



*I am the vine
you are the branches.*

John 15:5

The Grapevine

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HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



Sunday of the Paralytic

May 19, 2019

CALENDAR

- May 19** 11:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
5 p.m. Nearly Summer Soirée
- May 30** 7 p.m. Academy Spring Sing
- June 1** 9 a.m. Church Workday
- June 2** 11:30 Women's Meeting

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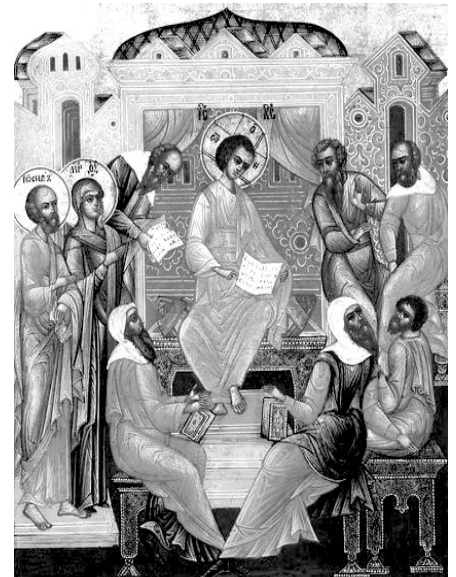
The Feast of Mid-Pentecost

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 22, 8 a.m.

The feast of Mid-Pentecost begins a week of celebration wherein the resurrectional themes of Pascha are intermingled with the water and fire themes of Pentecost. It is a simple but joyous feast that celebrates earthly blessings like the harvest of early crops, such as winter wheat and grapes, and gives thanks for the rain that will sustain our crops through the summer season.

At the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, the theme of earthly water and light was emphasized. In Christ's perfect fulfillment of this feast, we continue this same theme but in the knowledge that Christ Himself is the water and the light, and that by water and fire (Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit) we are able to enter, eternally, into the quenching drink and infinitely illuminating union with Him.



It was on the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles that Christ said, "If anyone thirsts, 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" (John 7:37).

Having rested from the intensity of Lent and the overwhelming joy of Pascha, come to the feast of Mid-Pentecost. Relax, listen to the words, and contemplate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the seal of faith in the Resurrection.

FROM THE PARISH



ACADEMY CORNER

- May 19** 5 p.m. Nearly Summer Soireé
- May 20** 9:30 a.m. Late Start
2:45 p.m. Youth Choir
- May 22** 8 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Mid Pentecost

\$1000 Cash Drawing!

Tickets will again be on sale this Sunday for the Academy \$100 Cash Drawing. Only 750 tickets will be sold. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250.

Tickets cost \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The drawing will be at the Nearly Summer Soireé on May 19th.

We value your support! Tickets can even be purchased online by visiting stlawrenceacademy.com/nss-cash-drawing/. For those who are out of town, we

will enter their tickets and send them the ticket numbers.



HOMILIES ONLINE!

An easy way to prepare for Sundays and feast days throughout the year is to listen to the previous year's homily at www.slocc.com/our-faith/ Take a listen!

New Archbishop of America Elected

Saturday May 11 2019: Following the voluntary resignation of its shepherd, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, the synod of bishops of Constantinople unanimously elected as Archbishop of America His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Halki and Professor of the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros (Lambriniadis) of America was born in 1967 in Bakirköy, Istanbul. He studied at the Department of Pastoral Theology at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, graduating in 1991. In 1993, he completed postgraduate studies at the Philosophical School of the University of Bonn in Germany, submitting a dissertation entitled: "The Brothers Nicholas and John Mesarites." He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1994 at the Patriarchal Cathedral and appointed Scrivener of the Synod.

In 1995, he was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Synod. From 1996-1997 he studied at the Theological School of St. John the Damascene in Balamand, Lebanon, where he advanced his knowledge of the Arabic language. In 2001, he presented a doctoral dissertation at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the title: "Severus of Antioch and the Council of Chalcedon" and was proclaimed a Doctor of Theology. In 2004, he was invited to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, where he taught as Visiting Professor for a semester.

In March 2005, at the proposal of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, he was elevated by the Synod to the position of Chief Secretary and ordained to the priesthood. In 2009, he submitted two dissertations to the Theological School of Thessaloniki and was unanimously elected Assistant Professor of Symbolics, Inter-Orthodox Relations, and the Ecumenical Movement. The dissertations are entitled: "The Synaxes of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne (1951-2004)" and "Luther's Ninety-five Theses: Historical and Theological Aspects." In March 2011, he was elected Metropolitan of Bursa and in August of the same year was appointed Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Halki.

He has served as Orthodox Secretary of the Joint International Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Lutheran World Federation and member of the Patriarchal delegations to the General Assemblies of the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches. He was the Secretary of the Pan-Orthodox Synods in Sofia (1998), Istanbul (2005), Geneva (2006), and Istanbul (2008). He has been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches since 1996.



