

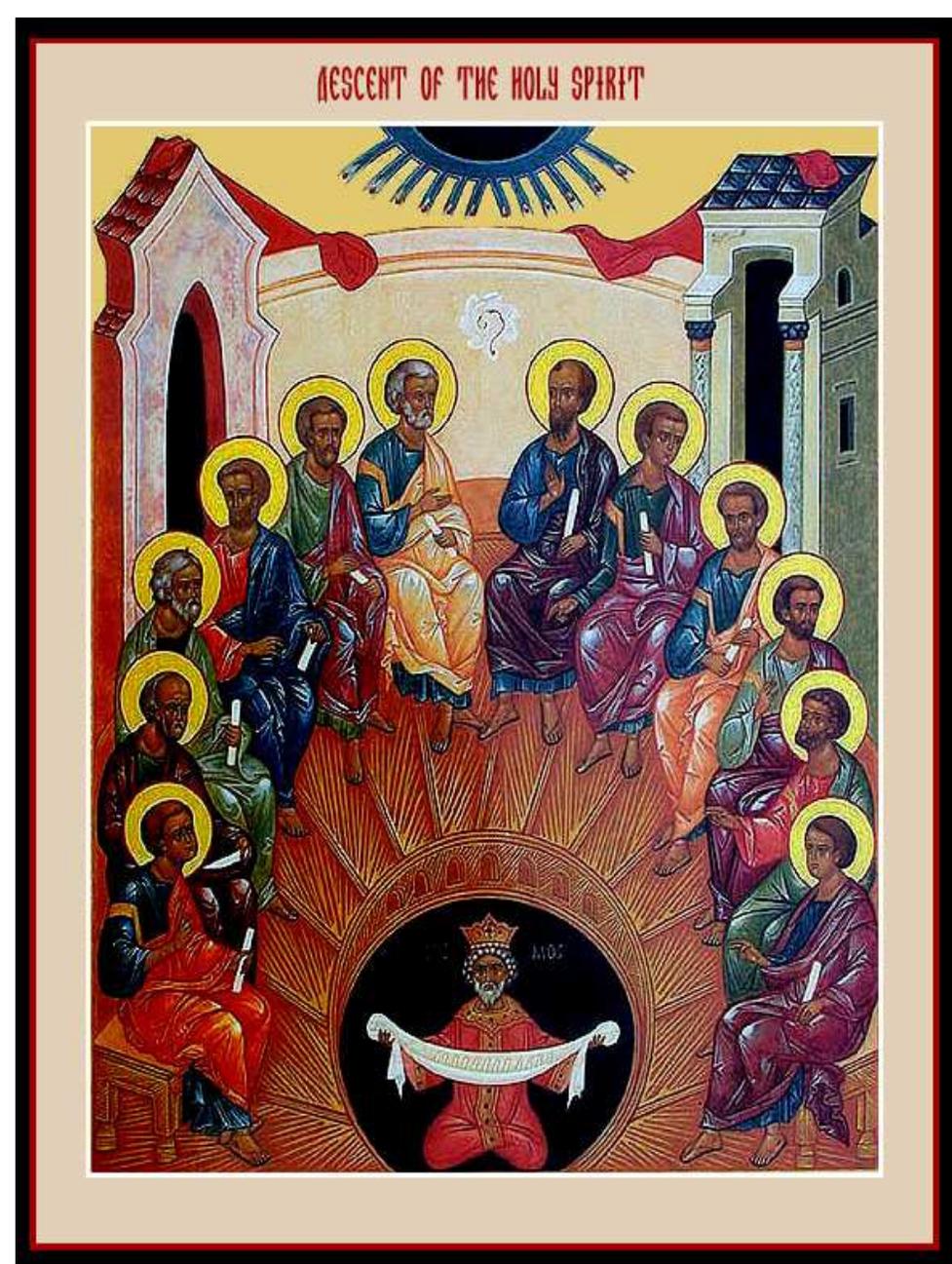
***HIEROMARTYR THEODOTUS,
BISHOP OF ANCYRA***

The Holy Martyr Theodotus lived in Ancyra of Galatia in the third century. He was distinguished by his kindness and concern. At the height of the persecution under Diocletian (284-305), he provided Christians with everything they needed, and gave them shelter in his home. There they secretly celebrated church services.

St. Theodotus visited the Christian captives in prison, paid their bail, and reverently buried the bodies of martyrs who had been thrown to the wild beasts. Once he buried the bodies of seven holy women martyrs, who were drowned in the sea. This was reported to the governor.

After refusing to offer sacrifice to idols, and denouncing the folly of paganism, St. Theodotus confessed Christ as God, for which they subjected him to terrible tortures and beheaded him with a sword. They wanted to burn the holy martyr's body, but they could not do so because of a storm which had arisen; so they gave his holy relics to a certain Christian for burial.

