



Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, June 16, 2024

Schedule of Services and Events

| Date | Time | Service/Event |
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| Sunday, June 16 | 8:40 a.m. | Hours |
| Sunday, June 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Wednesday, June 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Service of Supplication |
| Saturday, June 22 | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers, Confessions |
| Sunday, June 23 | 8:40 a.m. | Hours |
| Sunday, June 23 | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - Pentecost/Trinity Sunday |
| Sunday, June 23 | Following Liturgy | Vespers with Kneeling Prayers |
| <i>Sunday, June 23</i> | <i>Following Vespers</i> | <i>Potluck luncheon</i> |
| Wednesday, June 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Vespers - Prophet Elisha and St. Methodius |
| <i>Saturday, June 29</i> | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew Cathedral in Philadelphia, Lunch, Atlantic States Deanery Meeting</i> |
| Saturday, June 29 | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers, Confessions |
| Sunday, June 30 | 8:40 a.m. | Hours |
| Sunday, June 30 | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 30 | Following Liturgy | Baptism - Andrei Fry |

Update: Fr. Daniel

Effective June 11, 2024, Bishop Matthew issued a decree stating that Fr. Daniel is accepted into the ranks of the clergy of the Patriarchal Parishes of the Moscow Patriarchate in the USA and is appointed Rector of our parish.

The All-Night Vigil

As Fr. Daniel mentioned on Wednesday, he would share an article on the All-Night Vigil, which is available [here](#).

Why Didn't the Holy Spirit Come Right After the Ascension? By St. John Chrysostom

But why did the Holy Spirit come to them, not while Christ was present, nor even immediately after his departure, but, whereas Christ ascended on the fortieth day, the Spirit descended “when the day of Pentecost,” that is, the fiftieth, “was fully come?”(Acts 2:1)

And how was it, if the Spirit had not yet come, that He said, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit?” (John 20:22)

In order to render them capable and meet for the reception of Him. For if Daniel fainted at the sight of an Angel (Dan. 8:17), much more would these when about to receive so great a grace.

Either this then is to be said, or else that Christ spoke of what was to come, as if it came already; as when He said, “Tread ye upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the devil.” (Luke 10:19)

But why had the Holy Spirit not yet come? It was fit that they should first be brought to have a longing desire for that event, and so receive the grace. For this reason Christ Himself departed, and then the Spirit descended. For had He Himself been there, they would not have expected the Spirit so earnestly as they did. On this account neither did He come immediately after Christ’s Ascension, but after eight or nine days. It is the same with us also; for our desires towards God are then most raised, when we stand in need. Accordingly, John chose that time to send his disciples to Christ when they were likely to feel their need of Jesus, during his own imprisonment.

Besides, it was fit that our nature should be seen in heaven, and that the reconciliation should be perfected, and then the Spirit should come, and the joy should be unalloyed. For, if the Spirit being already come, Christ had then departed, and the Spirit remained; the consolation would not have been so great as it was. For in fact they clung to Him, and could not bear to part with Him; wherefore also to comfort them He said, “It is expedient for you that I go away.” (John 16:7) On this account He also waits during those intermediate days, that they might first despond for awhile, and be made, as I said, to feel their need of Him, and then reap a full and unalloyed delight. But if the Spirit were inferior to the Son, the consolation would not have been adequate; and how could He have said, “It is expedient for you?” For this reason the greater matters of teaching were reserved for the Spirit, that the disciples might not imagine Him inferior.

From Homily 1 of Acts of the Apostles.

Potluck Luncheon

A potluck luncheon will be held after the services on Pentecost/Trinity Sunday (June 23, 2024). If you would like to bring food or drinks, please sign up [here](#).

Prayer List

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Catechumens

Cipolle, Kate
Rogozin, Daniel
Rogozin, Ryelle
Rogozin, Danielle

To add a name to our prayer list (health, newly departed), please reply to this email or see Fr. Daniel.

June Celebrations

Birthdays

- June 11 - Ekaterina Kvasov

- June 11 - Nikita Lenski
- June 26 - Maria Kelly

Many Years! Многая Лета!

If you would like to be included in the parish directory of commemoration dates (birthdays, name days, and marriage anniversaries), please submit the information in this [form](#). If you have questions, please see [Anastasia Lutcza](#).

Reminders

Online candle stand: Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

Online donations: One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

Benevolent fund: The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Building fund: The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major [maintenance project](#) will be the tree removal and sidewalk and curb replacement on the Spruce Street side of the church. Preliminary estimates for this project range from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal. The building fund currently has a total of about \$19,000. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Rectory fund: The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Church cleaning schedule: The church cleaning schedule for the first half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

Church calendar: You can subscribe to the church calendar (add the church calendar to your mobile device or calendar application) by using these links: [Services](#) and [Events](#).

* **Save the date - Picnic:** A church picnic will be held following Liturgy on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at [Breneman Park](#) pavilion, 2914 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. More details to come.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser: Our parish is participating again in the annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. The shopping passes are \$5 and are good for 25% off almost all purchases made on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at all Boscov's locations. Our church keeps 100% of the shopping pass proceeds. If you would like to purchase a discount shopping pass or help sell them, please see Jean Salaneck.

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