

THE ENLIGHTENER

Saints Peter and Paul
Orthodox Christian Church
401 Hamilton St., Syracuse, NY

Greetings in the Lord! It's so wonderful to see so many come together to worship Christ in His Holy Church, to gather to share life and meals together, and to come together to serve the greater community. Reflecting on the purpose of our parish, one might say that we exist first to assemble together to offer God the sacrifice of our worship - to offer Him our fervent supplications and prayers for the whole world, for those whom we have in our hearts and minds, and to beseech God for our personal salvation. Secondly, from the abundance of grace that God gives in return, we then all gather together in this oneness of mind and spirit of love as a parish family to walk through the Christian life together as one heart, as one soul, as one body. And thirdly, from the abundant outpouring of grace from the Divine Liturgy and the unity and strength of the parish family, we then gather together to serve each other and the needs of the community around us. If we could say it more succinctly: We exist to continually gather to offer a sacrifice of praise to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, to grow together in the unity of faith and knowledge of Christ as a parish family, and gather to serve the needs of others around us in brotherly love. May God grant us all to grow in the likeness of Him, He Who loves all mankind and voluntarily gave His life for the whole world. - *With love in Christ, Fr. Ambrose*





**COMPLIMENTARY
DINNER FOR ALL
WITHIN THE
PARISH AND THE
COMMUNITY**

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH

5:00PM - 6:30PM

Come and help or just come and have a meal.

All are invited!

Kitchen volunteers are needed, especially starting around 3:30pm, but come when you can.



GREEN SUNDAY and the blessing of the graves.
Sunday, June 12th.
1pm at St. Michael's Cemetery at 5710 Bowman Road, East Syracuse.



2:30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery at 1410 Jamesville Ave #1422, Syracuse. Come, pray and bring some refreshments to share.



SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH FEAST DAY with His Eminence serving **June 28th-29th.**

Take off of work and come join us!



ST. ANDREW'S CAMP
July 3rd- August 6th

Scholarships from the parish are available for your children.



ST. ANDREW'S CAMP

Choose from 1 of the 5 Weeks.

July 3rd- August 6th

See the website for registration: saintandrewscamp.org

Scholarships from the parish are available for your children. If you can help with the camp then please see Daria York.



“On the Feast of Pentecost”

By St. John Chrysostom

Let us extol the grace of the Holy Spirit in spiritual hymns, since grace has, on this day, manifested itself to us from heaven. Even though our words are inadequate to express the magnitude of this grace, we shall praise its power and activity insofar as we're able. For the Holy Spirit delves into all things, even the profundities of divinity.

We're celebrating the day of Pentecost, the day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles, the day of the hope of perfection, the end of expectation, the longing for salvation, the fulfillment of prayer and the image of patience. Today the Spirit Who acted to scatter the nations in the time of Heber has formed tongues of fire among the Apostles. His action of old led to the confusion of the nations, in order to rein in the brazenness of our will, and forestall the concomitant chastisement. On this occasion, however, amid tongues of fire, the deeds performed by the activity of the Holy Spirit were aimed at enabling us to receive teaching, in fulfillment of the will of God.

In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the water, and later, in the time of Christ, the same Holy Spirit of God rested upon Him. First He moved, and now He rested, as being one in essence, equal in honor, co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit heralded fair weather to Noah over the waters of the flood. At the waters of the Jordan, the same Holy Spirit revealed to the world the Sonship of Him Who was being baptized. Besides, the Lord had a terrifying answer for those who dared to utter blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: 'Those who speak blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, shall not be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come'.

Declaring his desire for this Holy Spirit, David prayed to God: 'Do not turn your countenance away from me, Lord and do not take your Holy Spirit from me'. It's common knowledge that, where He is absent, every sort of corruption sets in. Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, an evil spirit had entered into him, and this is why David said: 'Do not take your Holy Spirit from me'.

This same Holy Spirit sanctified the prophets, instructed the apostles and empowered the martyrs. This same Holy Spirit consecrated Isaiah, taught Ezekiel and revealed to him the resurrection of the dead. As he says: 'The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord' [Ezek. 37, 1]. This same Holy Spirit chose Jeremiah from his mother's womb, and raised up Daniel to deliver Susanna: 'God raised up by the Holy Spirit a young man whose name was Daniel' [Sus. 1/ Dan. 13]

David loved the presence of this same Holy Spirit so much that he prayed to God, saying, 'Your Holy Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness'. This same Holy Spirit of God came to dwell in Our Most Holy Lady, embracing her with the communion of the Divine Word as the Father wished, and making her the Mother of God. Filled with this same Holy Spirit, Elizabeth realized that the Lord had come to her through Our Lady and said: 'How is it that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?'

