

## Some Poems for Pentecost

*St. Porphyrios said that to become a Christian one needed first to be a poet. This has nothing to do with arranging words, but everything to do with hearing words. Words, like everything else in our world, hide far more than they reveal. God has so arranged His world that its treasure is reserved for those who seek it. In words, the treasure belongs to those who listen. Among the many friends I have had who have now entered the larger life, several were poets. They were more than fashioners of words – they were first the hearers of words. Francis Hall Ford was a parishioner in St. Tikhon's Orthodox Mission in Chattanooga, which I had a small share in founding. She and her family had years before entered Orthodoxy through the Greek Church. In later years she split her time between little St. Tikhon's in Chattanooga and St. Seraphim Cathedral in Dallas where her daughter, Katie, now lives. Katie has been kind enough to share some of her mother's poetry. With her permission I share it here. As for Frances (whom I knew better by her Orthodox name, Kassiane) may her memory be eternal!*

*May we ourselves hear what the poets hear, and with such sounds echo the treasure of God in our world. A good feast to you.*

*Her first poem is a Japanese tanka (31 syllables, 5 lines, 5-7-5-7-7).*

In mid-June's muteness  
When scarce birdword breaks languor  
Flame azaleas speak.  
Sudden over path, up hill  
Their Pentecost throats give tongue.

*The second is a brief meditation.*

THE ICON OF PENTECOST  
At the Church's birth,  
Licked clean by flames of Spirit  
Maid and Apostles in horseshoe  
Make sweet maternal crib  
In whose dark cave  
The World, that Old King,  
Waits with a swaddling cloth.  
Frances Hall Ford  
1931-2008

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

+NO Church School today

**+MISSIONS TEAM COFFEE HOUR – JUNE 10th**

**+Good Shepherd Church School Seminar – Holy Assumption, Canton, OH**

**+Fr. Joseph Gall to celebrate Divine Liturgy- June 17th**

**+Saturday Breakfast Buffet –9am-1pm Starting June 2nd (raising funds for IOCC – Syrian Children's Relief)**

**+Our Patronal Feast June 28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> –  
6:00pm Great Vespers on Thursday Night  
Friday: 9:00am- Hours  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
2:00pm – Holy Anointing Service  
4:00-4:30 Children's Games  
5:00- 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner  
7:00-8:30 Bond Fire**

**+Annual Chicken BBQ – Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
+Parish Council Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> – 6pm**

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**+Please sign up to help with Coffee Hour- see Isaac Bicko or Anna Rachocki.**

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### MISSIONS TEAM

~ On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the team will sponsor a parish yard clean and beautify from 4-5:30 with Daily Vespers and a dinner for all following.

~ **During the Month of June the team will be collecting items for IOCC kits for children. Items to be collected will be announced.**

~Next Meeting to be held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rachocki Homestead please bring a dish to pass, starting at 5:30pm.

### **Thoughts from the Fathers--**

It was said of Abba John the Dwarf that he withdrew and lived in the desert 'at Scetis with an old man of Thebes. His Abba, taking a piece of dry wood, planted it and said to him, 'Water it every day with a bottle of water, until it bears fruit.' Now the water was so far away that he had to leave in the evening and return the following morning. At the end of three years the wood came to life and bore fruit. Then the old man took some of the fruit and carried it to the church saying to the brethren, 'Take and eat the fruit of obedience.'

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. Martyr Thalelaeus at Aegae in Cilicia, and his companions, Martyrs Alexander and Asterius (ca. 284). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1431). Rt. Blv. Prince St. Dovmont (Timothy), Prince of Pskov (1299). Martyr Asclas of Egypt (ca. 287). Ven. Zabulon (Zebulon) and Sosanna (Susanna), parents of St. Nino, Enlightener of Georgia (1996).

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:** Newly Illumined- Beginning after Pentecost there will be prayer request sheet for names, The Homebound...., Tanya, Richard, Helen, , Irene, Ruth, Josephine, William, Claudia... Travelers.. ...Catechumens –Christian ...Our Missionaries Abroad...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, Military servers...Greg ...Departed Orthodox...Newly Departed – Catherine Kirzmanich John Bicko, John Sekel, Ann, Katherine. Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests...

Today's Hymns The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Ps. 18/19:1*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ps 18/19:2*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps 18/19:4)*

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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### The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! *(Ps.19/20:1)*

*Refrain:* O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send thee help from the sanctuary and give thee support from Zion! *(Ps 19/20:2)*

*Refrain:* O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He remember all thy offerings, and fulfill all thy plans! *(Ps 19/20:3)*

*Refrain:* O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Only-begotten Son*

### The Third Antiphon

In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation. *(Ps. 20/21:1)*

**Tone 8 Troparion**  
Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,  
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//  
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. *(Ps 20/21:2)*

Repeat *Troparion of the Feast*

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. *(Ps 20/21:3)*

*Repeat Troparion of the Feast*

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power! *(Ps 20/21:13)*

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**Tone 8 Kontakion**  
When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations;  
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//  
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

*(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)*

As many as have been baptized into Christ,  
have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Tone 8 Prokeimenon**  
Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! *(Ps 18/19:4)*

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18/19:1)*

**Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v: By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps 32/33:6)*

*v: The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps.32/33:13:)*

*Today's Scripture Readings:*

Acts 2:1-11 *(Epistle)*

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole

house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

John 7:37-52, 8:12 *(Gospel)*

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."