

### The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (2:1–11)

In those days, when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (7:37–52; 8:12)

The last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

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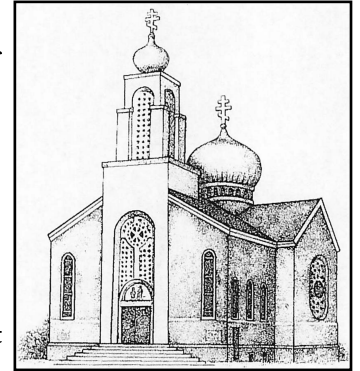
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8th Sunday of Pascha—Tone 7

### Holy Pentecost

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

St. Metrophanes, first Patriarch of Constantinople (325–326).

Righteous Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus (1st c.).

### Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, June 3	Pentecost Vigil	5 PM
Sunday, June 4 <i>Holy Pentecost</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Pentecost is the fiftieth day from Pascha, and is itself one of the great feasts in the Church, celebrating when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, renewing and empowering them to preach the Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ to all peoples throughout the world.		
“Kneeling Vespers” of Pentecost follows		
This is the first time we kneel to pray since the Lord’s Resurrection. We will pray for the departed and for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit would give us the power to live holy lives, according to the example of the Apostles.		
Fast-free week following Pentecost		
Wednesdays	Morning Worship	8:15 AM
Saturday, June 10	Great Vespers at All Saints, 205 Scarborough Street, Hartford	5 PM
We are invited to celebrate the eve of All Saints’ patronal feast. There is a supper afterward.		
Sunday, June 11 <i>All Saints</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Monday, June 12	Apostles Fast until June 28	
Saturday, June 17	Vespers at Christ the Savior, Southbury	6 PM
Fr. Joshua is participating in the baptism of Miroslav, son of Maria Leivas, in Southbury, and we will be joining in their Vespers service as well.		
Sunday, June 18 <i>All Saints of America</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Akathist Service at All Saints of America, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury	4 PM
Thurs., June 29	Divine Liturgy—Apostles Peter & Paul	9:30 AM

Application forms are now available for **Diocesan Youth Rally, Aug. 7–12**. Children aged 9–17 are encouraged to attend this high-quality camp run by the Diocese of New England at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center, New Hampshire. Many adults from our parish serve as Rally Staff, and parish youth have been blessed by the experience. Rally volunteers Tim Tassmer, Elias and Ephraim Mosher would be glad to answer questions.

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to those who have as their heavenly patron Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa** (June 10).

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Mka. Evelyn (Kreta)—broke her wrist  
 William (Waas)—family of Sarah Massaro  
 Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
 William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis  
 Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer  
 Gregory (Mankevich)  
 Christopher (Sullivan)  
 Anita (Propheter)  
 Rosemary (Delaney)  
 Irene  
 Lorraine  
 Jacob  
 Katelyn  
 Crystal  
 Victoria  
 Bruce and Stacia  
 Cyprian and Dana  
 Nicole and Naaman  
 Helen and Helene

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)	Jennie (Padick)
Margaret (Savchik)	Ann (Kreshik)
Jill (Zadar)	Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.



### The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18/19:1)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (Ps. 18/19:2) *(Refrain)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18/19:4) *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

### The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps.19/20:1)

*Refrain:* O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (Ps 19/20:2) *(Refrain)*

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (Ps 19/20:3) *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Immortal Word of God....

### The Third Antiphon

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (Ps. 20/21:1)

### Tone 8 Troparion

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

You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (Ps 20/21:2) *Troparion of the Feast*

For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (Ps 20/21:3) *Troparion of the Feast*

### Entrance Verse

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power! (Ps 20/21:13)

### Hymns of the Day

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O Lover of Man, glory to You!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### Tone 8 Kontakion

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations;  
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//  
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

#### Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, /  
and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps 18/19:4)

*Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18/19:1)

#### Alleluia

*Verse:* By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps 32/33:6)

*Verse:* The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps.32/33:13)

#### Hymn to the Theotokos

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!  
No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you  
worthily.  
Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.  
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.