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The Prophet Jeremiah

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen and Καλό Μήνα!

On behalf of the Archangel Michael Church, I thank you for your commitment to worship during Holy Week. The faith of the parishioners of the Church contributes greatly to the inspiration of worship, which is the highest theological expression that one may render unto God.

During the period, from after Pascha to the week after Pentecost, the Church prays the hymns from a book called the Pentecostarion. This holy period gives the Christian the opportunity to contemplate on the presence of the Holy Spirit in one's life. Each Greek Orthodox Christian received the Holy Spirit, with their chrismation, which took place during their baptism. St. Paul says the following about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:30-32)*

Because Pentecost is the celebration of descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and those with them, the day before is given the special title of "The Saturday of the Souls". The Holy Spirit is the work of God in the triumphant church that unites the militant church with the heavenly. In this way, all may be illumined to the revelation that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Who brings all to the Glory of the Father!

Enclosed is a diptych for those who have fallen asleep. If you would like, complete the diptych with the name of your loved ones who have fallen asleep and return to the Church office or the Church on the day of the service. The names will be commemorated during the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Orthros begins 8:30am & Divine Liturgy 9:30am. To order koliva please contact the Church office.

In Christ's Ministry,

Fr. John K. Lardas  
Protopresbyter

Christ is Risen!