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JUNE 7, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA HOLY PENTECOST FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra;

*Hieromartyr Marcellinus, Pope of Rome, and with him Claudius, Cyrenus, and Antonina;
Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Rome, and those with him: Sisinius and Cyriacus the Deacons,
Smaragdus, Largus, Apronian, Saturninus, Papias, Maurus, Screcentian, Priscilla, Lucina,
and Princess Artemia; Martyrs Cyriaca, Caleria, and Mary, of Cæsaria in Palestine*

“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

“Like the pain you endured, your divine and wondrous gifts flood the entire universe with light, O blessed father, Theodotus, for you are indeed a star glittering with divine light. Today, as we celebrate Your worthy memory, we extol the Lord Jesus with hearts full of joy.”
Kontakion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52;8:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Today, June 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Prayers of Kneeling

Saturday, June 13

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 8

Ephesians 5:9-19

Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 9

Romans 1:1-7,13-17

Matthew 4:25-5:13

Wednesday, June 10

Romans 1:18-27

Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 11

Romans 1:28-2:9

Matthew 5:27-32

(Sts. Bartholomew and Barnabas)

Acts 11:19-26,29-30

Luke 10:16-21

Friday, June 12

Romans 2:14-29

Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 13

Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 5:42-48

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

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MEMORY ETERNAL:

Long-time parishioner Mathew Lobas fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, May 30, 2020, and was buried this past Tuesday. May Our Lord, Jesus Christ, give rest with the Saints to His servant Mathew and comfort his family.

VIGIL CANDLES:

During the pandemic, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

IOCC:

Every Spring, the Cleveland Chapter of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) holds a fund-raising dinner. This event brings together the local Orthodox parishes to recognize and support the great and important work of the IOCC. Prior to the event, we at Holy Trinity Church collect funds to donate to the IOCC, as our parish's contribution together with the other Cleveland Churches. Because of the COVID pandemic, there was no such event this year; but the local IOCC chapter did have a ZOOM gathering, which can be viewed on the Facebook page, on our parish's website.

As we will not be making a general collection in church, we encourage parishioners to donate directly to the IOCC. As many of you are on the IOCC's mailing list, use the donation envelope you received in the mail. Contributions can be made and sent directly to the IOCC; P.O. Box 17398; Baltimore, MD 21298. Indicate on your check that you are part of the Cleveland IOCC!

**But the righteous live forever, and their reward is in the Lord,
and the care of them is with the Most High.**

**Therefore shall they receive the kingdom of comeliness,
and the diadem of beauty from the hand of the Lord;**

**For with His right hand shall He cover them,
and with His arm shall He defend them.**

(Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-16)

The testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, bringing wisdom to infants.

The statutes of the Lord are upright, gladdening the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is far-shining, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever and ever.

(Psalm 18:8-10)

**Desire to hear every divine discourse,
and let not proverbs of understanding escape thee.**

**If thou see a man of understanding,
betake thyself to him early in the morning,
and let thy foot wear out the steps of his doors.**

(Wisdom of Sirach 6:35-36)

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that love Him.

(Wisdom of Sirach 31:16)

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ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the history of the great theological debates of the 4th century, most of the issues surrounded the questions about the nature of Jesus Christ. But there were also disagreements about the Holy Spirit. It was St. Gregory the Theologian who, through his writings, formulated the theology of the Holy Spirit which has become the Church standard.

The subject of the Holy Spirit presents a special difficulty, yet through the Spirit we will obtain insight for understanding in at least a modest sense, and thus God is to be glorified!

To begin with, we must refute those who say that the Spirit was not originally of God. But if there ever was a time when the Father was not, then there was a time when the Son was not. Therefore, if the One was from the beginning, then the Three were so too. If you diminish the One, then I am bold to assert that you do so to the other Two. For what kind of God is there if not a perfect One? And how can something be perfect which lacks perfection, for surely there is something lacking if it has not the Holy Spirit!

We proceed further to describe the relation between God the Father and the Holy Spirit, which is, as the Scripture says, one of Procession. The Holy Spirit *proceeds* from the Father. As the Spirit proceeds from the Source, It is not a creature. But the Spirit is not Begotten, because only the Son is Begotten. What is Procession? Well, if you tell me about the Unbegottenness of the Father, then I will explain to you the Begottenness of the Son and the Procession of the Spirit, and we shall all be frenzy-stricken for prying into the mystery of God! Such mysteries are beyond our capacity to comprehend. Indeed, who are we to try to understand, when we cannot even see what lies at our feet, or number the sands of the sea, or the drops of rain, or the days of eternity, much less enter into the Depths of God, and supply an account of the nature which is so unspeakable and transcending all words?!

What then? Is the Spirit God? Most certainly. Is the Spirit Consubstantial? Yes, for the Spirit is God! To us there is One God, for the Godhead is One, and all that proceeds from Him is referred to One, though we believe in the Three Persons. For one is not more and another less God; nor is One before and another after; nor are They divided in will or separated by powers; nor can you find here any of the qualities of divisible things; but the Godhead is, to speak concisely, undivided in separate Persons; and there is one mingling of Light, as it were of three suns joined to each other. When then we look at the Godhead, or the First Cause, we conceive It as One. But when we look at the Persons in Whom the Godhead dwells, and at Those who timelessly and with equal glory have their being from the First Cause – there are Three Whom we worship.

From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian