

Pentecost



Pentecost is celebration of coming of Holy Spirit. It is the birthday of the Church. In the Word we can read like this: " When day of Pentecost has come they were all there in the same place. Suddenly such a bellow sprang up from heavens as high wind would comming and it entirely filled the room where they were sitting. Then tongues of flame appeared for them dispersed and they descended on each of them. They were all filled with the Holly Spirit and they began to speak in different languages, in that way like the Holly Spirit made them speak. ... Astonishment was great because everyone heard it in his own language what they have said." (The acts of the Apostles 2. 1 - 6)

" There is no more Jewish or Greek slave or free man or woman because you all incorporated in Jesus Christ. " (letter to Galatians 3.28) The Holly Spirit is still present nowadays in the Church and in the world as well It would be so good if people felt its presence and would accept its guiding and its help. Because God's intention is that people see in each other their sisters and brothers and they serve each other in mutual love.

We celebrate Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. Its name derives from the Greek "pente" word. At this time of the year there is already beautiful spring weather so there is no wonder that a lot of traditions, playful customs played outdoors are connected to this festival.

People wake the old customs even today for example where young men used to make field events among each other. That man who won the riding competitions was elected king of Pentecost. It was a great honour as he became the leader of the other young men. He was invited into every amusement, ball and he didn't have to pay in the pub for a year.

In certain parts of Transdanubia even in these days it is a live custom the so called " Pentecost Queen Walk" of young girls. The companions of little queen hold a tent from silk saawl over her head. Girls go from house to house telling greetings and meanwhile they strew rose petals in different directions.

Preserving the old Pentecost folk traditions and evoking them we nurse our roots.

The new " world language" taken by the Holly Spirit serve our souls' prosperity in loving of Jesus Christ's.