PERSON TO PERSON



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
(NEARLY)
SUMMER SOIREE

SUNDAY, MAY 19
5 – 8 P.M.

ST. LAWRENCE ORTHODOX CHURCH (ADULTS ONLY PLEASE)

- Come join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!
- SLA \$1000 Cash Drawing (tkts: \$20 each or 6 for \$100)
- Electronics, Gift, and Wine Raffle (tkts: \$5 each)

\$5 donation at the door is requested to cover the cost of Beer, Wine, and Non-Alcoholic Beverages. Baby-sitting provided, ages toddler to 11 with RSVP ONLY. Please email with number of children to office@stlawrenceacademy.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spring on up to the Upper Room and join the Academy on Thursday, May 30, at 7 p.m. for our annual Spring Sing concert featuring the Academy Orff Orchestra (music classes) and the St. Lawrence Youth Choir. Please join us for a fun night of music! Free admission.



Updated Panorama

Be sure to stop by the Church's website to check out the new gorgeous panoramic photo of the inside of our church. A big thanks to Dan Agulian for making this possible! Glory to God for all things!

Workday

On Saturday, June 1, at 9 a.m. we will have a church work day to clean up around the church grounds. Lunch will be provided so come for a few hours for fellowship and good hardy labor. There are lots of projects for everyone. Make sure to bring gloves, gardening tools, hand tools, and the family.

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching Positions

Saint Lawrence Academy is currently accepting applications for a K/1 teacher (full- or part-time) and a 4/5 teacher (part-time). One or both of these positions may be available for the 2019-20 school year. Please drop by the Academy office to pick up an application or email a request for an application to office@stlawrenceacademy.com.

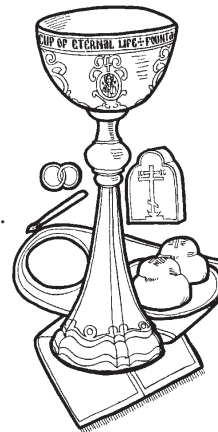
Olive Oil Running Low

Please consider making an offering of olive oil (no mixed oil, please) for use in the oil lamps that are burned during church services. We burned though a large quantity during Holy Week and Bright Week. Bottles of olive oil may be set on the holy water table in the narthex. May God bless you for your care of His house of worship.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Touching the Priest's Vestments

In many parishes the faithful touch the priest's vestments during the Great Entrance. This tradition is associated with the account of the woman who received healing by touching the hem of Christ's garment. It has become a pious custom by which our prayers are "attached" and carried into the altar at the Entrance of the Holy Gifts. Special care should be taken not to grab or tug on the vestments or trip the priest when reaching out. We do not touch the acolytes' or the deacons' vestments, and it is never appropriate to touch the sacred vessels (chalice and discos) directly in this procession. Exercise caution. Accidents can happen.



SHOP THE ABBOT'S!

New This Week

- ✦ Bureaus
- ✦ Panda tin
- ✦ Artist's easel
- ✦ Camping gear
- ✦ Bullet BBQ, stand
- ✦ Walkers/crutches
- ✦ Sleeping/nap bags
- ✦ Strollers/highchairs
- ✦ Hot Wheel cars, new
- ✦ Teddy wedding bears
- ✦ Glider rocker/
ottoman
- ✦ Candle snuffer, hinged
- ✦ Porcelain tea set, child's
- ✦ Donald Trump chia, new
- ✦ "The Beetle" bouncy chair
- ✦ Pinewood Derby Car kit, bx.
- ✦ Matt & Millie porcelain dolls
- ✦ Hinged marble elephant box



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fri. May 17 (4)	<i>No Services</i>
Sat. May 18 (5)	7 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. May 19 (6)	7:30 a.m. Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Mon. May 20 (7)	<i>No Services</i>
Tues. May 21 (8)	7 p.m. Vespers
Wed. May 22 (9)	Mid-Pentecost 8 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7 p.m. Vespers
Thur. May 23 (10)	<i>No Services</i>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For Sunday, May 19 (6)
Acts 9:32-42
John 5:1-15

BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Aufdermaur	May 18
Emiliya Pellizzer	May 18
Adam Roberts	May 19
Patrick Hulter	May 21
Brian Rose	May 21
Christopher Adams	May 22

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Johnni-Sophia Woolworth	Married 17 years, May 20
Phil & Kati Adams	Married 31 years, May 21
Dan & Susan Shisler	Married 38 years, May 23

MEMORY ETERNAL

5/19/2012 Connie Naomi Le Roux

CLEANING TEAM

May 18 Maria S., Pres. Claudia C.,
Shannon C., Ramah H.

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