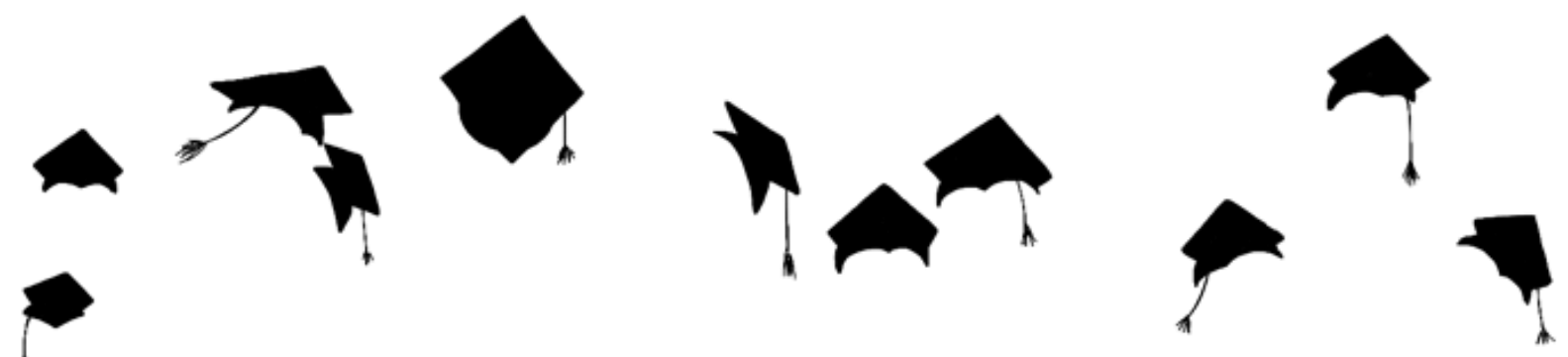


Chase Dudum

Chase Dudum who is the son of Jeff and Mary Ellen Dudum recently graduated from University of Southern California (USC) with a degree in environmental studies. He also achieved Magna Cum Laude and was a part of student government. He is currently looking for his first full-time opportunity in the environmental and sustainability space.



GRAD





Dominic Farradj

Dominic is graduating with a BS in Statistics from California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo. He will be starting this July at University of San Francisco for a MS in Data Science.



Grace Potts

Grace Potts, third daughter of James and Nadine Potts, graduated from Las Lomas High School this week. With more than a half dozen offers from California universities and colleges, Grace has chosen to attend San Diego State University in the fall, studying English.



Jordan Ho

We're proud to share that Jordan Ho graduated with a BS in Kinesiology from San Francisco State University. He plans to pursue an advanced degree to become a Physician Assistant.





Tyler Craner

Tyler Craner graduated with a Construction Management degree from Chico State University and will be moving to Los Angeles in the Fall to work for Pankow Builders as a Project Engineer.

