

Sunday, June 23, 2024
Holy Pentecost - Tone 7
Feast of the Holy Trinity

Troparion:

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed fishers most wise by sending down upon them thy Holy Spirit; thereby catching the universe as in a net. Glory to Thee O Thou who lovest Mankind.

Kontakion:

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit!

Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone:

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe. (Vs.) The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Epistle:

The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 2:1-11)

In those days when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord* in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Alleluia Verses:

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Vs.) The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds the sons of men.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. John. (Chapter 7:37-52; 8:12)

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Anyone who believes in me, as the Scripture says, '*From within him there shall flow rivers of living water*.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is

truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to Him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives Him a hearing, and knows what He does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."