



*A Mexican Icon of Pentecost*

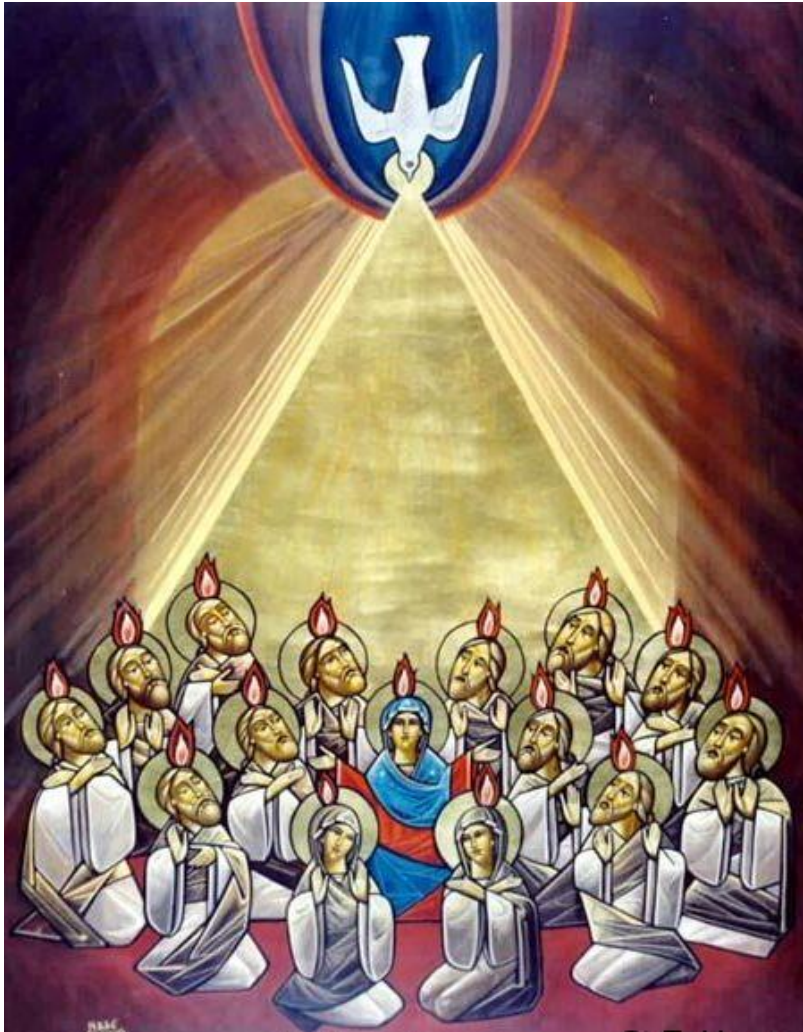
**The 8th Annual  
Roman and Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christian  
Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Celebrating Pentecost**

*God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
(Romans 5:5)*

**St. Luke's Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Garden Grove, CA**

**Friday, May 30, 2014 7PM**

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*A Coptic Icon of Pentecost*

It is legitimate to affirm that the gap between the Catholic and Orthodox Church is not very wide. We have almost everything in common. It seems to me, in fact, that the question we must ask ourselves is not so much whether we can re-establish full communion, but rather whether we still have the right to remain separated. The sin of our separation is very serious. May the Lord open our hearts, convert our minds and inspire in us concrete, courageous steps, capable if necessary of breaking through clichés, easy resignation or stalemate. The deepest nature of the Church demands it.

