

***HIEROMARTYR THERAPON  
THE BISHOP OF SARDIS***

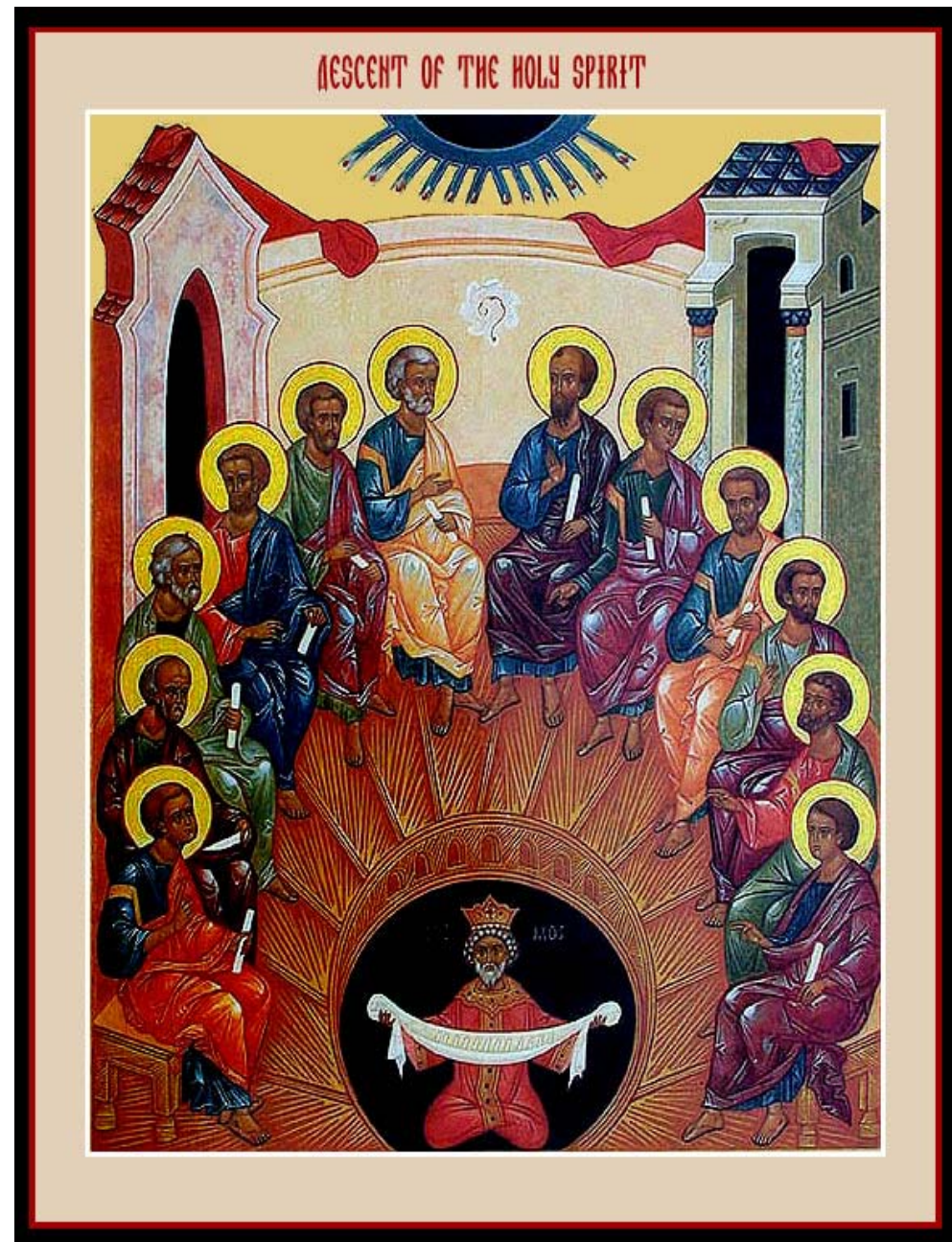
The Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis, suffered for Christ during the third century. In fulfilling his priestly service, St. Therapon enlightened many of the pagan Greeks with the light of the Christian Faith and baptized them. For this he was brought to trial before the governor Julian and fearlessly declared himself a Christian bishop.

They threw him into prison, where he languished with hunger and thirst, and then they gave him over to cruel tortures. These torments did not break the saint's valiant confession of faith. They led the saint off in chains to the city of Sinaion in Phrygia, and then to Ancyra.

In these cities they tortured him again. They took him to the River Astala, where they stretched him naked upon the ground, fastened to four stakes, and fiercely beat him. After this torture, they took the passion-bearer to the outskirts of the Satalia diocese, part of the Sardis metropolitanate, and here after long beatings, St. Therapon ended his martyric contest.

The stakes to which the saint had been tied, and which were soaked with his blood, put forth green shoots and grew into large trees, whose leaves were found to have curative powers. Many people received healing through them.

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MAY 27, 2018

## ***EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA*** ***HOLY PENTECOST*** ***FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY***

*Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis;*  
*Translation of the Relics of Ven. Nilus of Stolbensk;*  
*St. John the Russian; Ven. Ferapont, Abbot of Belozérsk;*  
*Translation of the Relics of Sts. Kyprian, Phóti, and Jonah, Metropolitans of Moscow and All Russia;*  
*Ven. Therapon, Abbot of Monza; Virgin Martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier, of Alexandria*

“When God most high confused the tongues of men, He divided all the nations. But, in sending forth to Christ’s friends parted tongues of flame, He called together all mankind, that, with one accord, we might worship His all-holy Spirit.”

