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***Christ is Among Us!
He is and Shall Be!***

***Christos Posredi Nas!
I yest i budet!***

May 17, 2026

Schedule of Liturgical Services at Holy Ghost

Sunday, May 17th: Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am, **Offered for +Tom Licisyn by Nancy Licisyn and Family**

[Tone 6](#) (page 196) **Epistle:** Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 **Gospel:** John 17:1-13

Saturday, May 23rd: Fifth All Souls' Saturday

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am. Last All Soul's Remembrance of 2026

[Tone 8](#) (Panachida page 432-440) **Epistle:** Acts 28:1-31 **Gospel:** John 21:15-25

Sunday, May 24th: Feast of **PENTECOST**, on which we commemorate the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Mirovaniye 3:00 PM, With Bishop Kurt & Choir. 135th

Anniversary Celebration after Liturgy

[Pentecost](#) (page 203) **Epistle:** Acts 2:1-11 **Gospel:** John 7:37-52 & 8:12

Sunday, May 31st: All Saints' Sunday

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 AM

[Sunday of All Saints](#) (page 211) **Epistle:** Hebrews 11:32-12:2a **Gospel:** Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

For more information on the Liturgical Calendar visit the Metropolitan Cantor Institute's website at: <https://mci.archpitt.org/>

Confessions - Fr. Vasyl is available after Liturgy every Sunday. For any **Sacramental Emergencies or Funerals** please contact Father Vasyl at (732) 621-3823.

Intentions for Sunday Divine Liturgies are being accepted for 2026. Please place an envelope with your intention in the collection basket at the back of church. The liturgical stipend is \$20.

Anniversary Celebration – *Reminder, our Parish 135th Anniversary is being celebrated after Pentecost Liturgy.* The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, May 24th at 3 pm. The celebration event will be afterwards. Please make sure you reserve your place for this catered event. Call Nancy at 609-217-4304 to ensure your place!

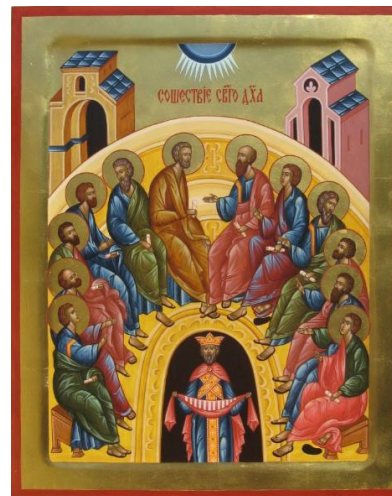
After Liturgy on Saturday, May 23rd we will begin setting up the Hall for Pentecost. Feel free to stop by to help!

Bishop's Appeal – Holy Ghost will directly receive \$3,120 (40% of our goal of \$7,800) if we contribute \$2,525 before June 30, 2026. We are very close to our goal, please consider this in your offering.

Candelabrum - Offering is \$35. Please place an envelope in the collection basket at the back of church with CANDELABRUM on the front of the envelope.

Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am prior to each Sunday Liturgy and before every Holy Day.

Kindly remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are confined to home, in a health care facility or in the hospital. May Our Lord, Physician of souls and bodies, extend His healing hand to ease their pain and suffering.



Icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

In the Byzantine Catholic tradition, the icon of Pentecost proclaims the completion of the Paschal mystery: the risen and ascended Lord sends “the Promise of the Father,” and the Church is revealed in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles sit in a semicircle like a *synthronon*, showing the unity and order of the Church, while an empty place signifies Christ's invisible headship; from the arc of heaven, rays and tongues of fire descend upon each one, expressing the Spirit's gifts given personally yet forming one communion. Below, the crowned figure *Kosmos* (the world) holds a cloth with scrolls, symbolizing the nations receiving the apostolic preaching. Fittingly, Byzantine Catholics often call the feast “Green Sunday,” wearing

green as a sign of new life in the Spirit, and after fifty days of standing in Paschal joy the Church resumes kneeling with the solemn Kneeling Prayers at Pentecost Vespers, praying for cleansing, renewal, and the grace first sealed in us at baptism and Chrismation.

(Next distribution May 31st)

Any special announcements will be published through e-mail list/social media and on our website between distributions.