



*I am the vine  
you are the branches.*

*John 15:5*

# The Grapevine

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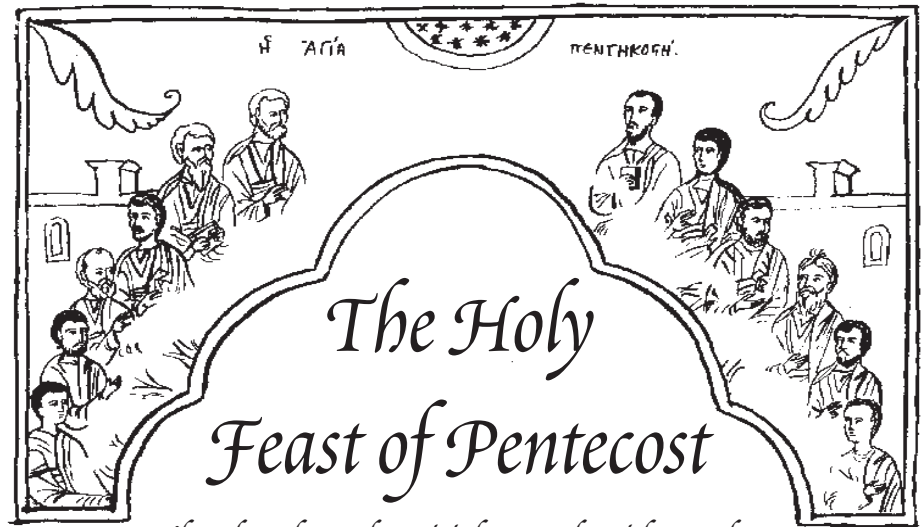
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## Kneeling Vespers

*Sunday, June 16, 6 p.m.*

From Pascha until Pentecost, we have “fasted” from kneeling. On Pentecost Sunday, we “feast” in kneeling. We offer our prayer on our knees and pray to God that the Holy Spirit would fill each of us, the whole Church, and all of creation with saving grace. This is a once-a-year service of incredible importance. Make every effort to be there and to renew our awareness of and longing for the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives.



*What does the Holy Spirit have to do with us today?*

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended from heaven upon 120 disciples in an upper room, transforming their lives. They were endowed with *dynamis*, power from on high, in order that they could be brought into the fullness of the image and likeness of God and in order that they might become effective witnesses for Christ in an unbelieving world. On Pentecost, they began to do the impossible by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we, the Church, are a result of their work.

Pentecost is not simply an event out of Christian antiquity. It is a spiritual experience that is made available to each believer in the Sacrament of Chrismation after receiving Baptism. Bishop Kallistos Ware writes, “Chrismation is an extension of Pentecost. The same Spirit who descended visibly on the Apostles in tongues of fire now descends invisibly on the newly baptized. Through Chrismation every member of the Church becomes a prophet, and receives a share in the royal priesthood of Christ; all Christians alike, because they are chrismated, are called to act as conscious witnesses to the Truth.”

That means each one of us receives the same heavenly anointing the very moment Chrismation is administered to us. The epiphany of the Jordan was

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### CALENDAR

- June 20, 27 7 p.m. Catechism
- June 16 Holy Pentecost (Father’s Day)
- June 24 Apostles Fast Begins

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# FROM THE PARISH



## ACADEMY CORNER

### Upcoming School Year

Applications are open for new students! Please contact the school for more information.



## Have a fun Summer!

### HOMILIES ONLINE!

An easy way to prepare for Sundays and feast days throughout the year is to listen to the previous year's homily at [www.slocc.com/our-faith/](http://www.slocc.com/our-faith/) Take a listen!

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made available to the 120 at Pentecost and subsequently to every believer. “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord God shall call.”

The testimony of the early Church reveals that the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit was ordinarily bestowed by the laying on of hands of the Apostles and bishops and the anointing with holy chrism. The Church teaches that through the sacraments the Christian experiences in himself the mysteries of Christ. He also, in the Church, relives symbolically and mystically the events of salvation history. Baptism, which is death and resurrection in Christ, reproduces in him the Paschal event, which is a birth to a new life “in the Spirit of holiness.” Chrismation reproduces the event of Pentecost, the indwelling of the Spirit of prophecy, that he might fulfill his mission in the Church. The sacrament of Chrismation can be understood only in the light of the theology of the Holy Spirit. He is the gift in whom is completed the mystery of the Trinity. He is also the gift whom the Risen Lord sends to us from the Father to perfect the work of deification in us and to continue His mission of witness in the Church.

Pentecost, by no accident, occurred on the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews were celebrating the receiving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. On each day of the week, the high priest poured water out of a golden pitcher. But, on the seventh and last day of the feast, when all the multitudes were assembled at the temple grounds, the high priest held up a golden pitcher and slowly began to pour. And while the high priest was doing this, the multitudes of people were on their knees chanting from Isaiah 12:

“The Lord is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation.  
Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation.  
And in that day you will say,  
Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,  
Make known His deeds among the people.  
Let this be known throughout the earth.  
Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

The High Priest then tipped the golden pitcher, but no water came out, because the promised Messiah had not yet appeared. Yet at that moment, the promise of the Messiah was being poured out on mankind—on the 120 disciples in the upper room. For the Son, having ascended to the right hand of the Father, sends the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is still with us today. The Holy Spirit has been continuously present since that time, present with us to consecrate those who bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. And He will be with us till the end of time. For the assembly of those who bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ, those elected by God, whom the Holy Spirit consecrates, is the Church.

