

**June & July 2017 Announcements**  
**15th Anniversary: 2002-2017**

**2017 Parish Council**

As a reminder, the 2017 Parish Council and officers are:

- Mike Bifano—Chair
- Bob Baskette—Vice Chair
- John Dumot—Secretary
- Anne Thomas—Treasurer
- Mark Foglietti
- Mariam Stevens
- Tom Vatov

**Gospel of St. Mark Bible Study.**

The next session of our Gospel of Mark Bible study is 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

**Pentecost: One of the “Twelve Great Feasts” of the Church Year**

Sunday (6/19), we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Great and Holy Pascha. It is one of the “Twelve Great Feasts” of the Church Year.

**Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost**

At the end of Sunday’s Divine Liturgy, we will include the three traditional “Kneeling Prayers” of Pentecost.

**Pentecost Week: Fast Free Week.**

The week of Pentecost (Monday, June 5 to Saturday, June 11) is fast free.

**Apostles’ Fast.**

The Apostles’ Fast this year begins on Monday, June 13 and continues through Tuesday, June 28.

**UPDATED: Formal Decisions on Building Project Anticipated**

- **Building Committee Meeting: Formal Recommendation.** The Building Committee will meet at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8** to vote on a formal recommendation on the building project to submit to the Parish Council.
- **Special Parish Council Meeting.** The Parish Council will meet **on the same night immediately following** to (1) consider and vote on the Building Committee’s formal recommendation and (2) call the voting membership of the parish to vote on the Building Committee’s formal recommendation.
- **TENTATIVE: Meeting of the Parish.** If the Parish Council votes to move ahead on the Building Committee’s formal recommendation, the proposed date for a meeting of the voting membership of the parish is **Sunday, June 18** after Liturgy. If the parish votes to accept the building recommendation, it will then be forwarded to His Grace Bishop ANTHONY and His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH for their blessing.

## Capital Campaign

The Building Finance Committee plans on having capital campaign materials prepared and ready during June, meeting with parish families in July, and working with parish benefactors in August. By the end of August, we plan on having everything pulled together so that we can apply for the building loan.

## June & July Parish Council Meetings

The June Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 18**. The July Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 16**.

## Supplication Service to St. Raphael of Brooklyn in July

We will offer our next Supplication Services to St. Raphael of Brooklyn at **5 p.m. on Saturday, July 1**. This service will be in place of our usual Saturday Vespers service. As the “patron saint of missions” in our Archdiocese, we offer this service as an intercession for our community as it embarks upon a building program.

## SAVE THE DATE! Parish 15th Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars now! Our fourth annual parish dinner and silent auction is scheduled for **6 p.m. on Saturday, October 21**. *This year will be special because we will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary*. We will be actively beginning our work for this event during June—watch for updates and requests for help! (Please see attached flier.)

## From the Synaxarion: Major Feasts in June & July

*Holy Pentecost—the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Celebrated this year with Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 4.)*

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord’s promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

*SS. Peter and Paul (Wednesday, June 29)*

On June 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, all-laudable and foremost of the Apostles, Peter and Paul. Together, they are the patrons and protectors of the Patriarchate of Antioch. Peter was the son of Jonah and the brother of Andrew, the First-called. He was of the Tribe of Simeon from the town of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman and, at first, was called Simon but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas or Peter: “And when Jesus beheld him, He said, ‘Thou art Simon the son of Jonah; thou shalt be called Cephas,’ which is by interpretation, a rock” (John 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to clearly express faith in the Lord Jesus saying: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). His love for the Lord was great and his faith in the Lord gradually strengthened. When the Lord was brought to trial, Peter denied Him three times but after only one glance into the face of the Lord, Peter’s soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. Peter worked

many powerful miracles; he healed the sick, resurrected the dead; the sick were healed even from his shadow. By order of the evil Emperor Nero, Peter was condemned to death in 64 A.D. Installing Linus as Bishop of Rome, counseling and comforting the flock of Christ, Peter proceeded joyfully to his death. Seeing the cross before him, he begged his executioners to crucify him upside down for he considered himself unworthy to die as did his Lord. Thus the great servant of the Great Lord reposed and received the wreath of eternal glory.

Paul was born in Tarsus of the tribe of Benjamin. At first, he was called Saul, studied under Gamaliel, was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christianity. He was miraculously converted to the Christian Faith by the Lord Himself Who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. "Suddenly, a light from heaven flashed about him. And Saul fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" And he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:3-5). Saul was blinded, but regained his sight when he was baptized by the Apostle Ananias. Then he was called Paul and numbered in the service of the great apostles. With a fiery zeal, Paul preached the Gospel everywhere from the borders of Arabia to Spain, among the Jews and among the Gentiles. As horrible as his sufferings were, so much more was his super human patience. Throughout all the years of his preaching Paul, from day to day, hung as one on a weak thread between life and death. Since he fulfilled all days and nights with labor and suffering for Christ, since he organized the Church in many places and since he attained such a degree of perfection he was able to say: "It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Paul was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero at the same time as the Apostle Peter.

On this day, we give up the celebration of the Great Feast of Pentecost. By the coming of the Holy Spirit, and by the intercessions of Thine Apostles Peter and Paul, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### June & July: Schedule of Services & Events

#### June

3	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers for Pentecost	
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl: Gospel of Mark Study	
4	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
		9:30 a.m.	Festal Divine Liturgy w/ Kneeling Prayers	
8	Thu	6:00 p.m.	Building Committee/Parish Council Meeting @ Dumots	
10	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
11	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
12	Mon			<b>Apostles' Fast Begins</b>
17	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
18	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	<b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day</b>
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
		11:00 a.m.	TENTATIVE: General Meeting of the Voting Membership	
		4:30 p.m.	June Parish Council Meeting	

**June (cont.)**

21-25	Wed-Sun			<b>Parish Life Conference - Chicago, IL</b>
25	Sat		<i>(no Vespers—Fr. Matthew returning from Parish Life Conference)</i>	
26	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>
28	Tue			<b>Apostle's Fast Ends</b>

**July**

1	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Supplication Service to St. Raphael of Brooklyn	
2	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
4	Tue		<i>Independence Day Holiday</i>	
8	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
9	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
15	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
16	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy July Parish Council Meeting	<b>Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council</b>
22	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
23	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
24-30	Mon-Sun			<b>Archdiocese Convention - Miami, FL</b>
29	Sat		<i>(no Vespers—Fr. Matthew returning from Archdiocese Convention)</i>	
30	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>8th Sunday after Pentecost</b>



**Save the Date!**

**15th Anniversary  
Dinner & Silent  
Auction**

**St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Christian Church**

6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 2017

The Tanglewood Club  
8745 Tanglewood Trail  
Chagrin Falls 44023

Please join the parish of St. Luke the Evangelist to celebrate 15 years of serving the greater Chagrin Valley and Solon area.

For more information contact: [info@saintlukeorthodoxchurch.org](mailto:info@saintlukeorthodoxchurch.org) or 440-591-1030

*All proceeds from the event to support the St. Luke building campaign.*