

SAINT TIKHON, BISHOP OF AMATHUS

St. Tikhon was born in the city of Amathus on the island of Cyprus. His parents raised him in Christian piety and taught him the reading of sacred books. It is said that the gift of wonderworking appeared in St. Tikhon at quite a young age.

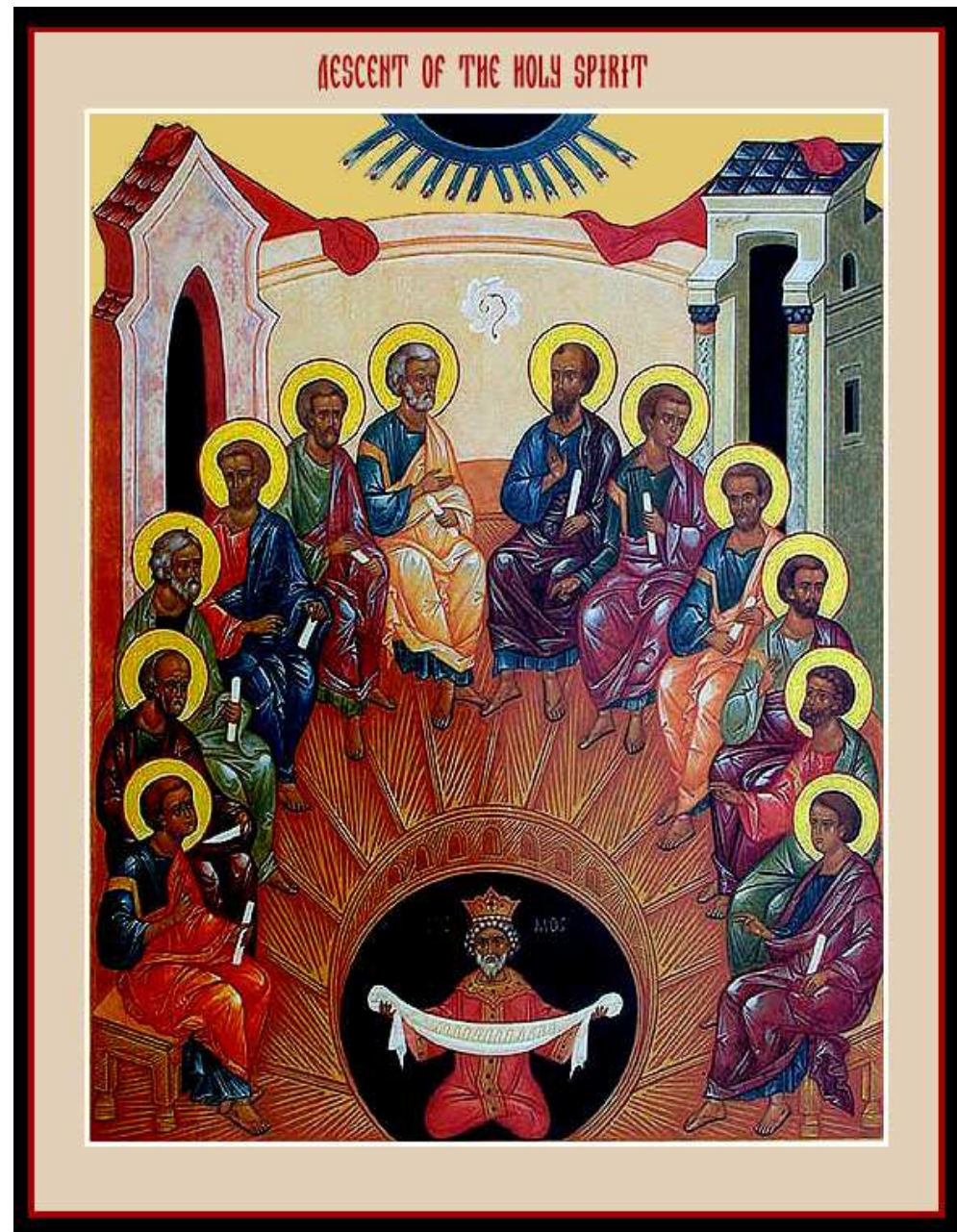
His father owned a bakery, and whenever he left his son alone in the shop, the holy youth would give free bread to those in need. Learning of this, his father became angry; but the son said that he had read in the Scriptures that in giving to God one receives back a hundredfold. "I," said the youth, "gave to God the bread which was taken," and he persuaded his father to go to the place where the grain was stored. With astonishment the father saw that the granary, which formerly was empty, was now filled to overflowing with wheat. From that time on the father did not hinder his son from distributing bread to the poor.

A certain gardener brought the dried prunings of vines from the vineyard. St. Tikhon gathered them, planted them in his garden and besought the Lord that these branches might take root and yield fruit for the health of people. The Lord did so through the faith of the holy youth. The branches took root, and their fruit had a particular and very pleasant taste. It was used during the lifetime of the saint and after his death for making wine for the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

The pious youth was accepted into the church clergy and made a reader. Later, Mnemonios, the Bishop of Amathus ordained him a deacon. After the death of Bishop Mnemonios, St. Tikhon was chosen Bishop. He labored zealously to eradicate the remnants of paganism on Cyprus; he destroyed a pagan temple and spread the Christian Faith. The holy bishop was generous, his doors were open to all, and he listened to and lovingly fulfilled the request of each person who came to him. Fearing neither threats nor tortures, he firmly and fearlessly confessed his faith before pagans.

In the service to St. Tikhon, it is stated that he foresaw the time of his death, which occurred in the year 425.

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TONE 7

JUNE 16, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA HOLY PENTECOST FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

***St. Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus;
Martyrs Tigrisus the Presbyter and Eutropius the Reader, of Constantinople;
Ven. Tikhon of Kaluga; Ven. Tikhon of Lukhovsk***

“As we praise the one God in Trinity today, let us entreat the Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts and water them like a gentle rain from heaven, that we may bring forth the fruits of faith, hope, and love.

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone VII

“Your angelic life so pleased the Lord, that the consoling spirit of the Lord enabled you to destroy the idols of falsehood, to heal the sick and infirm, to cast out demons, and to save people from every ill of body and soul. For this, blessed Tikhon, we honor you as a beloved friend of God.”

Kondakion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52,8:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **Holy Spirit Day**

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 17

Ephesians 5:9-19

Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 18

Romans 1:1-7,13-17

Matthew 4:25-5:13

Wednesday, June 19

Romans 1:18-27

Matthew 5:20-26

(Apostle Jude)

Jude 1-10

John 14:21-24

Thursday, June 20

Romans 1:28-2:9

Matthew 5:27-32

Friday, June 21

Romans 2:14-29

Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 22

Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 5:42-48

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

16, TODAY HTOC Parish Potluck Coffee Hour
17, Monday Noon — St. Herman House-FOCUS Annual Golf Classic
23, Sunday 11:00 a.m. Parish Council meeting

JULY:

8, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

<p><u>MEMORY ETERNAL:</u> Gene Filipow fell asleep in the Lord on June 5, 2019, and was buried this past Tuesday.</p> <p><u>PENTECOST:</u> Today, our Parish Feast Day, we will have a Parish Potluck Coffee Hour after the services. Plan to stay and celebrate with your HTOC family.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:</u> The covers and flowers today are offered by Frank, Joanne and Jessie Stoyka in celebration of Jessie’s birthday.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> An additional offering of flowers today is made by Carol Bohurjak.</p> <p><u>WEDDING BANNES:</u> Carriann Garik will marry Christopher Patterson on Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</u> The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, June 23, at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p><u>GOLF OUTING:</u> St. Herman House—FOCUS Cleveland is having the 6th Annual Golf Classic on June 17 at noon. It will be held at Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls. Many sponsorship opportunities are available if you do not golf. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p><u>ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, July 8, at 12:30 p.m. We will discuss pages 180-194, the chapters on Love for One’s Neighbor and on Divine Providence. All are welcome.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> There are openings for donors on June 30 and July 7, as well as in August. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.</p>
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*As breath is necessary for the body, and as man cannot live without breathing,
So likewise the soul cannot truly live without the breath of God’s Spirit.
As air is necessary for the body so is the Holy Spirit for the soul.
Air has some likeness with the Holy Spirit.
As “...the wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof,
But can not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth:
So is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)
St. John of Kronstadt*

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JUNE 9	\$ 2012.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	82.00
BUILDING FUND	55.00
MORTGAGE FUND	10.00
CANDLES	100.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	87.00
CROP WALK	50.00
COFFEE HOUR, 6/2/19	65.00

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PENTECOST

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with signs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

Those splendid days and fragrant nights in June,
Trees arrayed majestically, peonies in bloom,
The sun and moon, all stars defined
Memories, to be forever of the kind
That will not hinder promises, but only move
Children to know the holy and improve,
Their explorations’ journeys would end right,
Not fearing anything coming to the light.

At first were visions dreams and nothing more,
But when appeared the prophets in the dollar store,
Anxious parents saw anew their sons and daughters,
Learning ancient tragedies from lands across the waters,
Universal happiness, the sages said, was never really lost,
Times were truly changing, what remained was Pentecost.

Then came, “God is dead,” and “What, me worry?”
And mistakes that conscience could not bury,
Progress, good and bad, and also strange,
Gave Christianity a challenge: How to change?
Solutions were not meaningless, but only did explore
Issues of the forms while the substance was ignored;
From countries near and far, in cities high and low,
The proudest fools confidently claimed to know,
Rebranding God was possible for a modest cost,
And in their folly I too followed, forgetting Pentecost.

Some learn to live with sorrow, others travel to forget,
Some seek wisdom in forgiveness, others in the internet,
Marvels of our age will pass, but cave drawings will remain,
Nothing in these words has not been told before,
The news is only new, until you reach the exit door.

So the matters of my twilight are different from my youth,
I lost in looking for approval instead of searching for the truth,
That whether in June’s glory or Winter’s killing frost,
Everyday is hell becoming paradise, if you kneel on Pentecost.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus