

Sunday, June 20, 2021
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 come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty 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."

