

## BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



### SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

#### Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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#### St. Francis Chapel

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

July 3th at 3pm

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**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

June 18th, at 10am

**CONFESSION:** Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

**Let Us Remember in Prayer:** The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon restored to their land.

Those who are ill or convalescing: Christine Szewczyk, Ken Demianchik, Michael Fitzgibbon, Suzanne Krofchik, Mary Jane Bodner, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Robert P. Pipta, Christine Pipta Svitana, Ann Dardzinski, Doreen Dardzinski, David Chekan, Anna Rae Brabston, Keith Hay, Walter Krofchik, Sylvia Rusnock, Nickolette Dobrovoczky, Irene Simi, John Cahill, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck, and especially those who are afflicted with Covid-19.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Please let Fr. Serhii or Fr. Deacon Bill know if there are names to be added or taken away from this list.

#### St. Gregory Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) May 29

Offertory: \$1026.00

Tithe.ly: \$627.38

Ascension: \$105.00

Seminary: \$20.00

Refreshments: \$20.00

#### Patronage Church:

Offertory: \$765.00

Tithe.ly: \$395.00

Ascension: \$30.00

SS Peter & Paul: \$10.00

Ukraine Relief: \$100.00

**St. Gregory Lector Signup:** A signup sheet for lectors for Sunday's Divine Liturgies is on the table in the back of the hall. Please consider signing up for this important service. If you have never chanted the Epistle, the cantors will be happy to work with you to make you feel comfortable.

**Welcome to Our Parish:** We welcome all new visitors to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send an email to us at [frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net) or [frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com](mailto:frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com). *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

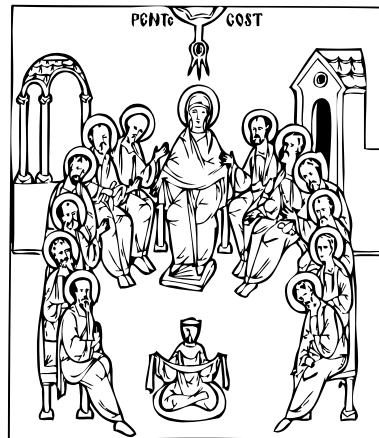


the Holy Spirit, which is what each of us is. (1 Corinthians 6:12) And we must adorn these temples first of all with Godly living, keeping the commandments of God, and doing good works.

St. John Chrysostom states that the celebration of Pentecost should correspond to the dignity of the blessings bestowed on us, and, therefore, is carried out not only in decorating homes, but in improving our souls, adorning them with virtue, because in this celebration we will receive the grace of the Holy Spirit's fruits.

"Through the Holy Spirit," says St. Basil the Great, "there is a return to paradise, an ascension to the kingdom of heaven, an attraction to sonship. Through Him we can call God the Father, we can become partakers of the grace of Jesus Christ, we can be called children of light, we can share in eternal glory." (On the Holy Spirit, Ch. 15)

Dear believers! The gifts of the Holy Spirit are truly great and generous. The Holy Apostle Paul says of them: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, quietness, temperance." (Gal. 5: 22-23) The Holy Spirit descended on us in the sacrament of anointing with His gifts and anointed us as Christ's fighters, and made our body His temple. The Holy Apostle Paul reminds us of this great truth and instructs us to live like this: "Do you not know", he says, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you? You have it from God, so you no longer belong to yourself. You are bought at a high price! So, glorify God in your body!" (1 Cor. 6: 19-20)



Schedule of Divine Services:

**SAINT GREGORY CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jun. 5, 2022

**Pentecost Sunday**

8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by Mirovanije*

MONDAY, Jun. 6, 2022

**Pentecost Monday**

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

WEDNESDAY, Jun. 8, 2022

**Pentecost Wednesday**

**Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit**

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary*

SUNDAY, Jun. 12, 2022

**Sunday of All Saints**

**Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great**

**Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos**

11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*

11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy*

**PATRONAGE CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jun. 5, 2022

**Pentecost Sunday**

11:00 AM *Matins*

11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Rev. Conan Timoney*

*as requested by Sean Albert followed by Mirovanije*

MONDAY, Jun. 6, 2022

**Pentecost Monday**

6:30 PM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Rev. Conan Timoney*

*as requested by Sean Albert*

SUNDAY, Jun. 12, 2022

**Sunday of All Saints**

**Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great**

**Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos**

8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Pauline M. Keane*

*as requested by Kevin and Lillian Keane*

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**Pentecost:** The Great Fifty Days began on Pascha when Christ bestowed the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. Today on the “last and greatest day of the festival” the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon the whole world in the form of tongues of fire. The Spirit bestowed upon the Church on that first Pentecost is the same Spirit we receive in the Mystery of Chrismation. It is the Spirit of Enlightenment and Understanding that reveals the meaning of the Gospel to all who are open to its action in their lives.

