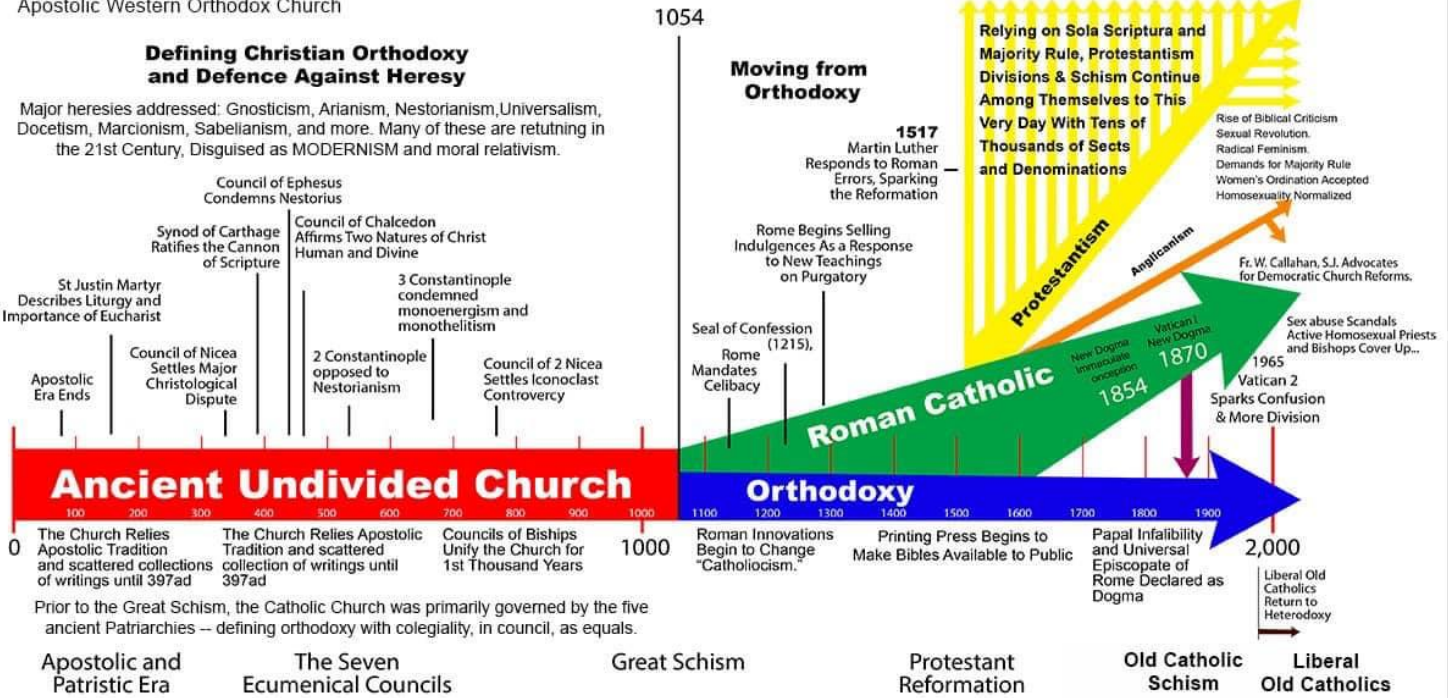


Concise Timeline of Christian History

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8th Sunday of Pascha/ Pentecost

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST



The Feast of Pentecost is traditionally considered the birth of what is today known as the Christian Church. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles assembled in the upper room and their subsequent address to those who had gathered outside begins the international and intercultural spread of Christianity.

In hierarchy of celebration, Pentecost ranks just below Pascha—the Feast of Feasts. It is locked into its position—fifty days after the Resurrection and ten days after Christ’s Ascension to the Father in Heaven. It is a MOVEABLE FEAST—that is, it does not depend on a specific calendar date like the Nativity, but is solely determined by the date of Pascha.

Pentecost is literally FIFTY [from the Greek Pentecoste], the celebration based on the Jewish harvest festival of Shavout which commemorates the gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, fifty days after the Exodus from Israel. In Christian Tradition, ten days after Christ’s Ascension to Heaven, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit down as His Advocate, Comforter, and Guide to enable the Apostles to continue their mission and evangelization of the world.

The Bible details the events of this Shavout celebration in the Book of Acts, Second Chapter, verses one through six, describing how the Apostles assembled to celebrate the Pentecost in the upper room and sat to break bread. The Holy Spirit descended on them in the form of tongues of fire, flashing around them and settling on each of them. He then filled them with Himself—fulfilling the promise of Christ that the Comforter would come and be in them always.

When the Apostles left the upper room to address the Jews of Jerusalem who had gathered outside, each of those assembled heard the Apostles speak to them IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE—the Holy Spirit succeeding in translating the words of the disciples into all the languages of those gathered simultaneously! This from a minimally educated group of men who had never traveled outside the immediate surroundings of Israel!

After this revelation of the Holy Trinity in fact, they each went off to spread the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection and His opening of the Gates of Salvation to mankind.

