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Sunday, May 31, 2026

Reader Hours: Gloria Bench

Reader Epistle: Chad Snyder

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity.

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

Services

Saturday, May 30 2:00 PM: Commemoration @ Sky View Mausoleum-Hometown
Saturday, May 30 4:30 PM: Parastas, Michael Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon,
Mary Ann Macenka offered by Paul Macenka & family, Martha Teno offered by the children and grandchildren,
John Bench Jr. offered by Family, Viacheslav Zhurba offered by Viktoriia Zhurba.
Saturday, May 30 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 31 9:30 AM: **Divine Liturgy, Vespers of Pentecost**
Sunday, May 31 1:00 PM: Commemoration @ Parish Cemetery- Summit Hill
Saturday, June 6 4:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, June 6 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, June 7 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship

Monday, June 8 Beginning of the Apostle Fast

Prayer List*:

Robert Boguski, Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, William Evetushick, Julia Forte, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Logan Leatherman, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka Tom Macri, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Altheia Rosahac Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, Steve Matsick, Michael Teno

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

Thank you to those who donated/ purchased items and / or volunteered to help make our **Indoor/Outdoor Sale** a success. A profit of \$ 1,500.00 was deposited to the general fund.

Profit to church operating fund from the **Chinese Auction** - \$1,395.27. Thank you to all who helped.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Viktoriia Zhurba whose father, Viacheslav Zhurba, who fell asleep in the Lord! Memory Eternal!

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-764-4323.

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call (570-764-4323) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles May 31

7/Day Vigils-Altar: In Health of Marie Skripnek offered by family

Altar Candles: In Memory of Helen Ostrosky offered by Marie Kalavritinos

Eternal Lamp: In Memory of Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

7/Day Tetrapod: In Memory of Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

May Birthdays: 1-Daniel Herbert, 5- Gabriel Melber, Sal Herbert, 10- Thomas Herbert, 11- Stephanie Melber, 17- Julia Forte, Russell King, 21- Lindsey Ruch, 27- Ashley Buchanan, 31- Marie Skripnek, Charlotte Melber

June Birthdays: 5- Dorothy Macenka, 9-Chad Snyder, 11- Kasandra Buchanan, 13- Christianne Bayer, 16-Noah Golob, 18-Cody Golob, 21- Clark Andrew Bogosh, 22-Evanna Buchanan, Emmalyn Buchanan, 24- Wash King, 25- Geri King, 28- Olga Kushnir,

May Anniversaries: 9- Richard & Julie McHugh

June Anniversaries: 1- Fr. James & Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 9-John & Peggy Lampman, 22- Dr. Ronald & Lena Marie Berezniak

Boyer's has changed their reward program. Key chain tags are no longer being used. The church will continue to get credit one of two ways. You can simply enter the phone number you used when you set up your account. If you don't remember the phone number, use the church phone number (570) 645-2772. Alternately, you can download the Boyer's app on your phone, but it is not necessary to have the app. The church will still receive credit by the phone number.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Financials 5/24/2026: Envelopes \$ 1,494, Non-Envelope \$ 58, Candles \$ 80, Holy Day: \$ 466, Building: \$ 40 Cemetery: \$ 160. Yard Sale: \$1,500, Chinese Auction: \$ 1,395.27

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin somewhere!**

[On Tithing | A Russian Orthodox Church Website \(pravmir.com\)](http://pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
May 31	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	Michael Tatuso
June 7	Mat. Lisa	Michael Ropitsky	John Evetushick
June 14	Curtis Wetzel	John Evetushick	Graduation Recognition
June 21	Edward Pierson	Curtis Wetzel	OPEN

May 31, 2026

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity.

John 20:19-23 (*Matins Gospel*)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

(Refrain)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

(Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Refrain)

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

(Refrain)

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans!

(Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation.

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed are You, O Christ our God,
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them You drew the world into Your net. //
O Lover of Man, glory to You!

Troparion of the Feast

You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.

Troparion of the Feast

For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Entrance Verse

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power!

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. // O Lover of Man, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion

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.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

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

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

V. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Acts 2:1-11 (Epistle)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.

V. The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.

John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." **Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**