

# ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate  
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor  
Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



15 JUNE  
2008

PENTEOCST

**WELCOME** TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.  
IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU WITH US AT SAINT GEORGE.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH,  
OR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE SEE THE PRIEST.

ONLY THOSE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO ARE REPENTANT OF THEIR  
SINS AND HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH FASTING ARE INVITED  
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO VENERATE  
THE CROSS AND SHARE HOLY BREAD FOLLOWING THE LITURGY.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

Tonight - Pentecost / Father's Day / Church School BBQ 5:00 pm  
Monday - Parish Council, 7:00 pm  
Thursday - Matins 9:00 am  
Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm  
Next Sunday - All Saints Sunday  
Matins - 9:00 am / Liturgy - 10:00

*There is **no fasting** the week following Pentecost, not even Wednesday or Friday.  
The **Apostles Fast** begins the Monday after All Saints (the 23rd) and continues  
through the 28th.*

### HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Kay Mike.

### COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs after Liturgy today for coffee and refreshments; sponsored by Kay Mike.

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*A Happy and blessed Fathers Day  
to all our dads,  
grandfahers, godfathers  
and spiritual fathers*

### BBQ TONIGHT



Change into your comfy clothes  
and bring your appetite. Tonight  
at 5:00 pm is the **Church School's  
End-of-Year / Pentecost / Fathers  
Day BBQ.**

### SPIRITUAL STIMULUS

Those checks you have  
(or will be receiving from  
the government.) ... that  
free money intended to  
stimulate the economy  
and help you out during tough economic times...  
**yeah, that check!** It was suggested several weeks  
ago that your church might be a good place for  
that money, or at least part of it. Some scoffed at  
the idea, others were moved. This past week the  
first fruits were passed on ... one of our parish-  
ioners gave 33% from the stimulus check. God  
works in wonderful ways and we give Him thanks!



### SCOBA INCLUDES MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE

The Spring Session of the **Standing Conference of  
the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas**  
(SCOBA) met on June 12th in New York. The  
hierarchs of the represented jurisdictions, includ-  
ing **Metropolitan PHILIP**, unanimously agreed to  
welcome the Representation of the Moscow  
Patriarchate in the United States, in the person of  
Bishop MERCURIUS, to full membership in  
SCOBA. In addition, both Archbishop DEMETRIOS  
and Metropolitan PHILIP shared the positive results  
of their meetings with Metropolitan HILARION, the  
newly enthroned First Hierarch of the Russian  
Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR).

The feast of the Holy Trinity (otherwise,  
Pentecost) is dedicated to the descent of the  
Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day  
after the Resurrection of Christ. This event  
brought into existence the Church of Christ and  
gave rise to the Christian faith on earth. On the  
feast of Pentecost the Church brings its children  
to the doors of its spiritual life and appeals to  
them to renew and strengthen in themselves the  
gifts of the Holy Spirit given to them in Baptism.  
Spiritual life of an individual is impossible with-  
out God's grace, which possesses the mysterious  
power of rebirth and transforms the whole of the  
Christian's inward life. However lofty and valu-  
able his desire might be, it will be fulfilled by the  
Holy Spirit. That is why the feast of Pentecost is  
always so joyfully celebrated by Orthodox  
Christians.

Throughout all of history God gradually revealed  
himself to mankind. During Old Testament times  
people knew only about God the Father. Since  
the birth of the Savior they learned of his Only-  
begotten Son, and on the day of the descent of  
the Holy Spirit people learned of the existence of  
the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Thus  
mankind was instructed to believe and praise  
God, one in essence and Threefold in Persons,  
that is, God the Father, and the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, the Trinity one and indivisible.

In this pamphlet we will describe the descent of  
the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, account for  
the importance of God's grace in Christian life  
and recount the service of Pentecost. We will  
include the canon of the Matins service and give  
the Orthodox treatment of the contemporary  
"gift of tongues." The appendix contains selected  
prayers of the Pentecostal Vespers service.