Liturgically, the Feast is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil on Saturday evening, Divine Liturgy on Sunday, and Vespers with a special addition called the “Kneeling Prayers” which begin the Pentecostal reckoning of time—each Sunday is now determined to be the Xth Sunday after Pentecost, continuing until the coming of the Pre-Lenten Sundays of the following year.

After Pentecost, the prayers “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light” are reintroduced to the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom—reminding us that the Holy Spirit has come into the world, sent by Christ from the Father.

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Today’s Panahida was requested by Nataliya Petrylo for her newly departed mother Oleksandra

‘O Lord, have I not asked you to free me from this anger?’ And the Lord answered,
‘Yes, Philip, and for this reason I am multiplying the occasions for you to learn.’

Met. Anthony Bloom
Beginning to Pray.

How to Forgive

Pray

(Matthew 5:44)

Love and do good to the offender

(Romans 12:9)

Don’t speak poorly of the offender

(Romans 12:14)

Release them from your punishment

(Romans 12:17-19)

Don’t celebrate their failures

(Proverbs 24:17)

Treat them the way you

want to be treated

(Luke 6:31)

Stop dwelling on the past

(Isaiah 43:18)

Remember in Prayer

Lyubba, Cecelia, Lotti, Ksenia, Caro, Cindy, Wesley, Celia, Carl, Lisa, Peter, Lexi, Debra, Victoria, Theodore, Archimandrite Raphael, Jamie, Gloria, Maryanne, Marilyn, Chance, Jim, Pauline, Fr John, Mia, Tatiana, Mary Ann, Wesson, Fr Alexander, Nicholas, Kateryna, Aleksandra, Kaleena, Amy, Natalia, Fr Robert, Stephen, Katherine, Victoria, Peter, Nicole, Jerry, Kathleen, Bohdan, Ed, Evalyn, Joseph, Amea Rose, Joshua, Denise, Miriam, Freida, Jaylynn, Collette, Nicole, Jerry, Sophia, Frank Salak, Max, Victoria, Theodore, Bob, Donna

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the physician of souls & bodies, look down on your suffering servants, relieve them of their pain and suffering in order that they may be able to arise from their sick-bed and glorify your Holy Name. Amen!"

Please provide full names of your suffering friends and loved ones to Fr John (full names will only appear when first added but only if you wish to publish them here)

You were sold and betrayed that I might be freed, I who was enslaved.

You were bound that my bonds might be broken.

You submitted to an unjust trial - You Who are the Judge of all the earth -

that I might be freed from eternal judgment.

You were made naked in order to clothe me in the robes of salvation, in the garments of gladness.

You were crowned with thorns that I might receive the crown of life.

You were called King in mockery - You, the King of all! - to open the kingdom of heaven for me!

You have found Your lost sheep, my Shepherd!

You have called the one who had been rejected;

You have released the one who was in chains, O my Liberator!

You have restored to life the one who was dead, O my Life!

You have raised the fallen one, O my Strength.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk. Confession and Thanksgiving.

BIRTHDAYS

Natalia (Fadeeva) Thoma and
Justin Petrunio, June 7
Frr Mark Phillips June 9
Larissa Kocelko and
John Minaijlo June 10

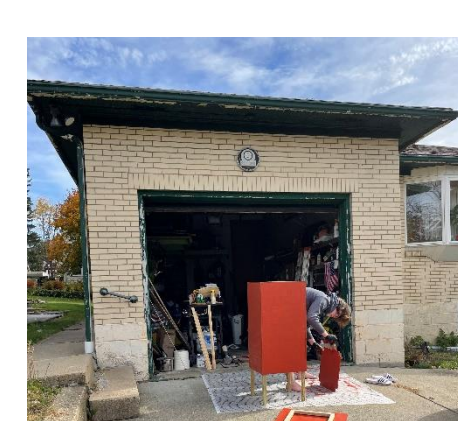
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for any and all emergencies – for hospital,
nursing home, etc.
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Two icons share importance for the Feast—the traditional depiction of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Theotokos and the Apostles gathered together, a symbolic sun-like representation of the Holy Spirit coming down from Heaven, flames above their heads, and a king-like symbol at the bottom representing the Kosmos—the world.

The second icon is that of the Hospitality of Abraham—the three holy angelic figures who appeared to Abraham in the Old Testament. They are symbolic of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Many of our parishes, including my own Holy Ghost parish in Slickville, PA, are dedicated to the Most Holy Good and Life-Creating Spirit, and celebrate their name's day on the Feast of Pentecost.

Fr. Robert Popichak
Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Slickville, Pa



Stephen Sheptak recently completed his Eagle Scout project at our church cemetery. Stephen's project was centered on honoring veterans at Saint Volodymyr cemetery. He made a list of all veterans at the cemetery, and noted who had a veteran flag marker and who did not, as well as which war/conflict they served in. Then he worked with the Allegheny County Veterans office to obtain markers for the veterans who needed one. In November, ahead of Veterans Day, he and his scout troop placed all of the markers at the veterans' graves, along with new flags. In addition, Stephen constructed and placed a wooden box in which people visiting the cemetery can deposit old flags which need to be retired. Stephen will empty the box periodically and ensure that the flags are retired properly. He also organized a family clean up day at the cemetery. Stephen was very happy to complete this project and help his church.