- *St. John Paul II (1920-2005)*

# *Mission Statement for the Ecumenical Prayer Service at Pentecost*

*(approved on January 27, 2008)*

*Lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another in love, in all humility, gentleness and patience. Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God who is the Father of all, above all, through all and in all. ((Ephesians 4:1-5)*

The mission of the Ecumenical Service of Prayer for the Christian Unity at Pentecost is to foster a deeper sense of prayer and work for unity among Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Christians by invoking the Holy Spirit to guide us towards that unity which we all confess in the Creed and which Christ prayed for His disciples in the Gospel of John (17:21-23): *May all of them be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You; may they also be one in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave Me that they may be one as We are one. I in them and You in Me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.*

## *Participating Churches*

*St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church-2007 Host*

*St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church—2008 Host*

*Holy Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church—2006 & 2010 Host*

*Mission Basílica San Juan Capistrano-2011 Host*

*The Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church - 2012 Host*

*Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church-2013 Host*

*St. Luke's Antiochian Orthodox Church - 2014 Host*

*St. Paul's Assyrian Church of the East*

*St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church*

*Holy Cross Melkite Greek Catholic Church*

*Saint Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church*

*St. Mary & St. Verena Coptic Orthodox Church*

*St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church*

## *Participating Priests*

*(in alphabetical order)*

Fr. James Babcock	Pastor of Virgin Mary/St. Jacob Melkite Greek Catholic Church
Fr. Alfred S. Baca	Episcopal Vicar of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Pastor of St. Cecilia Catholic Church
Fr. James Barrand	Pastor of the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church
Fr. Joseph W. Boules	Parish Priest of St. Mary & St. Verena Coptic Orthodox Church
Fr. Kerry Beaulieu	Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
Fr. Ashur Elkoury	Pastor of St. Paul Assyrian Church of the East
Fr. Youhanna Ibrahim	Parish Priest of Holy Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church
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Fr. Athanasius Ragheb	Parish Priest of Holy Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church
Fr. Michael Tassos	Pastor of St. Luke's Antiochian Orthodox Church
Fr. Steven Tsichlis	Pastor of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church
Fr. Hrant Yaretzian	Archpriest of the Armenian Apostolic Church

Fr. Steven Tsichlis, *Presider*

*Irma Contreras, Program Director*

### *Special Acknowledgements*

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Dr. Patricia Lamb	Music Director, Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
Mr. Robert Pipta	Chantor, Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church
Mr. Robert Henning	Music Director, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

The Choirs of Our Lady Queen of Angels, St. Cecilia and St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Churches; Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church; St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church; and the Coptic Youth singers.

***AND***

The Spanish Prayer Group of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church  
St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Hospitality Ministry  
**Anna Nasser and St. Luke's Hospitality Ministry**



## The Procession around the Church and Entrance The Great Doxology

*(Sung by the choir of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church)*

Glory to You who has shown us the light!

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, good will among all!

We sing our hymns of praise to You; we bless, we worship, and glorify You;

We give our thanks to You, our God, for Your magnificent glory.

Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty, Lord, the only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit.

Lord, God, the Lamb of God, Son of the Father Who takes away the worldly sins, have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world. You Who are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer and have mercy on us. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God, the Father, Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and praise Your name forever, and to the ages of ages.

Grant, O Lord, that on this day, we may be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers: forever Your name be praised, and glorified, Amen. Lord, let Your mercy come upon us, for we have placed all our hope in You.

Blessed are You O Lord, teach me Your commandments. (3X)

From generation to generation, O Lord, You have been our refuge. I said, Lord, have mercy on me and heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Lord, unto You I have fled; Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the source of Life and in Your light, we shall see light.

Extend Your loving kindness to those who know You.

Holy is God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)

Glory to the Father and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages, Amen. Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy is God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

## Welcome from the Host Pastor

Father Michael Tassos

(Pastor of St. Luke's Antiochian Orthodox Church)



## The Opening Psalm

*(The congregation is invited to recite Psalm 24 together)*

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND EVERYTHING IN IT;  
the world, and all who dwell in it belong to Him, for He founded the earth on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart; who do not put their trust in an idol or  
swear by a false god.

They will receive a blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may  
enter in.

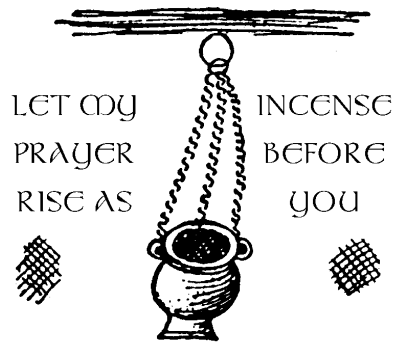
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates! Lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may  
come in.

Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord almighty – He is the King of glory!







## **The Raising and Offering of Incense**

*(Led by the clergy of the Coptic Orthodox Church)*

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, the Father Almighty! O Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, God of all powers, be with us, for we have no supporter in our difficulties and afflictions but You. Make us worthy to pray thankfully “Our Father...”

**Congregation:** Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, for Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, forever and ever, Amen.

**Priest:** (ESH-LEEL) Let us pray.

**Deacon:** (E-PI EPROSEVKI ES-TATHEETE) Stand up for prayer.

**Priest:** (EE-REE-NEE-PASI) Peace be with you all.

**People:** (KE TO PNEVMATI SOO) And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Gracious and Merciful God, the Father of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, for He has covered us, assisted us, preserved us, accepted us, spared us, supported us and brought us to this hour. Let us ask the Almighty God to keep us in peace this blessed day, and all the days of our life.

**Deacon:** (EE-EPROSEVKI ES-TATHEETE) Let us pray.

**People:** (KI-RI-E E-LE-EESON) Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O Lord, Master and Almighty God, the Father of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, we thank You on every occasion, in every condition, and for all things. For You have covered us, assisted us, preserved us, accepted us, spared us, supported us, and brought us till this hour.

**Deacon:** Let us pray that God may have mercy and compassion upon us, hear us, sustain us and continuously accept the prayers and supplications of His saints on our behalf, and forgive us our sins.

**People:** (KI-RI-E E-LE-EESON) Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Therefore, we ask and appeal to Your Goodness, O Lover-of-Mankind that You may grant us to conclude this blessed day, and all the days of our life, in peace and in Your fear. All envy, all temptation, all works of Satan, all intrigues of the wicked, uprising of enemies, seen and unseen, do cast away from us, and from all Your people, and from this Holy Place. Grant us Your endowments and benefactions, as You have given us the power to tread underfoot serpents, scorpions and the whole strength of the Enemy. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**THE VERSES OF THE CYMBALS**  
(Coptic Orthodox Choir)

Lord, have mercy.

We worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal Holy Trinity.

Hail to the Church, the house of the angels!

Hail to the Virgin who gave birth to our savior!

Hail to you O Mary, the beautiful dove, who gave birth to Emmanuel.

Hail to you, O Mary, a holy saint. Hail to you, O Mary, mother of the Holy One!

Hail to Michael the Archangel. Hail to Gabriel the announcer of the good news!

Hail to the Cherubim, Hail to the Seraphim. And to all the Heavenly powers!

Hail to our masters the Apostles! Hail to the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hail to the Evangelist! Hail to the Apostle Mark, the Beholder of God!

Hail to Stephen the first martyr. Hail to the blessed archdeacon!

Hail to you, O martyr! Hail to the brave struggler! Hail to the warrior my lord George the king.

Hail to you, O martyr. Hail to the brave struggler! Hail to the warrior Abba Mina of Bayaad.

Hail to our father Anthony the light of monasticism!

Hail to our father Saint Paul, beloved of Christ!

Through the pleadings of St. Mary the Mother of God, O Lord, grant us the forgiveness of our sins, so that we may praise You, with Your gracious Father, and the Holy Spirit, for You have risen and saved us.



## The Great Litany

(Prayed by Father James Barrand, pastor of the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church with responses sung by the choir of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church)

**Priest:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For the peace of God and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For all those who fear God, believe in His Son and have received His Spirit: that our divisions may cease and we may praise and glorify His most holy and majestic Name in oneness of mind and heart, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our bishops, the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ and for all Christian leaders, that they may serve the Lord and His churches in the fear of God and with faith, wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our country, the president, and all those in public service, that they might be strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For this parish and city, for every city and country, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For all those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ in Egypt, Syria, the Sudan, Iran, Iraq, and everywhere in the world, that they may be delivered from violence and strengthened in their witness by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For travelers by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering and for all those in captivity and bitter slavery for their faith, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**Choir:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** Almighty and eternal God, the King of the ages and Lord of lords, You are beyond comprehension, yet You poured forth Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we might dare to call upon You as our Father. You ordained that the Paschal mystery of Your Son be brought to completion by the sending of Your Spirit on Pentecost. As You gathered together into one faith those people from many nations and divided by many languages on the day of Pentecost, so we beg You now: in Your mercy, gather the people of Your Church together by the power of Your Holy Spirit, keeping us devoted to serving You and seeking that unity which Your Son commanded His disciples to have.