The Feast of Pentecost is considered a day of Pascha. There is no fasting or other acts of penance during the week of Pentecost.

**Pentecost Monday:** Pentecost Sunday is considered a feast of the Holy Trinity since it was the day that the third person of the Trinity was revealed to the world. Pentecost Monday is the day dedicated specifically to the Holy Spirit. It is a simple holy day. Liturgy on Monday will be celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Gregory Church and at 6:30 PM at Patronage Church.

**St. Gregory Schedule Change:** Starting next week, June 12, we will suspend Matins at St. Gregory Church until further notice. Those Sundays when we would normally have Matins, we will begin with hymns from Matins at 11:00 AM. We hope to resume Matins in the near future.

**Father’s Day Remembrance:** On Father’s Day, June 19, we will remember our fathers both living and deceased during the liturgy. A form to list the names of those you wish to remember is available. Please submit your names by June 12.

**The Orientale Lumen XXVI Conference** will be held as a "virtual" conference in June 2022 on the theme of *Nicaea and the Date of Pascha/Easter*. Speakers will pre-record their lectures for viewing on YouTube in early June, and two 2-hour live, interactive panel discussions will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT, and on Thursday, June 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon EDT via Zoom video conference. There will also be archive lectures with other background video material.

Instead of the usual conference fee, the Orientale Lumen Foundation is asking that each participant make a minimum contribution of \$50. All contributions will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Transcarpathia, Ukraine to help with relief efforts there. All registrations must be completed by June 20. To register visit <https://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxvi/>.

**Becoming Byzantine** is a free video and webinar series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based on the *Christ Our Pascha* catechism. Their videos are available on the Becoming Byzantine YouTube channel at <https://shrtn.nu/hxJH>.

**Patronage Potluck:** Our next lunch be held on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19 after the Divine Liturgy. We plan to serve grilled kielbasa and hot dogs, with kraut for those who want it, provided by the parish. We would ask those who plan to join us to bring either a side dish or dessert. Please plan to join us in June as this will be our last planned event until the fall. Hope to see everyone there!

## Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

"Their prophecy has spread throughout the earth, and at the end of the universe, their word" (prokeimenon of Pentecost Sunday) – in these words the Church tells us in her hymns about the spread of the Gospel by the apostles, disciples of Christ and their followers. This spread was made possible by the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit and openly preaching the risen Christ. When the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, they were once again convinced of all the words and promises of the Lord. They saw Christ crucified and risen as He foretold it, they saw Him ascend to heaven, and today, having received the Holy Spirit, as promised, they were already fully established in their faith. And today, Pentecost, the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is called the birthday of the Church.

As we hear in today's apostolic reading, some people did not understand and ridiculed the apostles as drunkards. (Acts 2:13) This impression was evident not only because the disciples of Christ spoke in tongues, but also because the people saw precisely the state of incomprehensible joy and exaltation which the apostles exhibited. When the apostle Peter explained the reason, the Jewish men changed their minds, became impressed by the words of his sermon, and began to ask what they should do to be saved. (Acts 2:37)

As we can see, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles was like the culmination of God's great plan: as God the Father created the world and man, as God the Son redeemed all mankind from sin and brought salvation, so God the Holy Spirit filled the Church with grace, the New Testament ark of salvation. Today is also called the Day of the Holy Trinity by our Church, because in the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, we see the interaction of all three persons of the Holy Trinity in the salvation of mankind. Today the Church invites us to thank our Creator, God the Father for the Comforter, to thank our Savior, God the Son, who begged the Father to send the Holy Spirit, and to thank our Sanctifier, God the Holy Spirit, who descended on the apostles and through them on all the faithful.

New Testament Pentecost is often referred to as the Green Day. This name has no theological basis, but comes from the custom in these days to decorate our homes with green branches of trees, the green color of which symbolizes life, the Giver of which is the Holy Spirit. However, in addition to decorating our homes, we must first remember the decoration of the temples of