

Up Coming Events Mark your Calendar

<p>OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE</p> <p>Our Stewardship for May 27 Attendance: 30. Tithes: \$411.00 Lions: \$600.00</p> <p>We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for your support and care for our parish.</p> <p>EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2022</p> <p>Our Parish Goal is: \$1,865.68</p> <p>7 Pledges: \$798.00</p> <p>Balance: \$1,067.68</p> <p>On-line is available pledge: Click here</p> <p>be sure to note that you are a parishioner of St Nicholas Fontana.</p> <p>Thank you for pledging: (Fr Stephen G Washko, Mary Washko at Annunciation), Gloria Brissette, John Coffman, Theresa Danovich, Sara Dewri, Andrew & Ophelia Gaydos, John Phillips.</p>	Sun Jun 5	Pentecost Sunday <i>Green</i>
	Jun 6-10	Clergy Conference for all Clergy <i>No Daily Liturgies this week</i>
	Jun 10-12	Mother/Daughter Retreat San Diego
	Thur Jun 16	7PM MOVIE NIGHT The 13th Day on Our Lady of Fatima. Contact Fr. James for information
	Jun 13-28	Apostles Fast
	Sun Jun 19	Father's Day
	Sun Jun 26	Peter's Pence Collection
	Thu Jun 23 Fri Jun 24	Birth of John the Baptist Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
	Tue Jun 28 Wed Jun 29	Sts Peter & Paul-Holy day of Obligation 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
		

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Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

Special Announcements Kindly remember our clergy in the prayers this week as they gather for the Liturgy, prayers and presentations.

Divine Liturgies & Intentions

4 SATURDAY Fifth All Souls, P. 202

12 NOON *Liturgy & Panachida Services with the recitation of the names of our Deceased Loved Ones.*

5 SUNDAY PENTECOST, P 203—GREEN VESTMENTS

9:00 am *Confession*

9:40 am *The Third Hour*

10:00 am *Divine Liturgy*

For our parish family and friends

6 MONDAY

7 TUESDAY

8 WEDNESDAY

9 THURSDAY

10 FRIDAY

11 SATURDAY

No Daily Liturgies this week

due to the Clergy Days in Phoenix

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Genesis 12:1-9 & Sirach 44:1-15

12 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS, TONE 8, P. 211-213

9:00 am *Confessions behind the Altar*

9:45 am *The Third Hour*

10:00 am *The Divine Liturgy*

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: Fr Christopher Andrews, Lora Carson Lopez, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez, for all Mothers and for the people of Ukraine.

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ABOUT THE KNEELING PRAYERS:

Kneeling Prayers: Father Alexander Schmemmann writes: We are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fullness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him.

In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God. **In the second prayer**, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. **Finally, in the third prayer**, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost" — and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle.

At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches — for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit - "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life - comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

PENTECOST

The sending of the Holy Spirit

"When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving people new life in God. He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in people and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in us who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

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 people 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.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

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 two 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" by Saint Irenaeus, bishop (Lib. 3, 17. 1-3: SC 34, 302-306)