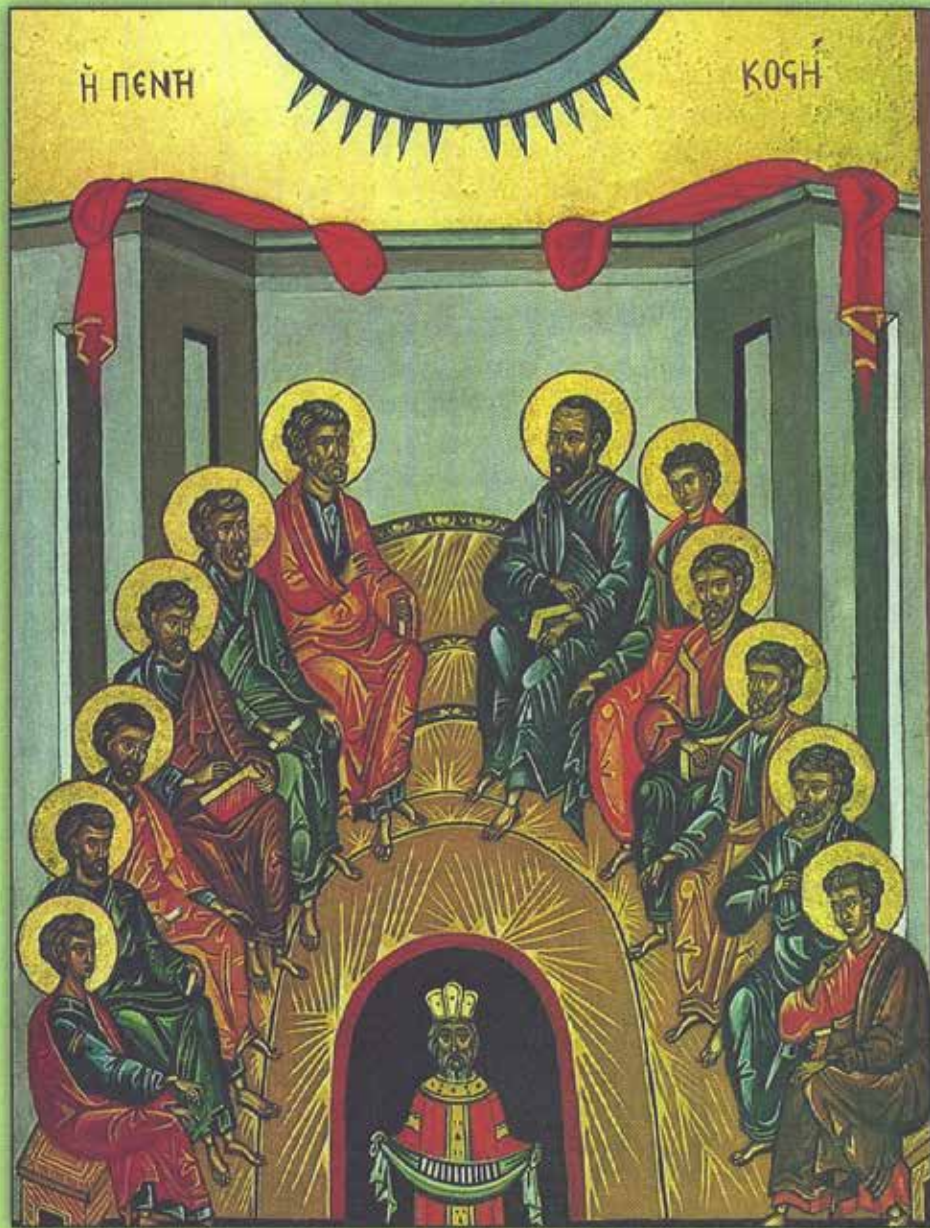


SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



*Icon of Pentecost*

# May 19, 2013

## SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR PATRICK, BISHOP OF PRUSSA AND HIS COMPANIONS

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20– MAY 26

SATURDAY, MAY 25 – THE THIRD FINDING OF THE PRECIOUS HEAD OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIZER JOHN; PASSING INTO ETERNAL LIFE (1951) OF BLESSED MYKOLA (NICHOLAS) TSEHELKY, PRIEST AND MARTYR

**Please Note: No Vespers**

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; THE HOLY APOSTLE CARPUS, ONE OF THE SEVENTY APOSTLES  
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

### FATHERS DAY

On Sunday, June 16th, we will celebrate Fathers Day with a special Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. Please join us as we celebrate that often forgotten yet critical role in the Christian Family – the Father. Please R.S.V.P. to Olena Bankston so that we can better plan.

