

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First  
Ecumenical Council**

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

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

**Kontakion – Tone 8**

**Blessed are You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as  
most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / through them  
You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospdyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**HOLY PENTECOST** - In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness. This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of times. And it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. 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.

## Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June**

**MEMORIAL SATURDAY**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June**

**HOLY PENTECOST**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Great Vespers following Divine Liturgy**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of June**

**HOLY SPIRIT DAY**

**HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY with HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP**

**MICHAEL at 10 am**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of June**

**ALL-PRAISED HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

### Holy Spirit Day

Dear brothers and sisters this year we will celebrate Holy Spirit Day on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As always Archbishop Michael will be serving the Divine Liturgy. Furthermore, on this day our Mark Benda will be ordained to the rank of sub deacon. This is very joyous occasion. If possible, please plan to attend and support Mark and celebrate Feast of our Parish. Divine Liturgy will start at 10 am but please try to be in the Church at least 20 minutes prior. After the Divine Liturgy we will gather in the hall for a potluck lunch so please plan to bring your favorite dish.

### Lawnmowing possibilities

Starting this Sunday we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider signing your name and dedicating some time to keep our property beautiful. If you need training, you will be trained how to operate the lawnmower.

### Catechism Class

Catechism class will take place every Saturday from 3 pm until the beginning of Great Vespers. Everyone is welcome.

### DO NOT walk over a ramp

Dear brothers and sisters our Church ramp is going through major repairs. Currently the ramp is not safe so please do not walk over ramp and do not use the back doors. Thank you.

### Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Church Street, Glen Gardner, NJ. This annual conference is intended for any and all parishioners, especially those who are serving on parish councils. If you are interested to attend, please speak with Father Michael.

### Sussex Help Center

Dan Taylor informed us that we should change our donation back to food items. Please remember those who are less fortunate when you are shopping and bring a food item, such a cereal, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable food item to church for the food cart. Speak with Dan Taylor for other items that are needed. Thank you for being a part of this outreach program.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com) or Mary Osinski at [mary.osinski@gmail.com](mailto:mary.osinski@gmail.com)