

LET US EXPERIENCE CHRIST AT PENTECOST

Experience is a great teacher. Every so often we hear people say, "I go to Church, I pray, I try to give my life to God, but He seems far away, and nothing happens to me." If one starts questioning these people, we usually find that they never did have any joyous sense of the presence of God in their lives. They had been in contact with the forms of religion but never the Spirit. It was an inherited religion passed down through their family. There is no life or power in that kind of hand-me-down religion. It was an inherited religion passed down through their family. There is no life or power in that kind of hand-me-down religion. It is not personal. Each person has to have his or her own experience of God.

The most effective way of acquiring knowledge is through experience. For many people, the same applies with their faith. They study the charts and diagrams, memorizing the number of sacraments, concentrating on the mechanism and specifics of faith. They will not work into the world to see it for themselves. They need to proceed from theory to experience, from knowledge about God, which is abstract, to knowledge of God in Christ, which is personal.

That is why the call of God in the Bible is: "Come and see!" when Andrew found Christ, he said to his brother Simon, "I have found the Messiah, the Christ. I do not ask you to take it on my word. I ask that you come and see for yourself." After the Samaritan woman found Christ at the well, she ran to her people and said, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" That night when they came back, they said to her, "Now we believe, not because you told us: for we have seen and heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world!"

Faith is not something that must be intellectually understood as much as it is something that must be experienced and lived. **Faith is an experience of God, a living relationship of love with Him, with, and through His Son, Jesus.** Our Orthodox Christian faith is based on the Bible and on Sacred Tradition, but let us not forget that the Bible and Tradition become real when we experience God's presence, power and love personally in our lives. "We have seen...we have heard...we have touched." We have experienced.

When the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost, he brought a new and powerful experience of God's presence and power in their lives. They were never the same again. The experience of God in their lives through the presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful and personal.



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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΜΑΪΟΥ 2026

Κυριακή	3	Του Παραλύτου-Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	10	Της Σαμαρείτιδος- Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	17	Του Τυφλού - Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Πέμπτη	21	Της Αναλήψεως-Αγίων Κων/νου & Ελένης Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	24	Αγίων Πατέρων- Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο	30	Ψυχοσάββατο-Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-10:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	31	ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ - Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.



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Δευτέρα	1	Αγίου Πνεύματος- Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-10:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	7	Αγίων Πάντων -Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	14	Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
		Εορτή Κατηχητικού Σχολείου	
Κυριακή	21	Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	28	Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Δευτέρα	29	Πέτρου & Παύλου- Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-10:30 π.μ.
Τρίτη	30	Σύναξις των Αγ. Αποστόλων-Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-10:30 π.μ.

HOLY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

Sunday	3	Sunday of the Paralytic - Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	10	Sunday of the Samaritan - Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	17	Sun. of the Blind Man -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	21	Ascension Day-Sts. Constantine & Helen -Equal-to the Apostles Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-10:30 a.m.
Sunday	24	Sun. of the Holy Fathers -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	30	Saturday of the Souls -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-10:30 a.m.
Sunday	31	Pentecost -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.



HOLY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

Monday	1	Mon. of the Holy Spirit -Orthros D. Liturgy	8:45-11:00 a.m
Sunday	7	All Saints -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	14	Orthros, D. Liturgy End of Sunday School Celebration!	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	21	Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	28	Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Monday	29	Sts. Peter & Paul -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	30	Synaxis of the 12 Apostles -Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-10:30 a.m.



“Η προσευχή είναι το μόνο βοήθημα που συνεργεί στην κάθαρση της διανοίας και χωρίς αυτήν, δέν μπορούμε να ζήσουμε πνευματικά.”

Άγιος Ιωσήφ ο Ήσυχαστής



“Prayer is the only aid that contributes to the purification of the mind, and without it, we cannot live spiritually.”

St. Joseph the Hesychast

HYMN OF PENTECOST

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!



ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ

Εύλογητός εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

