

## Pentecost A June 4, 2017

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Congratulations to Kodiak Wolfgang Reel who was baptized on the Ascension of the Lord 2017 at Saint Theresa in King Salmon/Naknek.



2. Blessing of the Fishing Fleet, Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 1:00 PM, Dillingham, Harbor.
3. I will be going to Brooks Lodge, Katmai, for the first-time Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017.
4. Please continue to pray for Fr. Moore and Angela Clark!
5. Priest Ordination: We are happy to ordain another priest for the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Transitional Deacon Robert Whitney, Friday, June 23, 2017, Our Lady of Guadeloupe co-cathedral at noon. Hope to see you there.

## **HOMILY**

### **RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In the Gospel, this weekend Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit."

### **SAINT BASIL WHAT SPIRIT DOES**

The great Saint Basil tells us what the Holy Spirit does. "The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. The Spirit enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin."

### **SAINT BASIL WHAT COMES FROM THE SPIRIT**

"From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts."

### **SAINT BASIL WHAT WE BECOME THROUGH THE SPIRIT**

"Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God."

### **JESUS IS MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND US**

Jesus shared with His disciples everything that the Father shared with Him. Jesus is the mediator between God and us. He reaches out to us and the Holy Spirit flows from God, through Jesus, to us.

### **THINK OF AN EXTENSION CORD**

A lamp is plugged into an electrical outlet. To reach all the dark places of the church, we need an extension cord. The extension cord enables us to reach out farther. The electricity running through it illuminates the lamp.

### **SPIRITUAL ANALOGY**

Jesus is like an extension cord reaching out to all of us. The Holy Spirit is the electricity flowing from God, through Jesus illuminating our spirits. With the help of the Holy Spirit Jesus reaches us with everything our Heavenly Father wants us to know.

## THE SPIRIT IS CONTAGIOUS

Jesus came to share God with all of us. He taught his disciples about God. Through the work of the spirit, the disciples shared the same teachings with other people. Those people shared it with others until someone shared it with us. Now I am sharing it with you. That is why we say, The One Holy and Apostolic Church. The Holy Spirit enables the teaching of Jesus to be passed down from generation to generation.

## LEARN, SHARE, EXTEND OUT LIKE THE CORD

As each one of us learns to share the teachings of Jesus, we are like small extension cords. We reach out in the world where God wants us to be. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us so we enlighten everyone we meet.

## FINAL QUOTE FROM SAINT BASIL

“As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit dwells, and who are enlightened by the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others” (472 Words).

## READINGS

Acts 2: 1-11 When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

1 Corinthians 12:3-7&12-13: Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the spirit of God says, "Jesus be accursed." And no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

John 20:19-23: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **Celebrant**

Let us pray for the fruits of the Spirit, so that the world may come to live in peace.

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For the Pope and all the bishops of the Church: that the fire of the Holy Spirit may live in them and inspire them in their witness to Christ, we pray to the Lord.

For the Church, and all its preachers and teachers: that they may understand the riches of the Lord's teaching and faithfully pass it on, we pray to the Lord.

For our graduates: that the Holy Spirit will guide them into their futures to seek the way, the truth, and the life, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, especially ....., that they may share fully in the glory of the risen and ascended Lord, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence, let us now add our own intentions for our community and for the world.....We pray to the Lord.

### **Celebrant**

Father, hear our prayers and increase your gifts among us, that we may live in peace with one another and bear witness to your love in the world, through Christ our Lord.

## **SAINT BASIL FROM THE BREVIARY MAY 30, 2017**

From the treatise On the Holy Spirit by Saint Basil the Great, bishop  
(Cap. 9, 22-23: PG 32, 107-110)

### **The work of the Holy Spirit**

The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make him realize that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.

Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present

everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self-giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.

As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit dwells, and who are enlightened by the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations—we become God.