For You are the one, true and living God and to You do we give glory, together with Your crucified and risen Son our Lord Jesus Christ and Your holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.



### **A BLESSING**

**(by Father Hrant Yeretzian of the Armenian Apostolic Church)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

- (2 Corinthians 13:13)

## **A Reading from the Old Testament**

*(Read by the youth of the Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church)*

**Reader:** The reading is from the Second Book of Maccabees.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Let us listen attentively!

*(The witness and martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons for their faith)*

**Reader:** It also happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king to force them to violate God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to learn by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." At that the king, in a fury, gave orders to have pans and caldrons heated. These were quickly heated, and he gave the order to cut out the tongue of the one who had spoken for the others, to scalp him and cut off his hands and feet, while the rest of his brothers and his mother looked on. When he was completely maimed but still breathing, the king ordered them to carry him to the fire and fry him. As a cloud of smoke spread from the pan, the brothers and their mother encouraged one another to die nobly, with these words: "The Lord God is looking on and truly has compassion on us, as Moses declared in his song, when he openly bore witness, saying, 'And God will have compassion on his servants.'"

After the first brother had died in this manner, they brought the second to be made sport of. After tearing off the skin and hair of his head, he in turn suffered the same tortures as the first. With his last breath he said: "You are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever, because we are dying for his laws."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put forth his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely stretched out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of His commandments I disregard them; from Him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's spirit, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of mortals with the hope that God will restore me to life; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

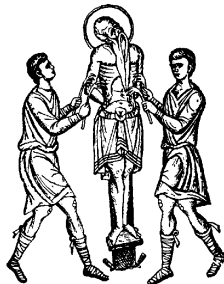
They next brought forward the fifth brother and tortured and murdered him. And after him they brought the sixth brother. But most admirable and worthy of everlasting remembrance was the mother who, seeing her seven sons perish in a single day, bore it

courageously because of her hope in the Lord. Filled with a noble spirit, she exhorted each of them in the language of their ancestors with these words: “I do not know how you came to be in my womb; it was not I who gave you breath and life, nor was it I who arranged the elements each of you are made of. Therefore, since it is the Creator of the universe who shaped the beginning of humankind and brought about the origin of everything, He, in His mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of His commandments.”

Antiochus the king, suspecting that he was being insulted by her words, thought he was being ridiculed. As the youngest brother was still alive, the king appealed to him, with promises on oath, to make him rich and happy if he would abandon his ancestral faith. The king would make him his friend and entrust him with high office. When the young man paid no attention to him at all, the king appealed to his mother, urging her to advise her son to save his life. After he had urged her for a long time, she agreed to talk to her son. She leaned over close to him and, in derision of the cruel tyrant, said in their native language: “Son, have pity on me, for I carried you in my womb for nine months, nursed you for three years, brought you up, educated and supported you to your present age. I beg you, child, to look at the heavens and the earth and see all that is in them; then you will know that God did not make them out of existing things. In the same way humankind came into existence. Do not be afraid of this executioner, but be worthy of your brothers and accept death, so that in the time of His mercy I may receive you again with your brothers.”

She had scarcely finished speaking when the youth said: “What is the delay? I will not obey the king’s command. I obey the command of the law given to our ancestors through Moses. Like my brothers, I offer up my body and my life for our ancestral laws, imploring God to show mercy soon to our nation, and by afflictions and blows to make you confess that he alone is God.”

At that, the king became enraged and treated him even worse than the others, since he bitterly resented the boy’s contempt. Thus he too died in integrity, putting all his trust in the Lord. Last of all, after her sons, the mother was put to death.