*We must not “surrender” to His Will. This is what soldiers do. We, who are His children, must offer Him our own will along with all our being – in whatever pitiful state we may be – and tell Him: “Lord, take all my faults and imperfections and set them right.”*

– Mother Gavrilia

### Share 2013

**Share 2013 – Annual Eparchial Appeal** is drawing to a close. If you have not already done so, please make a pledge or contribution to Share 2013 by Sunday, June 9.

**Share 2013 – Єпархіаний Заклик** наближається до завершення. Якщо ви ще не зробили даток на Share 2013, то зробіть його до неділі, 9 червня, коли офіційно закінчується заклик.

### Fr. James will be away...

... from May 20th until May 25th. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511, Fr. James Babcock of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868, or Fr. Myron Mykyta at (323) 663-6307.

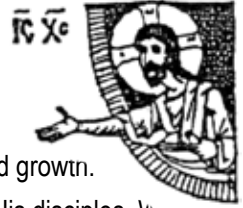
### Sunday offering for May 12

Amount	Number
\$10.00	1
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	3
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\$30.00	(loose)
\$35.00	1
\$40.00	3
\$50.00	4
\$75.00	1
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	1
\$125.00	1
\$150.00	1
\$400.00	1
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\$1425.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1425.00  
Average / parish household (42): \$33.93  
Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00  
Shortfall: **-\$700.00**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ❖ is God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity;
- ❖ proceeds from the Father;
- ❖ is sent into the world by Jesus Christ;
- ❖ inspires God's People to speak God's truth and to do His will; and
- ❖ is the Giver of Life who upholds and sustains creation in its existence, life, and growth.



Fifty days after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. **What** does the Lord Jesus Christ say about the Holy Spirit?



*If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.*

**– John 14:15-17**

*But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

**– John 14:26**

*When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will declare to you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.*

**– John 16:13-15**

## CONTEMPLATION – THE DESCENT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

- ❖ How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.
- ❖ How, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind.
- ❖ How there appeared fiery tongues, one on each of the Apostles.
- ❖ How the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
- ❖ How some mocked them saying, “They have had too much new wine.”
- ❖ How the rest wondered and marveled, hearing the Apostles speak to them of the wonderful works of God in their own languages.
- ❖ How the small are made great by God the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ How the fearful are made fearless by Him.
- ❖ How He makes the simple wise.
- ❖ How He makes the inarticulate eloquent.
- ❖ How, from fishermen, He makes fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ How, from shepherds of an irrational flock, He makes shepherds of a rational flock – the true sheep of the House of Israel.
- ❖ How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, traveled throughout the world without means and without friends.
- ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed the Lord's Gospel.
- ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



## Апостоли ГУЛАГу

Несхитна вірність Христові і Його Церкві Ісповідника віри Митрополита Йосифа (Сліпого) та усієї греко-католицької єрархії, їх глибока впевненість у перемозі над злом, їх особисте свідчення відданості Римському Апостольському Престолові служили надихаючим прикладом і підтримкою у вірі й надії як для мирян, так і для духовенства, що уникнули арештів чи заслання, або ж перебували в неволі.

*“Який же благодатний цей Сибір для нас усіх, для учнів Христових, для росту й життя Христового Царства. Він, колись пустеля, днесь пересяклий кривавим потом закованих, та непереможених синів поневоленої країни. Із закутої в сніги й морози землі чужої неслись не тільки нарікання й лайка, з неї піднімалися і піднімаються по сьогодні слова тихої і щирої молитви до Всевишнього. На ній, у різних закутках і вертепах її, приноситься вже десятки років нова жертва Тіла й Крови Господньої, на ній родилась і жила помічна духовна школа для виховання нових служителів Христа. Ота Сибірська земля побачила нову справжню людину, справжніх християн, справжніх вірних синів Христової Церкви...”*

–3 листа Митрополита Йосифа (Сліпого) із заслання від 17 лютого 1961 р.

### Молитовний батько



Священномученик **Микола Цегельський** народився 17 грудня 1896 р. в с. Струсові на Тернопільщині. У 1923 р. закінчив богословський факультет Львівського університету. 5 квітня 1925 р. Митрополит Андрей (Шептицький) рукоположив його на священника. Був ревним душпастирем, дбав про духовність, освіту та добробут своїх вірних. Після війни зазнав репресій з боку більшовицької влади, відмовившись перейти на офіційне православ'я. Отець випив до дна гірку чашу залякувань, погроз і побоїв. 28 жовтня 1946 р. був заарештований, а 27 січня 1947 р. - засуджений на 10 років ув'язнення. Згодом його заслали у Мордовію, а дружину, троє дітей і невістку вивезли в Читинську обл. Жив у жахливих умовах табору суворого режиму, зазнав нестерпних фізичних страждань через хворобу, проте це не зламало його сильного духа.