--Bishop ALEXANDER (Mileant)



*Save Gas, Save Time...  
Stay at the Conference!*

**Make It a Weekend, Stay at the 70th Parish Life Conference!  
Join in Fellowship and Summer Fun in Providence, voted recently as  
one of the Top 10 Emerging Travel Destinations by the Wall Street Journal!**

**June 26 to 29, 2008 (2 Weeks to Go!)**

Rooms are going fast! Book your room TODAY at the Providence Marriott Hotel for \$119/night by calling 866-807-2171 and ask for the "Parish Life Conference" rate.

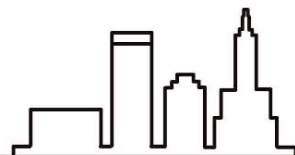
See the schedule and register for fantastic events at [www.WorcesterDiocese.net](http://www.WorcesterDiocese.net).

**Time-Honored Favorites:** Haffli, Awards Brunch, Bible Bowl, Oratorical Festival, St. Ignatius/Parish Council Dinner, Family Picnic, and Choir Festival.

**New Twists:** WaterFire Reception, Young Adult Dinner, and Are You Game? III

Hosted by St. Mary Pawtucket, RI with His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP Presiding.

**See you there!**



**PLC GEARED FOR FAMILIES:** Many events and meals have been underwritten to make this year's Parish Life Conference easy on the pocket book. Make your hotel and conference reservations today. Registration form and schedules are in the parish hall. For more info, see: <http://worcesterdiocese.net/>

**NORWOOD TEENS:** Meeting today, right after Liturgy to talk about the Conference and our summer plans.

**NORWOOD BIBLE BOWL TEAMS:** What dedication! Months of studying First Corinthians and now the time of competition draws near. The Bible Bowl will be on Thursday evening the 26th at 8:30 pm, right after the Family Welcome Dinner.

TOTAL DEPOSIT <i>JUNE 8</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR BASKET
\$3624.00	\$2740.00	\$215.00	\$185.00	N.A.	\$34.00



**PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS**

Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies . . . . . *in memory of Emma Lockwood*  
Joan Cassidy . . . . .  
. . . . . *for the health of Thomas, Caitlin, Connor, Helen, Gayle, Billy, Carol, Anna and Emma*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Stephanie, Mary, Florence, Alice, Hayes, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Edward, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Mikayla, Christopher, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, George, Frances, Marlene, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman  
Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio (Secretary), Andrew Howard (Vice Chairman),  
Marlene Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

**CHURCH LEADERS**

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
Parish Chanter - Paul Eysie	Choir Director - David Franciosi
Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos	Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger
Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman	Epistle Reader Coordinator - Lovee Thomas
Bible Bowl Team Leader - Emily Shay	Seminarian - Michael Razook
Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik	Scholarship Committee Chair - Helen Abril
Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen	

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**SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2008 • FEAST OF PENTECOST**

**Eisodikon**

*Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength. We will sing and praise thy power.  
Save us, O good Comforter, as we sing unto Thee. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Troparion of Pentecost (Tone 8)**

*Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,  
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them thou hast fished the universe,  
O Lover of mankind, glory to thee.*

**Kontakion of Pentecost (Tone 8)**

*When the high One descended, confusing tongues, he divided the nations. And when he distributed  
the fiery tongues he called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.*

**At the Place of "Holy God"**

*As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.*

**EPISTLE & GOSPEL**

**Prokeimenon and Verse:**

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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**Alleluia**

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (7:37-52; 8:12)**

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee**

**Megalynarion (Ninth Ode of Katabasia of the Feast, Tone 7)**

*O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption,  
lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle  
to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling-place to thine incomprehensible Maker.  
Wherefore, O Virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land, Alleluia.*

**At the Place of "We have seen the True Light"**

*Apolytikion of the Feast*

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