

# The *Pentekostarion* as Climax of the Ecclesial Rendition of Christ's Teaching

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- The structure of the liturgical year: *Oktoechos* (corresponding to the catechetical ministry of Christ), *Triodion* (corresponding to the priestly ministry of Christ), and *Pentekostarion* (corresponding to the imperial ministry of Christ).
- *Pentekostarion* (Πεντηκοστάριον): The third liturgical section of the year, the fifty days between the Pascha and the Pentecost, comprising eight Sundays.
- Reading: [http://www.scribd.com/doc/3030467/Doru-Costache-Forty-Days-with-the-Risen-Lord?in\\_collection=2331032](http://www.scribd.com/doc/3030467/Doru-Costache-Forty-Days-with-the-Risen-Lord?in_collection=2331032)

## First Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 1:1-8	Gospel reading John 1:1-17
<p>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”</p>	<p>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God; <sup>3</sup> all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He</p>

	who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’’’) <sup>16</sup> And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
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## Second Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 5:12-20	Gospel reading John 20:19-31
<p>Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honour. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup>But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, <sup>20</sup>“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”</p>	<p>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that</p>

	believing you may have life in his name.
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### Third Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 6:1-7	Gospel reading Mark 15:43-16:8
<p>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.</p>	<p>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.</p>

### Fourth Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 9:32-42	Gospel reading John 5:1-15
Now as Peter went here and there among	After this there was a feast of the Jews,

<p>them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda.<sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed.<sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose.<sup>35</sup> And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.<sup>36</sup> Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.<sup>37</sup> In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.<sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.”<sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.<sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.<sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive.<sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.</p>	<p>and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes.<sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed.<sup>5</sup> One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years.<sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”<sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.”<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.”<sup>9</sup> And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath.<sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.”<sup>11</sup> But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’”<sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’”<sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.<sup>14</sup> Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.”<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.</p>
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### Fifth Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 11:19-30	Gospel reading John 4:5-42
<p>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews.<sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord.<sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to</p>	<p>So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.<sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with</p>

Antioch.<sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose;<sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord.<sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul;<sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.<sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius.<sup>29</sup> And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea;<sup>30</sup> and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Samaritans.<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly."<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking

	<p>with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”<sup>30</sup> They went out of the city and were coming to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Has any one brought him food?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.<sup>36</sup> He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour; others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.”<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.”</p>
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### Sixth Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 16:16-34	Gospel reading John 9:1-38
<p>As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying.<sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.”<sup>18</sup> And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned</p>	<p>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth.<sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him.<sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes,</p>

and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers;<sup>20</sup> and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city.<sup>21</sup> They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice."<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.<sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.<sup>24</sup> Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.<sup>25</sup> But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,<sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened.<sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.<sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."<sup>29</sup> And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas,<sup>30</sup> and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?"<sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."<sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house.<sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family.<sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

when no one can work.<sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."<sup>6</sup> As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay,<sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.<sup>8</sup> The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?"<sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man."<sup>10</sup> They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"<sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight."<sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.<sup>15</sup> The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them.<sup>17</sup> So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight,<sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;<sup>21</sup> but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself."<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should

	<p>confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner."<sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"<sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?"<sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.<sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."<sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."<sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?"<sup>35</sup> And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?"<sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you."<sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.</p>
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### Seventh Sunday

Apostolic reading Acts 20:16-18,28-36	Gospel reading John 17:1-13
Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. <sup>17</sup> And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of	When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup> since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast



<p>the church.<sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia [...].<sup>28</sup> Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son.<sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;<sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.<sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.<sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.<sup>33</sup> I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel.<sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me.<sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”<sup>36</sup> And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.</p>	<p>given him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.<sup>4</sup> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do;<sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee;<sup>8</sup> for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me.<sup>9</sup> I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine;<sup>10</sup> all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled.<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.</p>
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### **Eighth Sunday**

Apostolic reading Acts 2:1-11	Gospel reading John 7:37-52, 8:12
<p>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them</p>	<p>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.<sup>38</sup> He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”<sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.<sup>40</sup> When they</p>

utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?" <sup>42</sup> Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. <sup>45</sup> The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" <sup>47</sup> The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also?" <sup>48</sup> Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." [...] <sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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