Praying that we might experience His “mighty, rushing wind” in our own lives,

*Fr. Thaddeus*

# PERSON TO PERSON

## FROM THE PARISH

### Missing

The church kitchen is missing 3 of the 6 foot black and white vinyl tablecloths. If you borrowed them, please bring them back. They've been missing for several months. Thanks!

### After Liturgy Announcements

For the sake of good communication, order, and unity of mind, all announcements to be made after liturgy on Sundays need to be submitted ahead of time to the church office. In last-minute cases, please get a note to one of the serving clergy before the end of liturgy. Please do the same for names day singing of 'Many Years' as well.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Men's Camping Trip

The Men's Camping Trip up in the rugged Shasta wilderness is happening again this summer. The trip dates are July 11-15 (Thursday-Monday). If you plan on going or would like more information, please contact the office or Dn. James directly. The trip is a great opportunity for the men in the parish to spend time in the outdoors and fellowship.

## NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Room for Rent

Dn. Paul Trigg has an upstairs room to rent. If you know of someone who needs a room, please call him for details: 336-8912.

### Needed

We could still use a few more helping hands for cleaning up after Coffee Hour. Even if we have a couple families that want to rotate and take turns, that would be great! Please contact Karol Clark (278-2960) or Lynn Price (2019-404-3110).

## Grace on the Road

*Tips for a blessed summer vacation*

### Travel Blessings

Take advantage of God's grace covering your summer trips and vacations. Shortly before you go, have the traveling prayers (land or air!) prayed over you and have your car (owned, borrowed, or rented) blessed. Fr. Luke, Fr. Nathaniel and I are ready and waiting.

### Keep on Blessing

Once on the road, the driver can bless the vehicle with the sign of the cross and/or a short prayer, "Lord, bless this vehicle and keep us safe. Amen." If you see any accidents, make the sign of the cross and pray for those involved. When you arrive safely at your destination, give thanks to God.

### Family Prayers

These days, there are few opportunities like a vacation (whether extravagant or just camping in the back yard) to have the whole family on the same schedule. Use this togetherness as a time to pray together, simple prayers in the morning or evening or both. Take some little icons and set them up. Their presence alone will bless your time together, and they are a good reminder to pray before meals, etc.

### Make Memories

Shared experiences are the foundation stones of friendship and memories. Make the effort to fulfill a little something for each member of the family. Enjoy whatever ends up happening and make the best out of everything. Some of the best memories are made out of enduring humorously through things going wrong and keeping an attitude of camaraderie.

## THANKS & CONGRATS

### Successful Fundraiser

A huge THANK YOU to each and all of you who donated, worked hard (upfront and behind the scenes), and/or attended the Life Giving Spring's Monastery Fundraiser. Thanks to your time, talents, resources, and willingness to work together as a community of faithful. Lots of appreciation to our younger helpers (e.g., choir, Youth Group servers and childcare providers). Through your hard work, and God's grace the evening was a huge success!

### Congratulations to Our Graduates!

#### College

Cassie Stevens graduated from CU Boulder with a BA in history with a minor in Anthropology. In the fall she is heading to the University of York to get a masters degree in Cultural Heritage Studies.

#### High School

Rachel Woodthorp is graduating San Lorenzo Valley High. She will be attending Cabrillo College next fall.

#### 8th Grade

Gabriel Dingman, Anna Dunn, and Grace Kirkpatrick all advanced from St. Lawrence Academy.

## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

### Receiving the Holy Spirit

"The aim of all those who live in God is to please our Lord Jesus Christ and become reconciled with God the Father through receiving the Holy Spirit, thus securing their salvation, for in this consists the salvation of every soul. If this aim and this activity is lacking, all other labour is useless and all other striving is in vain. Every path of life which does not lead to this is without profit."

~ St. Simeon the New

## SHOP THE ABBOT'S!

### New This Week

- ✦ Ice chests
- ✦ Slingshot
- ✦ Floor fans
- ✦ Book cases
- ✦ Heating pad
- ✦ Wicker chest
- ✦ Guitar w/case
- ✦ Etch A Sketch
- ✦ Camping gear
- ✦ Soccer play table
- ✦ Autoharp w/case
- ✦ Corner book case
- ✦ Oak oval coffee table
- ✦ Dog - cones of shame
- ✦ Cheese making press
- ✦ Illuminated slide sorter
- ✦ Magnetic eyelashes, new
- ✦ Briza personal air cooler
- ✦ Wood-burning fireplace insert



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### SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>Fri. June 14 (1)</b>	<i>No Services</i>
<b>Sat. June 15 (2)</b>	7 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>Sun. June 16 (3)</b>	7:30 a.m. Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy
<b>Mon. June 17 (4)</b>	<i>No Services</i>
<b>Tues. June 18 (5)</b>	7 p.m. Vespers
<b>Wed. June 19 (6)</b>	7 p.m. Vespers
<b>Thur. June 20 (7)</b>	6 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*For Sunday, June 16 (3)*  
Acts 2:1-11  
John 7:37-52; 8:12

### BIRTHDAYS

Katherine Clausing	June 15
Ann Ramsey	June 15
Fred Squatrito	June 16
Rachel Hulter	June 18
Colby Stevens	June 19

### CLEANING TEAM

<b>June 15</b>	Maria S., Pres. Claudia C., Shannon C., Ramah H.
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