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# <u>June</u>

#### **Schedule of Services**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am Post-Easter Sundays

June 4th - Sunday of Holy Pentecost

June 11<sup>th</sup> - The Sunday of all Saints

June 18<sup>h</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Mathew

<u>June 25th</u> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Mathew

## **Sunday of Holy Pentecost**

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Our Father Yves Babich reminded us about the importance of getting baptized at any age knowing that it was a common practice to be baptized as an adult during ancient times like in the above reading.

## **Icon of the Feast**

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the

teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

#### For the Health & Well-being of

Please remember them in your prayers. May God give them strength to endure and get well.

NAME - To add the name to the prayer list, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

#### **Departed**

## May their memory be eternal!

NAME -To add the name leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

## **Question for Father Yves**



Father Yves placed a jar where you can drop in your questions regarding anything you like to learn or hear during our services. The jar is located by Holy Water.

### St. Vladimir's Summer Camp

An Orthodox Christian Church Camp in Farmdale, Oh. For more information visit:

https://stvladimirscamp.com/2017-camp-dates/

<u>Session 1</u> (Younger/Tween Age 8-12): **July 2-8** <u>Session 2</u> (Junior Olympics aka Sports Week Age 10-17): **July 9-15** 

Session 3 (Teen Kids / Age 13-18): July 16-22

## **Renovation Update**

Special thank you goes to Ervin Toska and his construction team for his generosity of remodeling the women bathroom. Volunteers are needed to wash the marble tile walls. Please contact Victor.



## Popadija's Corner - Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two, we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the

remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you or someone you know is interested on volunteering, please email Victor at office@stepremte.org.

## **Bio of Fr. Yves Babich**

St. E Premte office church is blessed to have Fr. Yves Babich who is currently proudly serving all of us. Please, read below to get to know more about our priest.

Very Rev. Father Yves C. Babich was born in Colmar, France on August 6th, 1950. Father Babich immigrated to the United States on July 4th, 1956, and became a United States citizen in 1969. Father Yves graduated from Finney High School in Detroit in 1969, and went on to Macomb Community College, in Warren, Michigan. Father Yves served in the U.S. Air Force from October 1974 to August 1976 as an Administration Specialist, and finally attended St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the seminary in 1980.

Father Babic married his wife Katharina on September 9th, 1980. Together they have two children, Anna and Nicholas, and one grandson Jack. Father Babic also works at NASA Glenn Research as a contractor. He is a Designer Draftsmen and contributes freelance artwork for Orthodox magazines.

Most recently, Father Babic has served at the following churches: St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, St Michaels Orthodox Church, Broadview Hts., Ohio, and Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Lakewood, Ohio.

Father Yves was granted retirement as of June 2018 and was attached to Holy Trinity Church in Parma, Ohio by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest. Some of the honors awarded to Father Yves include the Gold Cross by the Holy Synod in September 2002 by Archbishop Job. Elevation to Archpriest by the Holy Synod in June 2006 and by Archbishop Job in 2007. Awarded the Jeweled Cross by the Holy Synod in 2012 which was given to Fr. Ives by Bishop Sava in 2014.