

him on Sundays and days of precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294). This liturgy intention for all parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners who participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners' families each week. Please pray for these parishioners: Martha Lamb, Lisa and Richard Lampl & family, Jennifer Lara and Jose Lara Lopez & family, Gloria LaRoche, Joyce LaVacca Shelby and Kelsey Lee, Wayne Lee, and from the Mission, Michon Kretschmaier.

**Public Liturgies.** The Commonwealth of Virginia began Phase Three July 1, 2020. In his episcopal letter of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities and with the bishop's permission. Governor Northam's seventh amended Executive Order #72 May 15, 2021, makes no changes for churches with the exception that more than one hundred can assemble. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist are still applicable. Therefore, churches may open at 50% of capacity provided health department requirements are met. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense from the obligation to assist at Sunday Liturgy so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. Please keep in mind that Divine Law still requires us to keep the Lord's Day holy by prayer and by refraining from unnecessary work. The bishop cannot dispense Divine Law. Further, the Bishop had encouraged all the Faithful to make a good Confession when the pandemic is over. The Divine Liturgy of Pentecost will be live streamed.

**Praying at Home Together.** If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org>. The entire People's Molitvennik is available under Publications tab to use when participating in the live streaming Liturgy.

**Messages from the Pastor.** Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish office.

**Pentecost Sunday.** On the fiftieth day from the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus on Pascha, the holy Spirit descended on the apostles and disciples in the Upper Room and brought the Church to birth. The signs of the descent of the Holy Spirit: a loud noise like wind and the descent of tongues of fire echo the descent of God on Mount Sinai in lightning, thunder, fire, and smoke. Spirit is the translation from Hebrew *Ruah* which means breath, wind, air. The Descent of the Holy Spirit is the completion of the revelation of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. God the Holy Spirit is now here to deify us by actualizing the Seven Sacraments or Seven Mysteries to help us pray, to unite us with other baptized Christians in the Body of Christ, keep us united with the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit, having given us the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord, makes us yield the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity. On Pentecost, the Byzantine churches are decorated with branches of linden trees replete with green leaves, a sign of the breath of new life in Christ that God the Holy Spirit brings. The vestments are green and Christ's Faithful may also wear green on this day.

**Fast free Week.** Pentecost week is a fast free week, that is, there is no fasting or abstaining from meat even on Friday.

**Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled.** If you have offered a Divine Liturgy for an intention to be celebrated during the suspension, you will be contacted to reschedule. Jamie has begun rescheduling weekday liturgy requests according to

the date of the request. If you have scheduled a weekday liturgy, that liturgy will remain on the date requested. However, if you scheduled a liturgy on a Sunday, the intention will not be rescheduled until after the pandemic or until Bishop Kurt is able to assign a second priest to be able to celebrate two Sunday liturgies. There is no pre-scheduled Divine Liturgy intention for Sunday of Pentecost, May 23rd.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**On-line Giving.** Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with [www.tithe.ly.com](http://www.tithe.ly.com) by August 31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says Epiphany of our Lord online donation. Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

**Parish Financial Report.** The financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2020 are available upon request in the church office. The events of 2020 had a significant effect on the church community and certainly our church finances. Even with the uncertainty, we were able to maintain a strong financial situation by being prudent with the expenses we needed to incur. We were able to eliminate some regular outdoor seasonal grounds upkeep expenses, and defer on some repairs to a future period, but we will be unable to continue this strategy going forward. If we do not resume some of our regular events such as bingo, the festival, Lenten dinners, we will need to look to other means to maintain our church campus. We thank you as we have seen an increase in online giving, however, we would like

to suggest another option also. For those of you currently taking required minimum distributions from your IRA, consider making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to Epiphany Church directly from your IRA. This will not only benefit our church, but it reduces your taxable income even if you do not itemize. Contact the parish office for more information.

**EMC Bingo.** Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of local, state, Catholic Mutual, and eparchial requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

**Parish Bulletin.** The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: [www.eolbcc.org](http://www.eolbcc.org). It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

**Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols.** In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and Governor Northam's most recent Orders, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord continue to be amended to the following door: Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Parish staff has established safety and health protocols at the parish office. If you have business at the office, please follow these protocols: 1. **use the RING doorbell**; Jamie is able to respond to the telephone and the doorbell from home as well. 2. wear **a mask** 3. **sanitizer station** when you come and leave; 4. observe **social distancing**. We are only able to accommodate three adults in the office at one time, including two staff members observing safe distancing.

**Mission Update.** The Mission is making progress with the engineering company, VIKA and the steady expert supervision as well as on-site labor of Jack McLaurin. The financial update is as follows: The Mission has paid VIKA \$43,532.83 to date. The Mission has paid Montgomery County \$6,832.88 in fees to date and \$712.57 in property taxes (because we have not celebrated religious

services there until we obtain a permit, we cannot apply for property tax relief for religious exemptions). The total for expenditures is \$51,078.28. Jack McLaurin has done the Mission has saved architect fees and hiring a project manager. The total monetary amount transferred from Epiphany Mission Savings to Epiphany Mission checking is \$51,814.10. The balance remaining in savings is \$294,345.