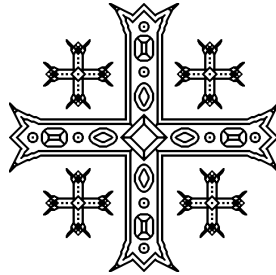
## The Song of Mary, the Mother of God from the Gospel according to St. Luke 1:46-55

(Singing led by the Cantors and Choir of Saint Cecilia Roman Catholic Church)

**The opening verse:** How good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together as one, like dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion. There the Lord has decreed a blessing, life forevermore. (*Psalms 133:1*)

*All join in on the sung refrain between verses of Mary's song:*

**Refrain:** God, who is mighty, has done great things for me.  
Holy, Holy, Holy is His Name.



## The First Reading from the New Testament

(Read by Mr. Jon Weil, Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church;  
introduced by Father Ashur Elkoury, pastor of St. Paul's Assyrian Church of the East)

**Priest:** Let us listen attentively!

**Reader:** God has ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord has ascended amid the sounding of trumpets! (*Psalms 47:5*)

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-13).

**Priest:** Let us listen attentively!

(The Ascension of Christ: Jesus is taken up into Heaven)

**Reader:** In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering He showed them in many convincing ways that He was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God.

On one occasion when He met with them, He told them not to leave Jerusalem: “Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father’s promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” While they were with Him they asked, “Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?” His answer was: “The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to Himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth.”

No sooner had He said this than He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight. They were still gazing up into the heavens when two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking up at the skies? This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw Him go up into the heavens.”

After that they returned to Jerusalem from the mount of Olivet near Jerusalem - a mere Sabbath’s journey away. Entering the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying.



## Responsorial Psalm 145

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(Led by the youth choir of St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church)

*All join in on the sung refrain between verses:*

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

**Choir & People:** I will praise your Name forever, my King and my God.

**Verse:** I will extol You, O my God and King and I will bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day will I bless You and I will praise Your Name forever and ever.

**Choir & People:** I will praise your Name forever, my King and my God.

**Verse:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all His works.

**Choir & People:** I will praise your Name forever, my King and my God.

**Verse:** Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You.  
Let them discourse of the glory of Your Kingdom and speak of Your might.

**Choir & People:** I will praise your Name forever, my King and my God.

**Verse:** The Lord is faithful in all His words and holy in all His works.  
The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Choir & People:** I will praise your Name forever, my King and my God.



## **The Gospel Reading**

*(Responses sung by the choir of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church)*

**Priest:** Wisdom! Let us stand! Let us hear the holy Gospel. Peace be with you all!

**Choir:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** The reading is from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us listen attentively!

**Choir:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

*(Read by Father Al Baca, Pastor of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church)*

*(The Great Commission)*

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to keep everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age."

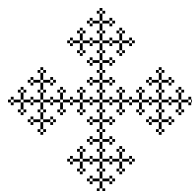
**Choir:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!



# The Homily

by Father Kerry Beaulieu

(Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church)



## *Ubi Caritas - James Biery*

*(Sung by the Schola of Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church)*

Where true love and charity are found, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in Christ.

Let us fear and love the living God and care for one another with sincere hearts.

So when we gather as one, we must take care not to be divided in mind.

Let petty quarrels end, let bickering cease, and let Christ our God be in our midst.

So, too, in the company of the saints, let us see Your face in glory, Christ our God,  
joy that is limitless and pure through endless ages. Amen

**Priest:** And make us worthy, O Master, to dare call upon You the God of Heaven as  
our Father and to say,

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*(The entire congregation stands and is invited to pray the Lord's Prayer)*

**Our Father who art in Heaven**

**Hallowed be Thy Name**

**Thy Kingdom come**

**Thy will be done**

**On earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory,**

**Now and forever and to the ages of ages.**

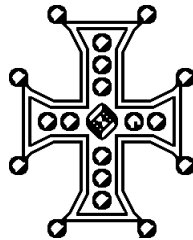
*Amen.*

## A Hymn of Praise to the Holy Spirit

(Sung by the choir of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church)

O Holy Spirit, mighty defender of all who love You, comfort You give.  
Everywhere present, fountain of virtues, without Your kindness no one could live.

