

## June Announcements

### **FAST FREE SEASON**

We continue our celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead until the feast of the Ascension (Thurs. 6/9). The traditional practice of the Orthodox Church is that Bright Week (this week) is fast free. The custom within our Patriarchate is to be fast free for the entire 40 day season.

### **Paul Finley to Visit St. Luke**

Paul Finley, local director of FOCUS Cleveland/St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality will be visiting and preaching at St. Luke on Sunday, June 12.

### **June Parish Council**

The June Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Pentecost Week: Fast Free Week**

The week of Pentecost (Monday, June 20 to Saturday, June 25) is fast free.

### **Parish Picnic**

The Parish Council is actively planning a parish picnic on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26. Watch for updates on time and location!

### **Apostles' Fast**

The Apostles' Fast this year begins on Monday, June 27 and continues through Tuesday, June 28.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Victor Peterson's service on Parish Council. Michael Abraham was appointed at the May Parish Council meeting to complete the remainder of Victor's term, which ends this November.

### **SAVE THE DATE! Third Annual Parish Gala Dinner**

Mark your calendars now! Our **third annual parish gala dinner** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 22, 2016**. We will be actively beginning our work for this event during June—watch for updates and requests for help!

### **From the Synaxarion: Major Feast in June**

*The Ascension of Our Lord (Celebrated this year with Evening Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 8.)*

On this day, the Thursday of the sixth week of Pascha, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. After His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days, appearing to His Disciples in various places. He ate, drank and conversed with them, verifying and assuring His Resurrection. On the fortieth day after Pascha, Jesus appeared to His Disciples in Jerusalem. He gave them His last commandment, to go forth and preach in His Name to all the nations. At the same time, He told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait until they were clothed with the power from on high by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Having said this, Jesus led His Disciples to the Mount of Olives. Then He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And as He was speaking to them with words of fatherly blessing, Jesus departed from them and ascended into Heaven, being received by a shining cloud, indicating His divine majesty. He gradually disappeared from the sight of the Disciples as they gazed at Him. And as they stood thus, two angels in brilliant white robes appeared to them in the form of men and said to them: Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven. In these words is fulfilled and defined the doctrine concerning the Son of God and His Word, in the Confession of Faith. After our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled all His great dispensation for us, He ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God the Father. His Disciples returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, rejoicing in the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

*Holy Pentecost—the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Celebrated this year with Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 19.)*

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

## Schedule of Services & Events

### June

4	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
5	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>
8	Wed	6:00 p.m.	Evening Divine Liturgy	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>
11	Sat	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Workshop Vespers	
12	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy Paul Finley of FOCUS Cleveland visiting/ preaching	<b>Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council</b>
18	Sat		<i>(no Vespers)</i>	
19	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy June Parish Council Meeting	<b>Pentecost Sunday/Father's Day</b>

*(Note: The week following Pentecost is fast-free)*

22-26	Wed-Sun			<b>Parish Life Conference - Livonia, MI</b>
25	Sat		<i>(no Vespers)</i>	
26	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. <b>(TBD)</b>	Orthros Divine Liturgy <b>Parish Picnic</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
27	Mon			<i>Apostles' Fast Begins</i>
28	Tue	6:00 p.m.	Evening Divine Liturgy	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>

### July

2	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
3	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>
4	Mon			<b><i>Independence Day Holiday</i></b>
9	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
10	Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy	<b>St. Joseph of Damascus</b>
13-17	Wed-Sun			<b>Sacred Music Institute Antiochian Village</b>
16	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	

## July (cont.)

17-29 Sun-Fri

**Session 3 Antiochian Village Camp**

17 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. July Parish Council Meeting

**Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**

18-22 Mon-Fri

**Clergy Symposium - Antiochian Village**

23 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

24 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
Divine Liturgy

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

30 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

31 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

## August

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*Dormition Fast begins*

5 Fri 6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

6 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

7 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

13 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

14 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

15 Mon

**Dormition of the Theotokos**

20 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

21 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. August Parish Council Meeting

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

27 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers

28 Sun 8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**