

### *Pentecost*

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been

cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for mankind, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

*—from the treatise Against Heresies*

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## SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



*Icon of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit*

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**Sunday – May 28, 2023**

**Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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<b>Sunday May 28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> (For the Parish) (Blessings for Mack and Beyers Family from Anna)
<b>Wednesday May 31</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Stephen Fisanich from Ferne)
<b>Thursday June 1</b> <b>9:00 p.m.</b>	(+Benjamin and +Mary Davis from Family)
<b>Friday June 2</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for Anna Pulvirati from AM Gogniat)
<b>Sunday June 4</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>All Saints</b> (For the Parish) (+Stephen Gogniat from Family)

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY TODAY MAY 28**

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 28 at 2:15 p.m. for the celebration of Panakhyda. This will be followed by the blessing of the individual family graves of those attending the ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746. Rain or Shine.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER – DANIEL WILLIAM BAKER SNYDER**

**Daniel William Baker Snyder** newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. God bless Daniel, his father, Timothy and his mother, Irina. *Mnohaya Lita!*

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Anna Hladun Lloyd, Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**God With Us Catechism**

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Pascha. And while we hear the historical account of Pentecost read in the church today from Acts of the Apostles, we also hear in the Gospel the promise of Jesus that those who believe in him will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which will become a life giving spring which will flow out to others. In other words, we who have received the gift of the life of Jesus within us cannot remain simply consumers but must become, like Jesus, a people who live our life as a gift to others. “For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it” (Lk 9:24). It is in giving of our life, then, that the Christian finds his truth purpose in life. The festival of Pentecost has its roots in the Old Testament. It began as a harvest feast and later added the giving of the Law of Moses on Mount Sinai as the “harvest” of the Old Covenant. Our Christian Feast of Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. On this feast the Descent of the Holy Spirit effected a New Covenant. It was precisely this descent of the Spirit which revealed to the world the knowledge of the mystery of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial, undivided and yet distinct. It was the fulfillment of the revelation concerning the Persons of the one God as three.

**Memorial Day Weekend 2023**

**This weekend we begin the summer season, please remember to pause and remember those who have given their lives that we might be able to celebrate peacefully, safely, and with freedom. Our American Way of life and the freedom we hold sacred has been secured by the sacrifices of brave men and women who answered our nation’s call to duty. May they rest in peace and know Eternal Life in Christ – Vichnaya Pamyat!**

**God Bless the United States of America!**