



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 8, 2025

The Great Feast of Pentecost

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY – Diocese of LA & the West
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Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST (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.

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST (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

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 Apostles. (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples 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 wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and 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 Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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."

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Living: Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Iyad, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David and Donald.

Magdolene Khoury offers Holy Bread in loving memory of Banyout, Gabriel, Raya, Hanna, Fada, Marwan, Ibraheim, Jack, Adel, Dina, Najla, Odeh, Majed, Badi, Asmahan, Seda, Karma, and loved ones within the Khoury and Sayegh families. May their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of Victor, Becki, Eddie, Sandy, Helene, Susan, David, and their grandchildren, James, Madelyn, Matthew, Michael, Benny, and Diego. Rasha, Nasser Sayegh and family, Manal and children, and Victoria.

William and Ensaf Sayegh offer Holy Bread for the health and salvation of William, Ensaf, Magdalene, Musa, Noura, Louiey, and David. In loving memory of Musa, Rifga, Issa, and Helen. May their memory be eternal.

Ray and RoseMarie Toronto offer Holy Bread in memory of their parents, Anne, George, Clara, and Salvatore. May their memory be eternal. For the health and well-being of all their children, Robin, Renay, Ryan, Romy, Joseph, Michael, Brooke, Joseph, and their grandchildren Brennan, Collin, Ashlynn, Chase, Halle, Tyler, Lauren, Taylor, Fitz, Harrison, Teddy, Cade, and Carter, and great-grandchildren

We are grateful to His Grace, Bishop JOHN, who is serving today while Fr. Chris is away. Welcome, Sayidna!