O Holy Spirit, treasury of blessings, come as was promised, life-giving Flame.  
Come dwell within us, enliven our hearts; strengthen our purpose to praise Your Name.



## The Litany of the Saints

(Led by Mr. Emmet Loera, music director at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church)

**Chantor:** *Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison*

Most holy Virgin Mary, Queen of Angels...

**Congregation:** Pray for us.

Archangel Michael.....Pray for us.

St. Peter the Apostle.....Pray for us.

St. Paul the Apostle.....Pray for us.

St. Luke the Evangelist.....Pray for us.

St. Mark the Evangelist.....Pray for us.

St. Ignatius of Antioch.....Pray for us.

St. Justin the Martyr.....Pray for us.

St. Cecilia the Martyr.....Pray for us.

St. Marina the Martyr.....Pray for us.

St. Anthony of Egypt.....Pray for us.

St. Mary of Egypt.....Pray for us.

St. Gregory the Illuminator.....Pray for us.

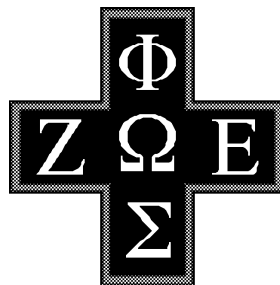
St. Verena of Egypt.....Pray for us.

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sevastea....Pray for us.

St. Nicholas of Myra.....Pray for us.  
 St. Athanasius the Great.....Pray for us  
 St. Basil the Great.....Pray for us  
 St. Gregory the Theologian..... Pray for us  
 St. John Chrysostom.....Pray for us.  
 St. Cyril of Alexandria.....Pray for us.  
 St. Isaac of Ninevah.....Pray for us.  
 St. Ephrem the Great of Syria.....Pray for us.  
 St. Katherine the Martyr.....Pray for us  
 St. Ambrose of Milan.....Pray for us  
 St. Augustine of Hippo.....Pray for us  
 St. Patrick of Ireland.....Pray for us.  
 St. Cyril and Methodius.....Pray for us  
 St. John Neumann.....Pray for us.

*(And to those who have recently been martyred in Egypt, Syria, Iran and Iraq)*

Holy martyrs of Egypt.....Pray for us.  
 Holy martyrs of Lebanon.....Pray for us.  
 Holy martyrs of Syria.....Pray for us.  
 Holy martyrs of Iraq.....Pray for us.  
 Holy martyrs of Iran.....Pray for us.  
 Holy martyrs of Nigeria.....Pray for us.  
 All the saints of God.....Pray for us.



## Holy Spirit

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(Led by the Youth Choir of St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church)

*Refrain:* Holy Spirit, come into our lives! Holy Spirit, make us truly wise!

Give us a spirit of wisdom, an understanding heart.  
Give us a spirit of knowledge and lead us to the truth.

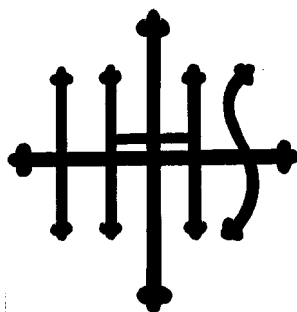
*Refrain:* Holy Spirit, come into our lives! Holy Spirit, make us truly wise!

Spirit of love and compassion: give hope to all the poor.  
Spirit of justice and mercy: come open every door.

*Refrain:* Holy Spirit, come into our lives! Holy Spirit, make us truly wise!

Spirit of light and of wisdom, O lift us from our sorrow.  
Spirit of peace and forgiveness, O help us face tomorrow.

*Refrain:* Holy Spirit, come into our lives! Holy Spirit, make us truly wise!



## The Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

(Led by the youth of our communities)

**Youth:** Do you renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**Congregation:** I do.

**Youth:** Do you renounce the lure of evil so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**Congregation:** I do.

**Youth:** Do you renounce Satan, the author of sin and prince of darkness?

**Congregation:** I do.

**Youth:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**Congregation:** I do.

**Youth:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord, who was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the ever-Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, who rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Congregation:** I do.