Помер 25 травня 1951 р. як мученик за віру, похований на табірному цвинтарі ст. Потьма.

*“Моя наймиліша дружино. На Успення минуло 25-ліття нашого подружжя. Мило згадую наше спільне родинне життя, і в снах щоденних з тобою і діточками, і тому я щасливий... Цілую батьківським поцілунком їх чоленька та благаю жити чесно, заховуватись у невинності, держатись оподалік усякої скверни. За це молюсь найбільше”.*

– Із листів о. Миколи Цегельського із Мордовії

## Apostles of the Gulag

The unbending faithfulness to Christ and His Church of confessor of the faith Metropolitan Josyf Slipyj and all the Greek Catholic hierarchy, their deep certainty in the victory over evil and their special witness of fidelity to the Roman Apostolic See served as an inspiring example and supported the faith and hope of laity and clergy alike who had avoided arrest and exile and had not been time in prison.

*“What a blessing this Siberia has already been for us all, for all the followers of Christ, for the growth and the life of Christ’s kingdom. This place, once barren, today is soaked with the bloody sweat of prisoners and the unconquered sons of an enslaved nation. Not only laments and curses have come forth from this alien land surrounded by snow and frost. Words of calm and sincere prayer have also gone up to the Almighty and continue to go up to this day. For a number of years now, from various corners and caves the new sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ has been offered. A spiritual school has been born and thrives which helps in the upbringing of new ministers of Christ. This very Siberian land has seen a truly new human being, true Christians, true and faithful sons of Christ’s Church...”*

*- Excerpt from a letter of Metropolitan Josyf (Slipyj) from exile, February 17, 1961.*

### Prayerful Parent



Priest and martyr **Father Mykola Tsehelskyi** was born on 17 December 1896 in the village of Strusiv, Ternopil District. In 1923, he graduated from the Theological Faculty of Lviv University. On 5 April 1925 Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky ordained him to the priesthood. He was a zealous priest who cared for the spirituality, education and welfare of his parishioners. After the war he was repressed by the Bolsheviks because he refused to convert to Orthodoxy. Father drank deep from the bitter cup of intimidation, threats and beatings. On 28 October 1946 he was arrested and on 27 January 1947 he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. He was deported to Mordovia (Russia), but his wife, three children and daughter-in-law were taken to Russia’s Chytynska region. He lived in extremely horrid conditions, in a camp that was notoriously strict and cruel.

He suffered from severe pain due to illness, but this did not break his strong spirit.

He died a martyr for the faith on 25 May 1951 and is buried in the camp cemetery.

*“My dearest wife: the feast of the Dormition was our 25th wedding anniversary. I recall fondly our family life together, and every day in my dreams I am with you and the children, and this makes me happy ... I give a fatherly kiss to all their foreheads and I hope to live honestly, behaving blamelessly, keeping far from everything that is foul. I pray for this most of all.”*

-- From the letters of Father Mykola Tsehelskyi written in Mordovia

## **“Do not be a Christian ‘parttime’”**

*Pope Francis address to the general audience*

*May 15, 2013*

Hello! Dear brothers and sisters!

Today I want to focus on the actions performed by the Holy Spirit in the Church and on every one of us to the truth. Jesus said to his disciples the Holy Spirit, “shall guide you into all truth” (Jn 16,13), it’s a “Spirit of truth” (cf. Jn. 14.17, 15.26, 16.13).

We live in a time that is highly skeptical about the truth. Benedict XVI has repeatedly talked about relativism, i.e. the tendency to believe that nothing is exact and think that truth is given with the consent or at our request. The question is whether “truth” really exist? What is “truth”? Can we know it? Can we find it? Here comes to my mind the question of the Roman procurator Pontius Pilate, Jesus reveals profound meaning of His mission:

“What is - the truth?” (Jn 18,37-38). Pilate does not understand what is “Truth” stands in front of him; he can not see the Truth in Jesus’ face, which is the face of God, Jesus is: Truth is in the fulfillment of time “became flesh” (Jn 1,1-14) came among us, so that we can learn. Truth can not be held in one’s hands as if an object; it must be found. Truth - is not a possession, it is a meeting with an individual.

But who helps us to recognize that Jesus is the word of Truth, the only begotten Son of God the Father? St. Paul teaches us that “no man can say, Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12.3). Actually the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Risen Christ, helps us to recognize the Truth. Jesus calls him “Comforter,” which means “one who

comes to our aid,” who is there for us to keep us on the path of knowledge, and at the Mystical Supper Jesus assures His students that the Holy Spirit will teach all of them everything and will remind them of His words (cf. Jn. 14,26).

