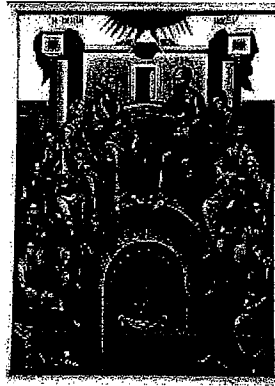


The Olive Shoots  
St. Symeon Orthodox Church  
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✙ Holy Pentecost ✙



"The Holy Spirit is the treasury of all blessings of spiritual riches"  
- St. John of Kronstadt

**THIS WEEK IS FAST FREE**

Schedule

Today: Kneeling Vespers following Liturgy

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Troparion - Tone 8

**Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,  
who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit:  
through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.  
O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee**

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!**

## **Today's Bible Verse-**

“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 as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

-Acts 2:1-4

## Pentecost

When the day of the Fast of Pentecost had come, the Disciples of Christ were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Small tongues of fire appeared on each of their heads. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability to do so. There were many Jewish visitors to Jerusalem at that time for the Jewish celebration of the feast, and they were astonished hear these untaught fisherman speaking praises to God in different languages. They thought that the Disciples were drunk because of the strange languages they were speaking. But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and talked to them, saying, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." After this, the Apostles went to preach the Gospel of Christ to all nations and peoples of all different languages, spreading the Word throughout the entire world.

**-Acts of the Holy Apostles**

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