

ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2200 Irwin Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001
Rev. Branislav Golic, Parish Priest

e-mail: stelijah@comcast.net
webpage: stelijahaliquippa.com

Parish Office: 724-375-4074
Center Office: 724-375-9894

JUNE 16, 2019

+++++



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 fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness 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.

The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually, this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is "added" to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn "summing up" of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon: "Who is so great a God as our God?" Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fullness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history.

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

+++++

Divine Services - Pentecost Monday, June 17th - 9:30am and Pentecost Tuesday, June 18th - 9:30am

+++++

Visits: Nell Semick, Patricia Butler - Franciscan Manor Bessie Bratich, Ted Belich - at home

+++++



Schools are out! **Church Camp is scheduled THIS WEEK for Tuesday, June 18th, Wednesday the 19th, Thursday the 20th.** Our theme this year is: **John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world."** We will be having lots of learning, crafts and activities around this theme. Please contact Georgette Osman – at 724.777.4615 or georgette.osman@comcast.net TODAY and let her know if your child will be attending.

+++++



YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. ELIJAH FELLOWSHIP COOKOUT

Sunday, June 23RD following Divine Liturgy on the church lawn.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided please bring a side dish or a dessert to share FOOD SIGN UP SHEET IS IN VESTIBULE RSVP by

June 16th to: junefellowshiplunch@gmail.com

Any questions please see Marija Yaramus, Yvonne Megaludis, Nena Jovonovich or Diane Knapp following Liturgy today.



+++++



PURSE BASH



Enjoy a fun afternoon with friends with a chance to win Designer Purses and Accessories!!

Saturday, September 14, 2019

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Center

VIP Entry 11:30am ~ General Admission Entry Noon
First purse drawing 1pm

Contact Samantha Baldwin for tickets: Smilosh14@gmail.com

General Admission \$40

Includes 10 purse raffle tickets, door prizes, appetizers and dessert, non-alcoholic refreshments, BYOB

