

# SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

## *There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit*

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

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**Sunday – June 8, 2025**

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

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

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<b>Sunday June 8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Pentecost</b> (For the Parish) (Blessings for Sr. Mary Seton OP and Mrs. Oswald from Emilia Mulvey)
<b>Wednesday June 11</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Deacon Theophil from Family)
<b>Thursday June 12</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Anna Haberchak from Family)
<b>Friday June 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Sunday June 15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of All Saints – Father’s Day</b> (Living and Deceased Fathers) (For the Parish)

**CAUTION AT CEDAR HILL CEMEMTERY!!!**

Use extreme caution when visiting your family members’ graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, while we were conducting our prayer services in the afternoon, a parishioner was the victim of a brazen smash and grab robbery. All of our cars were parked together on the road, and someone smashed the car window and stole our parishioner’s belongings. So, be extremely vigilant and careful.

**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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.

**The Life-Creating Spirit is the Giver of Grace** (*Christ Our Pascha*, 266—270):

The Source of all grace is God the Father. From the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit, the grace of God descends upon all creation and sustains its existence. By the power of grace, being has been wisely ordered, the laws of nature have been established, and the beauty of the universe and of humankind has been designed. Of all that was created, only humankind, called to life in God, has been granted the ability to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, the *Treasury of Blessings*, who grants God’s grace in a variety of gifts (see 1 Cor 12:4-13). In this cooperation (in Greek, *synergia*), the natural powers (in Greek, *energiai*) of humankind are united with the divine and uncreated gift of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The bearer of God’s grace in the world is Christ’s Church. Through the ministrations of the Holy Mysteries, by means of sanctification and blessing, she apportions grace to those who believe in Christ. Through prayer, ascetical effort, and a life of virtue, Christians grow in the grace of the Holy Spirit to the fullness of divinization. Transfigured by grace, human nature abides in God’s nature, “without division or confusion.” At the same time, in humankind and through humankind, the nature of all creation is transfigured to its final consummation, as “a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev 21:1).

In the kneeling prayers of Pentecost, the Church invokes the Holy Spirit to descend upon all creation and upon all humankind, living and deceased. In the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, who conquered death, now grants new life to all creation: “In the Holy Spirit all creation is renewed and presses forward to its original state; for he is equal in power to the Father and the Word.”