



St. Michael Youth Program

May 2015

Christ Ascends to Heaven and The Father Sends Us His Spirit

Home Discussion

In month of May two major Feasts are celebrated:

- 1) the Holy Ascension (40 days after the Resurrection) [see Luke 24:36-53] when Jesus ascended into heaven
- 2) Holy Pentecost (50 days after the Resurrection; the "birthday of the Church") [see Acts 2:1-11].

Following the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, the Father sent us the Holy Spirit who is called: "The Heavenly King, the Comforter (and) The Spirit of Truth." He is the Spirit of Christ who was "spoken by the prophets" and promised to be with us always, even to the end of the ages. The Gift of God's Holy Spirit who we receive through the Sacrament of Chrismation (Confirmation) dwells in us and is the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May 3 - "Sunday of the Paralytic:" - A man is healed by responding to Jesus words to "take up (His) bed and walk." (John 5:1-15)

May 10 - "Sunday of the Samaritan Woman" [Mother's Day] Jesus helps the Samaritan Woman to know God the Spirit who is not limited by time or place and who must be worshipped in truth (John 4:5-42).

May 17 - "Sunday of the Blind Man:" Jesus ("the Light of the world") heals a man who was born blind (John 9:1-38)

Feast of the Ascension (Thursday, May 21): Jesus leaves us with a mission: to proclaim the good news (Gospel), to Baptize and to teach (see Matthew 28:16-20)

May 24 - We Commemorate the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council who wrote our Creed; The Gospel reading reminds us of Jesus' prayer for us (see John 17:1-13).

Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, May 31) We commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses of Christ as His disciples. (see Acts 2:1-21)

Memory Verse

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Prayer

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life - come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Activity

- Say the creed together as a family and discuss the words and phrases you do not understand asking Father Timothy to help you if necessary
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- For older children, write out the phrases of the Creed on popsicle sticks and see if you can line up the sticks in the right order to say the Creed.

Special Events

- **Visit to California Science Center: Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit | Jerusalem 3D Sunday, May 31st 1-4 PM**
Purchase your tickets in advance (weekends sell out):
<http://californiasciencecenter.org/exhibits/dead-sea-scrolls-the-exhibition>
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 22-26, 2015**
8:30 a.m. to noon; for ages 3-12. Register your child by contacting: rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org
- **Smart Money, Smart Kids – Living Well**
Tuesdays June 2, 2015 – July 7, 2015 at 7:00pm
Register your family by contacting:
onlivingwell@gmail.com
- **Make Reservations for the Parish Life Conference,**
July 1-5 Irvine Marriott www.lapl.org