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Holy Pentecost

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle~Acts 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52 & 8:12

Services: Pentecost Monday, June 5, 2017 - Divine Liturgy 9:00 am IN CHURCH then (Blessing of the Graves to follow)
 Pentecost Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - Divine Liturgy 9:30am (Church)

VISITS THIS WEEK: Cambridge Village: Zora Vuich
 Friendship Ridge: Theodore Belich, Cynthia Bratich, Helen Belich, Ann Belich, Robin Lapcevic
 Beaver Elder Care: Albin Abramovich
 At Home: Diana Abramovich, Mileva Mervis and Helen Linkovich

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT- Jeremiah Paich and Natasa Cvjetkovic will be joined in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday June 10, 2017 in our church. Congratulations and may God grant them many years!

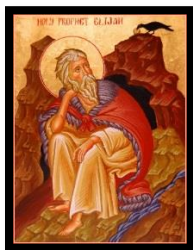
UPCOMING EVENTS MONDAY, JUNE 12TH – THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH
40TH ANNUAL CHURCH DAY CAMP THIS YEAR'S THEME WILL BE "WITH FAITH AND LOVE"
 Registration forms are located by the bulletin, please sign up to attend!
GLORIFICATION OF ST MARDARIJE of Libertyville- Friday, July 14th-Sunday July 16th
SHADELAND CAMP- July 9th to August 5th

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH ANNUAL SUMMER MEN'S CLUB PICNIC



DIOCESE DAY- Saturday, August 5th

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH OUR
103RD ANNUAL ST. ELIJAH CHURCH SLAVA CELEBRATION



His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej (Dobrijevic) will be joining us this year for our celebration

HONORED KUMOVI... GEORGE and MARLENE VOLITICH
 We will also recognize our 2017 graduates at the Slava Banquet