

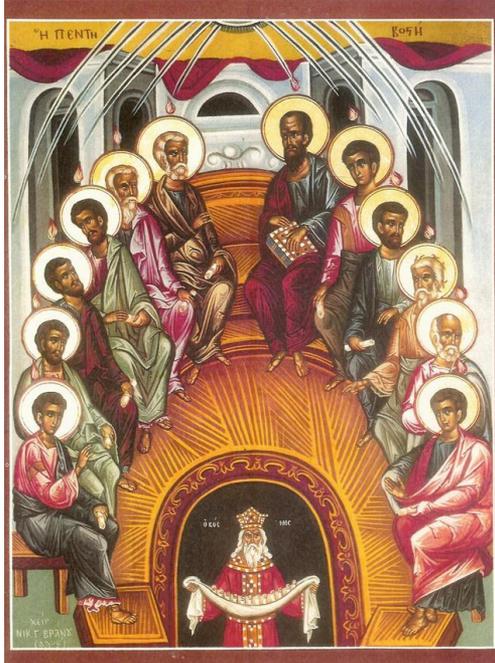


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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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May 27, 2018  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha  
Holy Pentecost/Feast of the Holy Trinity



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 8                      Troparion**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.// O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

### **Tone 8                      Kontakion**

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.// Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

*(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)*

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

### *Epistle: Acts 2:1-11*

<sup>16</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of

Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

**Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. <sup>40</sup> Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” <sup>41</sup> Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people because of Him. <sup>44</sup> Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. <sup>45</sup> Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? <sup>48</sup> Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup> “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” <sup>52</sup> They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

“Whatever work you have to do ... for whomever you do it, whether for yourself and your family, or as a duty to others, do all this as if for the Lord God Himself, that is, do it because the Lord God demands it from you, and because that work is God’s work – do it and say in your soul to God: ‘O Lord, You assigned me this work: I am doing it in obedience to You and to please you.’ Or: ‘Lord, bless my labor. It was not without Your will that I found myself in the position in which I live, and the work that I do or should do is the

work demanded by my position. You assigned it to me, so bless me and help me.” Whoever does his daily work with such a disposition of spirit, no matter what it is and for whom he does it, works actually for the Lord God, and therefore will receive the reward from the Lord God Himself[.] ... But whoever labors without this disposition of soul, labors as all worldly people and pagans do, that is, he labors not for the Lord God, not to the glory of God, but labors either only for himself, for some temporary need or gain ... or he labors temporarily for other people. He does not even think of the Lord God. But the work of whoever works like this is very pitiful, because he must await a reward only from himself, or from other people, and not from the Lord God.”

**Metropolitan Gregory of St. Petersburg (1784-1860). “How to Live a Holy Life.” Jordanville: Holy Trinity Publications, 2012 (pp. 70-71).**

### *Many Years!*

Birthdays	28	Mose Williams
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### *Announcements for Sunday, May 27, 2018:*

- Immediately following the Liturgy we will serve Vespers with the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.
- Tomorrow, May 28, is Memorial Day.

*We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.*

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!