
When did the first celebration of the Eucharist take place? We have in the Gospels a description of the Last Supper; we also have an account in the epistles of St Paul of the Eucharistic practices of the early Church. But when did the Apostles, for the first time, celebrate this Eucharist, which we celebrate today? ... Looking at the New Testament it would appear, although we are not told this, that Pentecost is the most likely moment for the first Eucharist to have taken place.

In this case it would be no coincidence that in the liturgical practice of the Russian Church, at the very heart of the Eucharistic celebration, during the epiklesis itself, the prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit on the gifts is actually interrupted, opened up, and into it is inserted the troparion of the Third Hour. That Troparion refers specifically to Pentecost: "O Lord, who didst send down Thy most Holy Spirit upon Thine Apostles at the third hour, take Him not from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray unto Thee."

And so at this central moment in the Eucharist, our prayer is that Pentecost will in some sense be repeated; that it will be made new in our midst. As a result, we can say that every Liturgy is in some sense a renewal of Pentecost; every Liturgy breaks down the distance, in time and space, between this present moment and that moment in the past when the disciples were gathered together to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Eucharistic celebration becomes one with that of the Apostles; one, because the eternal Spirit of the one God is present with the community at that moment, and can draw it together into oneness across not only spacial barriers, but even the barriers of time. The Holy Spirit draws us into a oneness, which is in the end an image, an icon of the oneness of God.

And so there is a clear relationship with the past, between each and every Eucharistic celebration and the gathering of the Church at Pentecost. However, it bears no resemblance to nostalgia; instead it is reality, it is the presence of God in our midst.

--- Bishop Basil (Osborne), "Living in the Future", Living Orthodoxy in the Modern World

SCHEDULE

**Sunday, June 7**
9:30am Third Hour
9:45am St. Xenia Prayers
10:00am Divine Liturgy
Kneeling prayers of Pentecost

**Sunday, June 14**
9:30am Third Hour
9:45am General Confession
10:00am Divine Liturgy

**MANY YEARS** to all those celebrating during the month of June.

**BIRTHDAYS**
- Mat. Kerri Fox, Galina Adair, Viviana Battista, Zoe Bohensky, Caleb Bryson, Stephen Czesak, Amanda Dardaganis, Gregory Farbanish, Olivia Farbanish, Brett McKenna, Victor O'Malley, Terry Rerecich, Doreen Sakowych, Olga Shkutzko, Eileen Soliman, Samuel VanDermark, Jennifer Walsh

**ANNIVERSARIES**
- Rich & Ludmila Battista, George & Larisa Bohensky, Peter & Ruth Dardaganis, Andrew & Olga Nosal
- Jon & Lisa Olszowy

**NAME DAYS**
- Hurley Paul Fox-June 29th
- Peter Tarassoff- June 29th
- Sharon Tczap-June 20th

**VIRTUAL WINE TASTING** – We may not be able to meet together for a wine tasting event but we can meet over the internet. Set aside the date Friday, June 12th from 6:30pm-8pm and take part in this internet meeting which is being sponsored by St. Tikhon’s Seminary. This is a fun way to see fellow parishioners and learn more about St. Tikhon’s Seminary. Please refer to the email notices or contact John Babiak for more information babiak.john@gmail.com

**FATHER’S DAY** – Request for prayers for Father’s Day may be send to Suzette Eremin at suzereminaol.com

**GRADUATES** – We would like to recognize those students in the parish who are graduating from high school, college and post-grad studies. Please send a short biography of the student to Suzette Eremin at suzereminaol.com Include the school they have graduated from, what are their future plans (course of study-job) and any other accomplishments.
HOLY COMMUNION – The distribution of communion will continue as it has for the past two weeks with the same guidelines as previously posted. Please contact Patty Kaufman at patriciakaufman71@gmail.com and let her know which date, time slot (11:15am or 11:45am) you would like to attend and the number attending. You must receive an email from Patty confirming your family's specific date and time before arriving. Instructions will be sent when you are alerted of your time and date.

ADULT STUDY – The YouTube links for the classes will continue to be sent via eblast. The links for all the classes to date have been posted on the church website under the Adult Studies icon. Please contact Fr. David at fatherdavid@holytrinityrandolph.com with any comments or questions.

DONATIONS - Another means of donating to the church has been arranged. On the church website, www.holytrinityrandolph.com there is a Donate button/icon at the top right. This can be used to donate through PayPal using a debit or credit card. Mailing in a check to the PO Box 630 is still available along with using Zelle. The latter two methods do not charge any fees. All donations, no matter the method used nor the size, are greatly appreciated.

Holy Pentecost -
Troparion — Tone 8
Blessed art You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as most wise / By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / Through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 8
When the most High came down and confused the tongues, / He divided the nations; / But when he distributed the tongues of fire / He called all to unity. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!