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**IMPORTANT
DATES**

April 27
Candle making

May 20 - 21
Ascension of our Lord

PENTECOST
May 30 -
Vigil at Holy Trinity
Cathedral SF

May 31- Divine Liturgy
& Kneeling Vespers here

June 1 - Holy Spirit Day
Matins 9am

**June 7 - Annual Parish
Picnic @ Robson-Harrington
Park in San Anselmo**

ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

May 2026

PENTECOST — The Fulfillment of Pascha

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”
(Acts 2:1–4)

The gift of the Spirit did not simply inspire the Apostles—it ignited them. The Resurrection was no longer just remembered. It was lived. And that life is offered—to us. Here. Now.

The Holy Spirit is a Divine person--not a force. And when the Holy Spirit comes, everything changes. Fishermen become theologians. The fearful become fearless. And the message rings out: Jesus is Lord.

Not Caesar. Not the ego. Not politics. Not appetite. Not even our own intellect.
Jesus Christ is Lord.

Those who hear and respond—through repentance, confession, baptism, and chrismation—receive that same Spirit. Not improved. Reborn. And together, they become what the world or AI cannot produce: a living unity, given from above.

This is the Church—the life of the Trinity, poured out for the life of the world. Christ cries out: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Not poetry. Reality. But is it ours?

As St. Philaret of Moscow warns, perhaps for many of us the Spirit is “not yet given”—not because God withholds, but because Christ is not yet glorified in **us**.

We may believe in Him. But do we obey Him? Is He truly King of our life—or do we answer to another lord? We delay prayer. Postpone repentance. Ration forgiveness. And so we grow... dry.

Not far from the valley of bones—scattered, breathless. Yet God still asks: Can these bones live? They can. Because the Spirit is given. Because we are already temples—temples gone cold.

Christ does not look at that coldness with frustration, but with desire—to breathe, to ignite, to make alive.

As Simeon the New Theologian writes: “A lamp... remains dark until it is touched by fire.”

We have the oil. We have the wick. But have we been lit?

Pentecost is not just something that happened. It must happen.