Zachariah, the father of John, was filled with the same Holy Spirit and he declared that the son born to him would be the prophet and forerunner of the King Who was to come. John himself was also filled with the same Holy Spirit. The eyes of his mind were illumined, and he beheld the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit hovering over Him Who was being baptized, over Him Who baptized with the Spirit and fire.

When He was giving His Apostles His teaching in detail and strengthening their minds for the time of His Passion, the Lord Himself, by the action of the same Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Unless I depart, the Comforter will not come unto you'. Moreover, revealing to them the Spirit's consubstantial nature, He said: 'The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and when He comes, He will guide you into all truth'.

The holy Apostles waited expectantly for the coming of the power of this same Holy Spirit; they waited together to be clothed with power from on high, in accordance with the commandment of the Lord, Who had said: 'Wait in the city of Jerusalem, until you are imbued with power from on high. For, behold, I shall send the promise of My Father upon you'. So it's written that when the day of Pentecost was fully come, all the holy Apostles were assembled of one accord in one place, and the Comforter was sent to them under the appearance of tongues of fire.

They received the abundant promise of the Father and the Holy Spirit, were strengthened, and revealed Him Who was sent to them, His grace and His power. Stephen, the martyr and first deacon, was filled with the same Holy Spirit, Whom he received by the laying-on of hands of the Apostles, and performed great wonders and miracles among the people. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he saw the doors of heaven opened and the Only-begotten Son and Word of God standing in the flesh at the right hand of the power of God.

Filled with this same Holy Spirit, Paul became the preacher of divine mysteries. As Ananias said to him: 'The Lord Saviour Himself has sent me to you, so that thou might receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit'. And Paul afterwards said with assurance: 'And I think also that I have the Spirit of God'.

The same Holy Spirit came to Cornelius and those that were to be baptized with him, and each of them spoke in his own language and magnified God. This same Holy Spirit came upon the Ethiopian eunuch after he went down into the water. He was filled with elation, and went on his way rejoicing.

This is the same Holy Spirit Who preached by the prophets, Who gave understanding to the Apostles, Who spoke to people. He was given to them by the Lord, and all their adversaries were unable to gainsay or resist Him. As the Lord said: 'It is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father Who speaks in you'. *To be continued...*

June 2022's

TREASURE HUNT OF SAINTS

THE FIRST TWO PEOPLE to point out to Fr. Ambrose where this Saint's icon is located in the Church will receive a \$25 gift card to the Bookstore.

There are 2 winners: one under 18 years of age, and another over 18. Happy Hunting!

Clue for those under 18

This Saint was a great Prince. His grandmother was Princess Olga. All of Russia was baptized under his reign in 988. He then ordered that pagan temples be torn down, idols flogged, and churches built in their place throughout all of Holy Rus.

Clue for those over 18

This Saint compiled a Divine Liturgy in his name, gave thousands of homilies, and commented greatly on the New Testament. He had a special devotion and love for St. Paul.

Use these two websites as an aid:

<https://www.sspeterandpaulsyracuse.com/the-saints-in-our-church>

For adults, use the "Reading from the Lives of the Saints in Our Church" as an aid found here:

<https://www.sspeterandpaulsyracuse.com/all-education/#Saints>

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Note - Please see The Weekly for the most accurate times and services. All times in The Weekly, if they are different from below, will be the most accurate.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		6pm Leave Taking of Pascha Vespers	9am Leave Taking of Pascha Divine Liturgy 5:30pm VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF ASCENSION	8:15am Confessions 9AM FEAST OF THE ASCENSION		3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Great Vespers Followed by Confessions
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Confessions 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy - Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council Coffee Hour		12pm AKATHIST FOR THE RAISING OF CHILDREN , followed by a Potluck Ladies Lunch. Presentation from Patrick Leibacher. 6pm Vespers	8:15am Confessions 9am Divine Liturgy			8:15am Confessions 9am Memorial Divine Liturgy 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Great Vespers Followed by Confessions
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am Confessions 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy - HOLY PENTECOST - KNEELING PRAYERS Coffee Hour 1pm St. Michael's Cemetery 2:30pm Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery	Fr. Ambrose and Family Will be Away on Vacation >>					3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Vespers
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy - All Saints FATHER'S DAY Coffee Hour	3:30pm Volunteers 5pm - 6:30pm FAMILY DINNER. Grab and Go and on the Lawn	<< Fr. Ambrose and Family Will be Away on Vacation >>				3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Vespers
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:45am Confessions 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy - All Saints Coffee Hour		5:30pm VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL	9:30AM PATRONAL FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL WITH HIS EMINENCE SERVING. Procession followed by Picnic on the Lawn.	Patronal Divine Liturgy at Holy Apostles Mission in Lansing, NY. (Time to be announced)		9AM TO 3PM PARISH COUNCIL RETREAT Here at Ss. Peter and Paul. 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Vespers Followed by Confessions