

cause you fear, but a spirit which makes you children of God, through which we call God, father. This spirit strengthens our mind to understand that we are children of God" (Rom. 8:14-17).

So, the Lord, who is in the Altar, invites us all, who believe in Him, to also hasten to Him and, and to come to His Holy Church, because only as her members, can we draw the water of the grace of the All-Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our salvation. For this reason, my brethren, let our prayer be fiery and unceasing: «Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth... come and abide in us”.

Archim. A. A.

SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2022 HOLY PENTECOST *Onuphrius of Egypt, Peter the Athonite, Holy Martyr Antonine , John the Soldier of Egypt*

tone of the week : *Plagal of the Fourth Tone*

EOTHINON : *Tenth Eothinon*

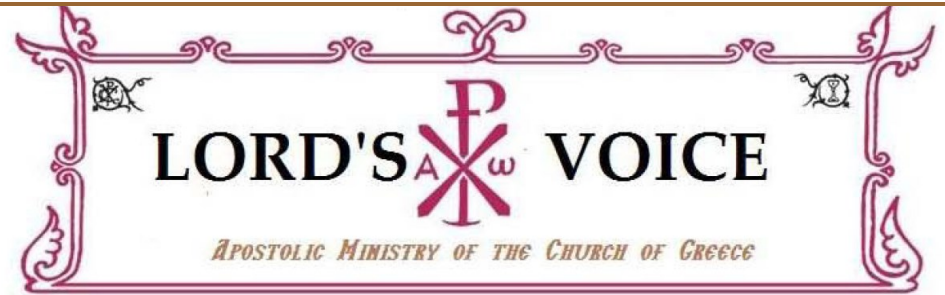
EPISTLE READING : *Acts of the Apostles 1,: 1-11*

GOSPEL READING : *John 7:37-52; 8:12*

SUNDAY JUNE 19 2022 THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS ,
Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord , Holy Martyr Zosima, Our Righteous Father Zenonus, Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord , Holy Martyr Zosima , Our Righteous Father Zenonus, Paisius the Great of Egypt.

EPISTLE READING : *St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2*

GOSPEL READING : *Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30*



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THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On the last and most important day of the Jewish holiday, Pentecost, the Lord, Who is in the temple, invites the Jews to come to Him and quench their thirst for the water that He offers. And the water that Christ offers, is not natural water, which temporarily quenches man's physical thirst, but it is the living water, from which, whoever drinks, does not thirst "unto the ages", as the Lord had characteristically said also to the Samaritan woman, who drinks from the "well of Jacob".

So, the water that Christ offers, is none other than the living water of the grace of the Holy Spirit, which He sent "in the form of fiery tongues" upon His holy disciples and apostles during the great day of Pentecost, the day on which He founds also "in time" His holy Church.

The Lord, wanting to speak of the beneficial breath of the All-Holy Spirit in the life of man, likens His grace to the natural properties of water. He reminds the Jews that, just as in the desert, their ancestors tasted His saving intervention of the gushing of water from the stone, and of their salvation from thirst, thus it is precisely He who offers the living water, the grace of the Holy Spirit, that quenches man from the spiritual inflammation, caused by the passions and the trials of life.

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL (JOHN 7:37-52)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Our common journey

Truly, who can maintain that he is not a passerby, that he is traveling to the heavenly Land of Promise, struggling for his spiritual protection, and that he does not thirst spiritually, he does not give up from the insults and attacks of the devil? So, we all have need of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, which as god-flowing and life-giving water, will irrigate our souls and cultivate them. It is characteristic that the golden-tongued father of our Church, Saint John Chrysostom, speaking of the sending down of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, emphasizes: "Today manna and fire and rain did not come down, but a storm of spiritual goods. Rain fell from the sky, not to cause the earth to bear fruit, but to convince the human race to offer the fruit of virtue to the farmer of people. And those who received a drop of rain from heaven, immediately forgot themselves, and suddenly the earth filled with angels. Not heavenly angels, but ones who reveal with their human body, the virtue of the bodiless powers".

The good change

With this contribution to our spiritual cultivation, the All-Holy Spirit will enact the change of our soul, so that we are transformed from slaves of sin and death, into friends of Jesus Christ, and children of the Kingdom of God. This gives us life and strength to walk towards salvation. "Whoever is led by the Spirit of God», stresses the Apostle Paul, «these are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of bondage to