**Youth:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**Congregation:** I do.

**(Blessing given by Father John Monestero of St. Justin Martyr Roman Catholic Church)**

**Priest:** And may Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace in Christ Jesus our Lord for eternal life.

**And the congregation responds: Amen!**



Announcement concerning the reception after the service by Father Michael Tassos

## Recessional Hymn

(Sung by all the choirs and the congregation)

The cantor sings the refrain which is repeated by the congregation as a whole.

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

**Verse (in Greek):** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

**Verse (in Latin):** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

**Verse (in Slavonic):** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

**Verse (in Coptic/Greek):** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

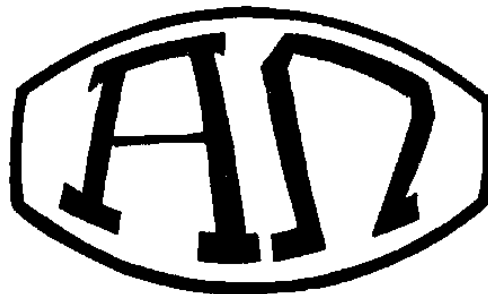
**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

**Verse (in Aramaic):** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love!

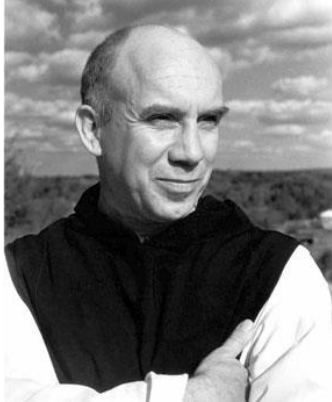
**Verse (in English):** Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, God of love and compassion: bring us new life, ending all strife, sharing Your word; hear us we pray.

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit and from above send us Your love! (2X)



Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall following the service!

## *The Uniting of the Churches of East and West*



If I can unite in myself, in my own spiritual life, the thought of the East and the West, of the Greek and Latin Fathers, I will create in myself a reunion of the divided Church and from that unity in myself can come the exterior and visible unity of the Church. For if we want to bring about the unity of East and West, we cannot do it by imposing one upon the other. We must contain both in ourselves and transcend them both in Christ.

- *Father Thomas Merton (1915-1968)*



The whole teaching of the Latin Fathers may be found in the East, just as the whole teaching of the Greek Fathers may be found in the West. Rome has given St. Jerome to Palestine. The East has given St. John Cassian to the West and holds in special veneration that most Roman of the Romans, Pope St. Gregory the Great. St. Basil the Great would have acknowledged St. Benedict of Nursia as his brother and heir. St. Macrina would have found her sister in St. Scholastica. St. Alexis, the "Man of God," the "poor man under the stairs," has been succeeded by the wandering beggar St. Benedict Labre. St. Nicholas would have felt as very near to him the burning charity of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Vincent de Paul. St. Seraphim of Sarov would have seen the desert blossoming under Father Charles de Foucauld's feet and would have called St. Therese of Lisieux "my joy."

- *Father Lev Gillet (1893-1980)*  
(who wrote under the pseudonym "A Monk of the Eastern Church")





Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI embracing at the lifting of the anathemas between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches in January, 1964 (L)

And

Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lifting of the anathemas in May, 2014 (R)

**Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras with his synod, in common agreement, declare that:**

*A. They regret the offensive words, the reproaches without foundation, and the reprehensible gestures which, on both sides, have marked or accompanied the sad events of this period.*

*B. They likewise regret and remove both from memory and from the midst of the Church the sentences of excommunication which followed these events, the memory of which has influenced actions up to our day and has hindered closer relations in charity; and they commit these excommunications to oblivion.*

*C. Finally, they deplore the preceding and later vexing events which, under the influence of various factors--among which, lack of understanding and mutual trust--eventually led to the effective rupture of ecclesiastical communion.*



Pope Francis meeting with Patriarch John X of Antioch on September 27, 2013



Pope Francis meeting with Pope Tawadros II on May 13, 2013