What, then, is the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church, which leads us to the Truth? First the Holy Spirit reminds us recall and inscribes on the hearts of believers the words that Jesus said, and that through the words of God’s law - as preached by the prophets of the Old Testament - is inscribed in our hearts within us and becomes the principle by which we conduct our evaluation in our choices, and who guide us in our daily activities, and it is a life principle. This is realized in the great prophecy of Ezekiel: “And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them. “(Ez. 36,25-27). In fact, our actions are born from the depths: our own heart requires returning to God, and the Holy Spirit transforms it if it opened to Him.

Then the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus leads us to “the whole Truth” (Jn 16,13), He leads us not only to meet Jesus, full of Truth,

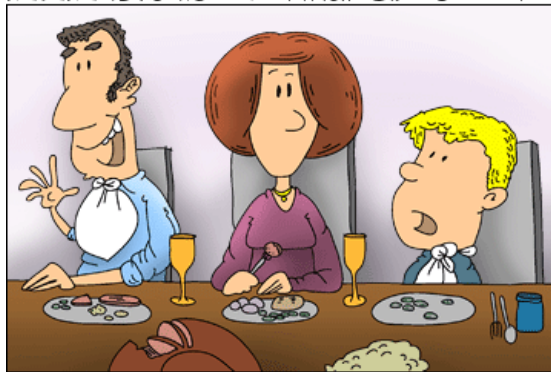
but brings us “in” Truth, that helps us enter into communion with Jesus himself, giving us knowledge of God’s affairs. Through our own efforts we cannot achieve this. If God enlightens us from the inside, then our being Christians will be only superficial. The traditions of the Church affirms the Truth, that the Spirit works in our hearts, calling it “a sense of faith» (sensus fidei), through which, according to the Second Vatican Council, the people of God, under the guidance of the Magisterium, firmly adheres to the faith given to us once and forever holys; penetrates deeper into proper thought and applies it more fully in life (cf. Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium, 12). We should ask ourselves whether we are open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to Him so that He would enlightened me, make me more sensitive to the affairs of God? This is the prayer that we should pray every day, every day: “Holy Spirit, let my heart be open to the Word of God, let my heart be open to good, let my heart be open to the beauty of God every day.” But I would like to ask all of you: How many of you pray daily to the Holy Spirit? Hmm, perhaps only a few of you ... Well, maybe a few, but we have to realize this wish of Jesus, pray daily that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts to Jesus.

Remember Mary who “kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart” (Lk 2,19, 51). Adoption words and Truths of faith, so that they become life, realities and grow under the nurturing of the Holy Spirit. In this sense, we should learn from Mary, reviving her “yes” to her full acceptance of the Son of God in her life which from that changed. Through the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son settle in us, whether we

live in God and from God, does our life really animate the life of God? Do I put many of my problems before God?

Dear brothers and sisters, we must allow the light of the Holy Spirit to penetrate us, so He will show us the Truth of God, who is the only Lord of our lives. In this year of Faith ask yourself whether we really have taken positive steps to better know Christ and the Truth of faith by reading and meditating on the Scriptures, studying Catechism, frequently taking part in the Holy Mysteries. But at the same time we should ask ourselves what we are doing to allow faith to guide us through all of our existence? Do not be Christians “part-time” at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain elections - be Christians always! The Truth of Christ, that the Holy Spirit teaches us and gives us always and everywhere involves our daily life. Increasingly, we are calling upon him to lead us in the way of Christ’s disciples.

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### *Running on Empty*

A story is told of a seasoned bus driver who was accustomed to driving a tourist bus along steep mountain roads. Many parts of the mountain roads ran along sharp cliffs with no guardrail. But, the bus driver was a man of prayer. Before departure, his passengers would see him, with hands folded, in front of the bus praying for a safe journey. He became something of a local legend, and his safety record was without blemish.

Then, one day, it happened. The bus was making a sharp turn around a bend on the narrow mountain road when the engine sputtered and the bus started to drift backward out of control. Using all of his skills, the driver brought the bus to a stop just before it slid off the edge of a cliff.

What went wrong? The bus was mechanically sound, the weather was beautiful, the driver was attentive and alert – plus, he said his prayers before beginning the trip. The problem was that he forgot to fill the bus with fuel – he ran out of gas! Without fuel, the engine was useless and the bus was motionless, even though everything else was in proper working order.

Just as the bus needs to be filled with fuel, we Christians need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. God is our fuel, He is our nourishment and He sustains us. Without Him, we run on empty, so to speak. Our life lacks direction and we remain spiritually motionless. Let us welcome the Holy Spirit on this day of Pentecost and say, “Come, dwell within me and save my soul, O gracious Lord!”