Kondakion, Tone VIII

“By sharing in the way of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through this practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God. By teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Therapon, entreat Christ God to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52; 8:12

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Monday, May 28  
Saturday, June 2

8:00 a.m. Memorial Day Blessing of Graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, May 28  
Tuesday, May 29  
Wednesday, May 30  
Thursday, May 31  
Friday, June 1  
Saturday, June 2

Ephesians 5:9-19  
Romans 1:1-7,13-17  
Romans 1:18-27  
Romans 1:28-2:9  
Romans 2:14-29  
Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 18:10-20  
Matthew 4:25-5:13  
Matthew 5:20-26  
Matthew 5:27-32  
Mathew 5:33-41  
Matthew 5:42-48

**THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY:**

- 27, TODAY                    HTOC Pentecost Luncheon
- 28, Monday                8:00 a.m. Memorial Day grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 29, Tuesday                Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 30, Wednesday            Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

**JUNE:**

- 2, Saturday                CROP Walk
- 3, Sunday                 4:00 p.m. IOCC Benefit Dinner
- 11, Monday                12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

**PENTECOST:**

Today is Pentecost, the Feast of our Parish. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, we will have the traditional Pentecost Vespers with the special Kneeling Prayers and then a festal procession around the church. Following the services everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for sharing and refreshments.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, June 11, at 12:30. We will begin a new book — Exodus, by John Dunlop, which will be available for purchase soon at La Coupole.

**GOLF OUTINGS:**

The 5th Annual Golf Classic to support St. Herman's House will be Monday, June 18, at Tanglewood in Chagrin Falls. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

A golf outing to support St. Theodosius Cathedral is Friday, June 1, at Hilliard Lakes Golf Course. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by the Bellack Family in memory of Bernice Roark.

**CROP WALK:**

Next Saturday, June 2, there will be a CROP Walk in Parma, organized by local Christian churches. The Walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Splash Park on Ridgewood. Information is best obtained on computer by logging to **crophungerwalk.org** But donations are also appreciated; there is a donation basket at the rear of the church. Father Alexander will also answer questions in the Hall after the services.

**IOCC ANNUAL BANQUET:**

Today is the last day for purchasing tickets to the June 3 IOCC dinner, which will be at St. Michael's Woodside. Doors open at 4:00, and dinner is at 5:00. Tickets are \$40 and are available from Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.

**SPECIAL IOCC COLLECTION:**

Our IOCC collection continues. If writing a check, please make it out to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. We will make a donation from our parish at the upcoming Annual Benefit Dinner on June 3.

**FLOWERS:**

The Flower Sign-Up is in the Fellowship Hall. They are \$10, and pay Mary Ann Schmidt.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, MAY 20	pending
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	pending
BUILDING FUND	204.00
MORTGAGE FUND	239.00
CANDLES	100.00
IOCC	65.00

*A PENTECOSTAL PSALM*

*“O children of the Church, who are of the light, receive the fiery dew of the Spirit,  
which is the redeeming purification of our sins” (Matins Canon of Pentecost)*

In seeking words for thoughts, say a prayer of contrition, say it in silence,  
As speaking in tongues is not for the lazy, nor for the proud,  
Making hope a certainty, here now but still, so that souls will rise,  
And discover the way to findings, searching from basements to upper rooms.

Sober warnings were Christ's who spoke of "guiding into all the truth,"  
In so many things of heaven and earth, and dreamt in philosophy, there is  
Nothing but deceit and cleverness, the sinful urges that pretend to be the truth;  
Faith in God is not distrust of science, not ignorance, magic or delusion, not  
Unrelenting power of self-gratification, self-justification, or self-praise, not  
Lessening of contradictions, or diminishment of passionate dispassion.  
My faith in God is the fight to death, against wicked envy and raging lust,  
And as we do not know the day or the hour of our ends now, today,  
Now and here, plead the Spirit to disclose fires that discern and purify.

Formed images can inspire or condemn, sometimes blindness abets sight  
Outside of reason, as when we become hardened by pleasures and war,  
Restricted to spiritual poverty, not wanting to be able, not desiring  
Grace, humility or wisdom. Nevertheless, at the ninth hour, a returning spirit,  
Inspired family and friends, perhaps just once, bow piously,  
Venerating, affirming, genuflecting, appreciating, breathing,  
Earning, with agency but without policy, restitution in Communion.

Here is Christ, in Whom is neither East nor West,  
And through the Spirit North and South are one polarity in parallax,  
Verily too the distance between my feebleness and faith is  
Evinced by the way of sorrows, as was in Jerusalem and happening again;  
Mercy is revealed in three dimensions: life, death, Resurrection,  
Elements, all brought together even as two: You and me,  
Restored by One Word: Love.  
Can it be? That people, voicing honest repentance, can be forgiven?  
Yes, in each other, this miracle of comfort more perfect than perfection.

Adoration of all gifts, acceptance of all sorrows, acknowledgment of true joy  
Now and forever, the Spirit hovers in time within and in eternity without  
Demarcating the past, redeeming the present, remembering the future.  
Sins are wounds the Holy Spirit can heal  
And as forgiveness comes through the Cross  
Virtues come through suffering, the search for wisdom and acts of kindness,  
Even as little as placing a flower on a grave or  
Making peace in human relations a prayer priority;  
Every Sunday's lifting of hearts is Pentecost again.

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# JUNE 2018

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					1      <b>F A S T - F</b>	2 CROP Walk in Parma  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers  <b>R E E</b>
<b>3 1st Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints  4:00 IOCC Benefit Dinner at Woodside	<b>4 Beginning of Apostles' Fast</b>	5	6	7	8	9    5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>10 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints of America	<b>11</b> 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle  7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	12	13	14	15	16   5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>17 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints of Britain and Ireland	18	19	20	21	22	23   5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>24 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Nativity of the Forerunner and Baptist John	25	26	27	28  6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	29 <b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> 9:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy	30  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers