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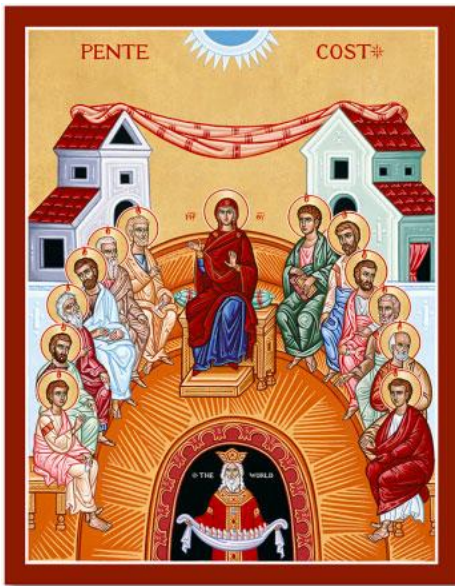
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FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA
THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST

صلاة السَّحَر لليوم الخميس بعد الفِصْح: عيدُ العنصرة العظيم



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."

إِلَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُمْ.

السَّمَاوَاتِ تُذِيعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ.

(11-1:2)

لَمَّا حَلَّ يَوْمُ الْخَمْسِينَ، كَانَ الرُّسُلُ كُلُّهُمْ مَعًا فِي مَكَانٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَحَدَّثَ بَغْتَةً صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، كَصَوْتِ رِيحٍ شَدِيدَةٍ تَعْصِفُ، وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ فِيهِ. وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمْ أَلْسِنَةٌ مُنْقَسِمَةٌ كَأَنَّهَا مِنْ نَارٍ، فَاسْتَقَرَّتْ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ، فَامْتَلَأُوا كُلُّهُمْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَطَفِقُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَاتٍ أُخْرَى، كَمَا أَعْطَاهُمُ الرُّوحُ أَنْ يَنْطِقُوا. وَكَانَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ رِجَالٌ يَهُودٌ أَتَقِيَاءُ، مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ. فَلَمَّا صَارَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ، اجْتَمَعَ الْجُمْهُورُ، فَتَحَيَّرُوا، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَنْطِقُونَ بِلُغَتِهِ. فَدَهَشُوا جَمِيعَهُمْ، وَتَعَجَّبُوا قَائِلِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: أَلَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ الْمُتَكَلِّمُونَ كُلُّهُمْ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ نَسْمَعُ كُلُّ مَنَا لُغَتَهُ الَّتِي وَلَدَ فِيهَا؟ نَحْنُ الْفَرِثِيِّينَ، وَالْمَادِيِّينَ، وَالْعِيلَامِيِّينَ، وَسُكَّانَ مَا بَيْنَ النَّهْرَيْنِ، وَالْيَهُودِيَّةِ، وَكِبَادُوكِيَّةِ، وَبُنْتُسَ وَأَسِيَّةِ، وَفَرِيجِيَّةِ، وَبِمْفِيلِيَّةِ، وَمِصْرَ، وَنَوَاحِي لِبْيَّةٍ عِنْدَ الْقَيْرَوَانِ، وَالرُّومَانِيِّينَ الْمُسْتَوْطِنِينَ، وَالْيَهُودَ، وَالذُّخْلَاءَ، وَالْكَرِيتِيِّينَ، وَالْعَرَبَ، نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَنْطِقُونَ بِأَلْسِنَتِنَا بَعْضَائِهِمُ اللَّهُ.

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 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."

(12:8؛ 52-37:7). فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِذِ الطَّاهِرِ

فِي الْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ الْعَظِيمِ مِنَ الْعِيدِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَاقِفًا، فَصَاحَ قَائِلًا: إِنَّ عَطِشَ أَحَدٍ فَلْيَأْتِ إِلَيَّ وَيَشْرَبْ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي، كَمَا قَالَ الْكِتَابُ، سَتَجْرِي مِنْ بَطْنِهِ أَنْهَارُ مَاءٍ حَيٍّ، إِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا عَنِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ مُزْمِعِينَ أَنْ يَقْبَلُوهُ لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ بَعْدَ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ مُجِّدَ بَعْدَ، فَكَثِيرُونَ مِنْ

الْجَمْعَ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا كَلَامَهُ، قَالُوا: هَذَا بِالْحَقِيقَةِ هُوَ النَّبِيُّ. وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ، وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا: أَلَعَلَّ الْمَسِيحَ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ يَأْتِي؟ أَلَمْ يَقُلِ الْكِتَابُ إِنَّهُ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ، الْقَرْيَةِ حَيْثُ كَانَ دَاوُدُ، يَأْتِي الْمَسِيحُ؟ فَحَدَّثَ شِقَاقُ بَيْنِ الْجَمْعِ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ، وَكَانَ قَوْمٌ مِنْهُمْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُمَسِّكُوهُ، وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يُلْقِ أَحَدٌ عَلَيْهِ يَدًا، فَجَاءَ الْخُدَّامُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْفَرِيسِيِّينَ، فَقَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ لَهُمْ: لِمَ لَمْ تَأْتُوا بِهِ؟ فَأَجَابَ الْخُدَّامُ: لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ قَطُّ إِنْسَانٌ هَكَذَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانِ! فَأَجَابَهُمُ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ: أَلَعَلَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا قَدْ ضَلَلْتُمْ، هَلْ أَحَدٌ مِنَ الرُّؤَسَاءِ أَوْ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ آمَنَ بِهِ؟ أَمَّا هَؤُلَاءِ الْجَمْعُ، الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ النَّامُوسَ، فَهُمْ مَلْعُونُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ نِيقُودِيمُسُ، الَّذِي كَانَ قَدْ جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ لَيْلًا، وَهُوَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ: أَلَعَلَّ نَامُوسَنَا يَدِينُ إِنْسَانًا إِنْ لَمْ يَسْمَعْ مِنْهُ أَوَّلًا، وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فَعَلَ؟ أَجَابُوا وَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَلَعَلَّكَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ؟ إِبْحَثْ وَانْظُرْ، إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَقُمْ نَبِيٌّ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ. ثُمَّ كَلَّمَهُمْ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: أَنَا هُوَ نُورُ الْعَالَمِ، مَنْ يَتَّبَعْنِي فَلَا يَمْشِي فِي الظَّلَامِ، بَلْ يَكُونُ لَهُ نُورُ الْحَيَاةِ.

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, Sandy Dudum, George Messih, George Adranly, Fred Addas, Henriette Hilal, Souhad Halaka, George Cawog, Rocky Dudum** and **Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Daniel McLellan**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **John Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Violet Jaber**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Laila Adranly**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Bradley Yowakim**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Rocky Dudum**. 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!

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



Coffee Hour

May 31st	Rula Adranly
June 14th	Mona Thayer for the good health of Thayer and Messih Families
June 28th	Samara Family to celebrate our mother, Fadwa's birthday

Upcoming Events

June 2nd	Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM in church hall
June 21st	Father's Day Picnic
July 26th	One year memorial service for the handmaid of God Aida Yowakeem
1st and 3rd Sundays	St. Anastasia's Fellowship for those struggling with substance abuse. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. 6pm meeting; 7pm Readers Paraklesis at St. John's. Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848

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Announcements

Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting

Please join us for our next Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting. Tuesday June 2, 6:00pm at our church hall. All are welcome. Please RSVP jduduminc@gmail.com

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St. John's Church FATHER'S DAY PICNIC Sunday, June 21st



Let's treat all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers & Uncles to a delicious BBQ Lunch complete with burgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, cold drinks & delectable homemade desserts!!!

Immediately following Divine Liturgy on the church grounds

\$20/adult minimum donation

Kids 12 & under – FREE

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All proceeds to benefit the Playground Rebuilding project!!



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FESTIVAL PREP WORKSHOPS: Saturdays at 9:30 AM in our new kitchen!

June 27 th	Grape leaves	July 11 th	Spinach & Cheese Pies
August 15 th	Sfeiha & Zatar Pies	September 12 th	Knafeh & Date Mamoul

Please sign up for **any and all** workshops with Rula Adranly 510-508-0929



Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

Congratulations Class of 2026

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.



Dr. Conner Ganjavi, grandson of Sue Gedeon and son of Sandra Gedeon, graduated on May 16, 2026 from the Keck School of Medicine - University of Southern California. He earned a Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Public Health. Dr. Ganjavi will be a Urology Resident at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Jason Samuel Burt, son of Lillian (Mitry) Burt and grandson of Siham Mitry, graduated from Ponderosa High School in Cameron Park, CA. He plans to attend culinary school to become a chef



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Pack a lunch

Everyone is Welcome

Admission

Everyone purchases
their own tickets

