



Saints Peter and
Paul Orthodox
Church **CROSSINGVILLE**
06-05-2022



Entrance Verse

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power! (*Ps. 20:13*)

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed are You, O Christ our God,
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them You drew the world into Your net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to You!

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.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

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." Nikodemos (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."



HOLY WORDS

The Holy Trinity Revealed

by Fr. Thomas Hopko

In the Old Testament we find Yahweh, the one Lord and God, acting toward the world through His Word and His Spirit. In the New Testament the "Word becomes flesh" (Jn 1.14). As Jesus of Nazareth, the only-begotten Son of God becomes man. And the Holy Spirit, who is in

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory be forever!

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity . Ven. Onuphrius the Great (4th c.) and Ven. Peter of Mt. Athos (734). Finding of the Relics (1649) and the second glorification (1909) of Rt. Blv. Anna of Kashin. Ven. Arsenius, Abbot of Konevits (1447). Ven. Onuphry, Abbot of Mal'sk (Pskov–1492). Ven. Bassian and Jonah of Pertomsk (Solovétsky Monastery–1561). Ven. Onuphry and Auxenty of Vologdá (15th-16th c.). Ven. Stephen of Komel', Abbot of Ozérsk Monastery (Vologdá–1542). Ven. John, Andrew, Heraclemon, and Theophilus, Hermits, of Egypt (4th c.).

The First Antiphon

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

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

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

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

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

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps. 19:1*)

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

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (*Ps. 19:2*) (Refrain)

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (*Ps. 19:3*) (Refrain)

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 and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

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

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed are You, O Christ our God,
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them You drew the world into Your net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to You!

You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (*Ps. 20:2*)

Troparion of the Feast

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

Troparion of the Feast

Jesus making him the Christ, is poured forth from God upon all flesh (Acts 2.17).

One cannot read the Bible nor the history of the Church without being struck by the numerous references to God the Father, the Son (Word) of God and the Holy Spirit. The New Testament record, and the life of the Orthodox Church is absolutely incomprehensible and meaningless without constant affirmation of the existence, interrelation and interaction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit towards each other and towards man and the world.

Wrong Doctrines of the Trinity

The main question for the Church to answer about God is that of the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. According to Orthodox Tradition, there are a number of wrong doctrines which must be rejected.

1. One wrong doctrine is that the Father alone is God and that the Son and the Holy Spirit are creatures, made "from nothing" like angels, men and the world. The Church answers that the Son and the Holy Spirit are not creatures, but are uncreated and divine with the Father, and they act with the Father in the divine act of creation of all that exists.
2. Another wrong doctrine is that God in Himself is One God who merely appears in different forms to the world: Now as the Father, then as the Son, and still again as the Holy Spirit. The Church answers once more that the Son and Word is "in the beginning with God" (Jn 1.12) as is the Holy Spirit, and that the Three are eternally distinct. The Son is "of God" and the Spirit is "of God." The Son and the Spirit are not merely aspects of God, without, so to speak, a life and existence of their own. How strange it would be to imagine, for example, that when the Son becomes man and prays to his Father and acts in obedience to Him, it is all an illusion with no reality in fact, a sort of divine presentation played before the world with no reason or truth for it at all!
3. A third wrong doctrine is that God is one, and that the Son and the Spirit are merely names for relations which God has with Himself. Thus, the Thought and Speech of God is called the Son, while the Life and Action of God is called the Spirit; but in fact—in genuine actuality—there are no such "realities in themselves" as the Son of God and the Spirit of God. Both are just metaphors for mere aspects of God. Again, however, in such a doctrine the Son and the Spirit have no existence and no life of their own. They are not real, but are mere illusions.
4. Still another wrong doctrine is that the Father is one God, the Son is another God, and the Holy Spirit still another God. There cannot be "three gods," says the Church, and certainly not "gods" who are created or made. Still less can there be "three gods" of whom the Father is "higher" and the others "lower." For there to be more than one God, or "degrees of divinity" are both contradictions which cannot be defended, either by divine revelation or by logical thinking.

Thus, the Church teaches that while there is only One God, yet there are Three who are God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—perfectly united and never divided yet not merged into one with no proper distinction. How then does the Church defend its doctrine that God is both One and yet Three?

The Holy Trinity in the Church

The life of the Church is the life of men in the Holy Trinity. In the Church all become one in Christ, all put on the deified humanity of the Son of God. "For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3.27). The unity of the Church is the unity of many into one, the one Body of Christ, the one living temple of God, the one people and family of God.

Within the one body there are many individual members. Many "living stones" constitute the living temple. Many brothers and sisters make up the one family of which God is the Father. The unique diversity of each member of the one Body of Christ is guaranteed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Each unique person is inspired by the Spirit to be a true man, a true son of God in his own distinct way. Thus, as the Body of the Church

is one in Christ, the one Holy Spirit gives to each member the possibility of fulfilling himself in God and so of being one with all others in calling God "Father" (See 1 Cor 12).

The Church, then, as the perfect unity of many persons into one fully united organism, is a reflection of the Trinity itself. For the Church, being many unique and distinct persons, is called to be one mind, one heart, one soul and one body in the one Truth and Love of God Himself. The calling of the Church to be one in all things is the prototype of the vocation of all mankind which was originally created by God as many persons in one nature, ultimately destined by God for ever-more-perfect growth in free unity of Truth and Love, in the life of God's Kingdom.

Parish Services and Activities

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SERVICES

**TODAY- PENTECOST – Divine Liturgy –9:30 Kneeling
Vespers 11:00am - Coffee Hour**

**Mon. June 13th –Holy Spirit Day – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am
(Youth and Children to sing and serve)**

Sat. June 18th – Men's Fellowship – 9am

Sun. June 19th – Parish Council Meeting

Thurs. June 23rd – Vespertal Liturgy for St. John the Baptist -6pm

**Tues. June 28th – Vespertal Liturgy for Saints Peter and Paul – 6pm
Bond fire to follow**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As our children and youth prepare for Camp
on July 24-30th – Please keep them in your
prayers – Abigail, Karis, Josiah, Genevieve,
Bethany, and River, and Elijah.**

**Pieroghi making will be : Sunday July 10
(peeling potatoes & shredding cheese). and
MONDAY, July 11th - 9am the making the
pieroghi's.**

***Our 2nd Annual Open House on Saturday, July 30,
2022!* Please remember to volunteer to work and or
submit Sponsorship forms to me by June 30, 2022. –
Anna, from Missions Team**

Pray with out ceasing...

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR
DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need The newly Illumined Ophelia Estelle, Fr.
Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Zachariah, Iguman Patrick, Hieromonk
Herman, Fr. Dusan, Fr. Christopher, Prez. Alexandria, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna,
Mat. Pirsilla, Mat. Trudi, Ron, Karen, Isaiah, Andrew, Judy, John, Boris, Tamara,
Susan, Mary B. Margret, Bill S., John S., Nickolas, Timothy, Preston, Olivia, Jesse,
Grace, Delani, Jeremiah, Sandy, William, Steve A., Patricia, Anna, Sally, Noah,
Annisatita, Paul, Irenia, Damen, Tanya
The Homebound Mary G,
Catechumen/Inquirers- David, Hannah & Family (Moving to N. Carolina)
Special requests... Gilbert, Joanne, Anthony, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Kim, Loren,
Janet, Helen, Dan, Gregory, Donna, Laura, Laken, Bob, Gary, Bill, Stevie, Kristen,
Paul, Cletus, Nina (Add your own requests here)...
Departed : Newly Departed Theodore, James, Valentina, Proto-deacon Michael,
Priest Anastacy, Marie**