

Sunday of Pentecost-The Descent of the Holy Spirit

May 24, 2026

Saint Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Sunday Liturgy 5:00 pm Confession: 4:30 pm
Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm Confession: 6:30 pm
E C F for children with Eileen Escobedo
4:00 pm Inquiry Meetings with Robert Escobedo

SUN MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

No Morning Liturgy

4:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Catechism

4:30 pm Confessions & Third Hour

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Sunday

• Holy Anointing with the blessed bread.

All invited to our Potluck

NO DAILY LITURGIES

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No Morning Liturgy

4:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Catechism

4:30 pm Confession & The Third Hour

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Sunday

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall



THANK YOU to the kind gentleman who baked the special Anointing Bread in celebration of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit. And put our American Flag in the parking lot honoring those who have died serving our country.

To the parishioner who install the motion sensitive Solar lights on the back of the parish hall.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers, we thank you for dwelling within us through the Heavenly King, the Holy Spirit. We pray that your presence would animate your sons and daughters to answer when you call us to a life of service to your Church. Give your Church an abundant harvest of vocations, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



“Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” The Holy Spirit is our light and life. The Church is strengthened by those servants filled with the Spirit, whose life of prayer and service brings light and life to the world. Is the Holy Spirit guiding you to this life as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Call the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

PARISH NEEDS

- 1) We need someone to wash the floor in the parish hall kitchen and restrooms. We do have a power scrubber in the parish garage.
- 2) Weekly we need families to help vacuum and dust the Altar area, the church and the classroom for our children.
- 3) Father is looking for members to be appointed to the Parish Advisory Council. Send names to Fr Stephen

BISHOP APPEAL 2026 UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$2,000.00. **Pledges: \$3,938.53**

We Made our Goal & went over.

Thank you Fr Lee Perry, Fr Stephen Washko, Ryan Kennedy, Andrew & Sophia Gaydos, Alexander & Megan Odicino & Daniel & Louise Krist, Robert & Eileen Escobedo.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship May 17

Souls in Attendance 27

Tithes: \$799.00 + Zelle \$142.00, Candles: \$9.00
We depend on you to support our parish. You may mail your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions (saintnicholasofmyra12-06) or use the QR code to send your donations. Thank you

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!

About the Kneeling Prayers:

Kneeling Prayers: Father Alexander Schmemmann writes:

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. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God. In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love. The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory. Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost" — and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle.

At Pentecost we decorate our churches with *flowers and green branches* — for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit - "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life - comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

The Prayers in these Kneeling Prayers there's actually seven different prayers, done in three sets of kneeling: two in the first set, two in the second set, and three in the third set.

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To represent the newness of life granted us through the Holy Spirit, our churches are decorated on this day with branches of greenery, and oftentimes the floor is strewn with grasses and leaves. (*Fr. Stephen does not recommend covering our carpet in church with grass and leaves.*)

During the fifty days since Pascha, we have not been using the prayer "Heavenly King" in church or in our daily prayers at home - during Pascha itself it was replaced by "Christ is Risen" (three times) and after that is simply omitted. At this feast again we begin to use it daily for the rest of the year.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturdays-Lion's Club Bingo 2:30 pm till 9:00 pm

Sunday May 24 5:00 pm PENTECOST SUNDAY.
Green Vestments, green branches, trees and wearing green in celebration of the Living Holy Spirit.

Sunday May 31 LAST DAY FOR OUR ECF PROGRAM and for the Bishop's Appeal.

Monday June 1 through June 5 CLERGY DAYS IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA for all clergy of the Eparchy of Phoenix. No Daily Liturgies at Annunciation

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.

For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:

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