**Book Store.** The Bookstore is open this Sunday and by appointment. Please contact a Bookstore manager and be prepared to wear a mask and not to use the rest rooms in the Social Hall.

**Restroom Availability FYI.** There are no *campus restrooms open to the public, including* our vendors. We have only two buildings being cleaned weekly, the church for our parishioners and the parish office for our office staff. The day care bathrooms are for the exclusive use of the day care children and staff and restricted for their safety. Please note that the church restrooms are open for the use of our parishioners on Sundays and weekday Divine Liturgies.

## EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal.** The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 1, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign is the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$20,635. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donations to European eparchies. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

**Byzantine News.** With the blessing of Bishop Kurt, we are pleased to announce the following events for Byzantines (ages 13-17):

**Sunday, May 23** – Byzantine Virtual Evening Out: *The Power of the Holy Spirit*, 6:00-7:30 PM If you haven't registered yet, go to this link: <https://form.jotform.com/201673768553060>.

Information about two in-person events being planned as we move toward a post-pandemic world. An in-person watch party on Saturday July 3rd, and a Passaic Byzantine in-person Rally at Carpathian Village-St. Nicholas Shrine in Cresco, PA July 30-August 2nd. **Sunday, June 13** – Byzantine Virtual Evening Out: *Saints for All Time and in All Time* -

*Soaring Like Eagles*, 6:00-7:30 PM (Registration will open in late May. Save these dates for in-person events: **Saturday, July 3, 2021**: Watch Party of the 2021 Virtual National Byzantine Rally. **Where**: St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Nesquehoning, PA. **Time and other details** to be announced pending finalization of plans by Intereparchial Youth Commission. (Registration opens soon.) **Friday, July 30 to Monday, August 2** – Passaic Eparchial Byzantine Rally 2021: *Be Not Afraid: Christ Not Covid*. **Where**: Carpathian Village/St. Nicholas Shrine. Details to follow. Covid regulations will be followed. Registration limited to 20 girls and 20 boys, ages 13-17. (Registration opens soon.) Questions/Information, contact me at [frdeacontom@gmail.com](mailto:frdeacontom@gmail.com).

## Pentecost Sunday

### COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Parish Office Safety Protocols
- Parish Financial Reports
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal
- Byzantine News

#### EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

May 23, 2021

### TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$5,611.00
Building Fund	\$1,565.00
Holy Days	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$150.75
SOR	\$ 22.00
Easter	\$250.00
Easter Candles`´`	\$130.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$320.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$371.00
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	\$8,519.75

**Tithing & Giving.** This report is the income of week 5/9/21 and 5/16/21. The next report will reflect offertory for 5/23/2021 and 5/30/21. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from our online giving account. Our online giving is operational and can be accessed through the parish or mission web sites. Thank you for continuing to use your giving envelopes.

*"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)*

### LITURGY AND LIFE

**Prayer Intentions.** Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Richard Wytko, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, Rand Bass, and Greta Koehl. Please pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, and Steve Smith.

**Prayers for our Parishioners.** The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to



# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!  
Glory forever! May 23, 2021 Slava na v'iki!

## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sun. May 23 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

### Pentecost Week

### PENTECOST MONDAY

Mon. May 24 10:00 AM +Theresa Ploskon MacLeod

### Leave-taking of Pentecost

Sat. May 29 10:00 AM +Raymond McCracken by Marlene

### SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Sun. May 30 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 30, 2021

Sun. May 30 One server and a sacristan will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

### USHER SCHEDULE – May 30, 2021

Sun. May 30 Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Sunday.

All public services in church in Phase Three in Virginia can have 50% of capacity. People in attendance must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

## The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

**Mysteris (Sacraments) of Initiation** - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism.

**Mysteris (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants** – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

**Mysteris (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults** – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage** – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance** – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord’s Resurrection.

**Anointing of the Sick** – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go to the hospital.

**Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick** – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

**Funeral Services** – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

**Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County** - Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15-12:15: 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

## Parish Administration

*"The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization."*

### Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor  
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

### Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant  
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

### Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

### Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

**School of Religion** - School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM - 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September - June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten - High School

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

**Registration** - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA  
<http://www.eolbcc.org>  
Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.

## PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy  
for

Pentecost Sunday

### PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN p. 203 Pentecost Sunday

### ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: Festal Tones

**EXCEPT:** Cherubic Hymn

We Praise You

Communion Hymn p. 177 **ALL D**

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Special Hymn to the Holy Spirit for Pentecost p. 203 GREEN
3. First, Second, and Third Antiphons of Pentecost, pp. 203-204 GREEN
4. Entrance Hymn of Pentecost p. 205 GREEN
5. At the Troparia:
  - Troparion of Pentecost Tone 8 p. 204-205 GREEN
  - Kontakion of Pentecost Tone 8 p. 205 GREEN
6. In place of Trisagion, "All You who have been baptized" p. 31 BLUE
7. Scripture readings:
  - Prokeimenon of Pentecost Tone 8 p. 206 GREEN
  - Epistle: Acts 2:1-11
  - Alleluia of the Council Fathers Tone 1 p. 206 GREEN
  - Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12
6. Cherubic Hymn D and Church Slavonic on reverse of this sheet
7. Instead of "*It is truly proper...*", "Exaltation and Irmos of Pentecost p. 206-207
8. Communion Hymn of Pentecost p. 208 GREEN

## ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i prisno-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravjy, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

### SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otcu i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

### IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjasščej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Alliluaia. Alliluaia. Alliluaia.

### SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň 4n a4i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadyj vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

### TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molimtisja Bože naš.

### OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijedet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zeml'i. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'aje dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

### VID'ICHOM SV'IT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom sv'it istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itocom v'iru istinnuju nerazd'ilňij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklaňajemsja, Ta bo nas spasla jest'.

### DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojeho Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'aščim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. Alliluaia!

## Meditation on Today's Readings



*On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink...rivers of living water will flow from within him." He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.*

*Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* John 7:37-52 & 8:12

The gospel appointed for the feast of Pentecost is the pericope from the gospel according to John that records the events and words of the Lord Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem for the feast of Booths. The feast of Booths is an autumn harvest feast of thanksgiving to God for providing food to live. At this feast the Lord Jesus announced that He would send God

the Holy Spirit to give life to humans who make the decision to believe in Jesus as God. He says this as the High Priest draws water from the pool of Siloam and pours it over the altar. The holy fathers who appointed this reading want us to remember the gospel reading on the fourth Sunday of Pascha about the paralytic man who was cured by the Lord Jesus not by the therapeutic water of Siloam. Water is absolutely essential to human life but Jesus is even more essential to human eternal life.

A controversy occurs after this statement with people divided about whether they believe Jesus and whether to accept His offer of life. We are to remember this offer on this day of Pentecost. Jesus freely offers the breath of life, the Holy Spirit, and we are free to accept or reject. The word spirit in Hebrew in the Old Testament and in Greek in the New Testament means at once Spirit, breath, and life.

Finally, at the end of the day, as the great lights of the Temple are lit for the feast of Booths, recalling the pillar of fire by which God led the Chosen People through the desert to the Promised Land, Jesus says He is the true light a person needs to follow to the true promised land of heaven. Fire is used as an image of energy and we are to recall the burning bush that was transformed but not destroyed by the fire. The grace of the Holy Spirit is like that. Grace transforms but does not destroy those who receive the Holy Spirit.

*When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1-11*

The account from the Acts of the Apostles reports the actual event of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

The first part of note is that the believers were all in one place, in the Upper Room. Each Sunday all the believers around the world are to be in one place, their churches, for the Holy Spirit to descend and transform bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood. The coming of the Holy Spirit reverses the discord and division of the human race at the Tower of Babel for here all understand the speech of the disciples. The Holy Spirit effects unity: each person who receives the Holy Spirit is made integrally whole and then united with every other believer and with God the Father in the Son.

Next, the coming of the Holy Spirit is with the noise of a wind. In Hebrew and Greek the word spirit means breath, life and Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives life. We are to recall how God breathed life into the first man and woman. We are to recall how the crucified Lord Jesus breathes out His breath at the moment of His death as a pledge the He will send the Holy Spirit who is Life and Breath on the person who asks to receive the Holy Spirit who is Life.

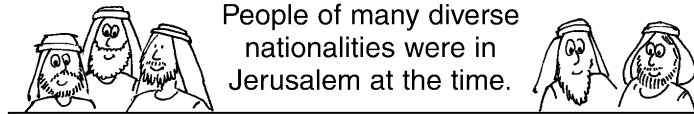
In conclusion, the arrival of the Holy Spirit is in the form of tongues of fire that separate and rest on them. The image of light and transformative energy is the other visible sign of the Holy Spirit. A dead body is cold. A living body is warm. The Holy Spirit shares grace from the deeds of salvation Jesus effected by His life, death, and resurrection. Like the speech of the disciples, we must preach the invitation of Jesus to receive the Holy Spirit in

an understandable way. All are free to accept or reject but the matter is of eternal life or death. Work and pray.

*From The Navarre Bible: John, and Ignatius Bible: John*

## Children's Corner

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People of many diverse nationalities were in Jerusalem at the time.

Find and circle the various countries, districts, and nationalities that were mentioned.

Arabs	Egypt	Mesopotamia	Pontus
Asia	Galileans	Medes	Rome
Cappadocia	Jews	Pamphylia	
Cretans	Judea	Parthians	
Cyrene	Libya	Phrygia	



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