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## **The Feast of the Pentecost celebrated in the Central Cathedral in Chisinau**



On Sunday, 16th June 2019, on the Feast of the Pentecost, the First Hierarchy of the Orthodox Church of Moldova, His Eminence Metropolitan Vladimir celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Chisinau, assisted by the Cathedral Dean archpriest Vadim Cheibas, and the clergy of the holy shrine.

The Feast of the Pentecost is celebrated in Orthodoxy as the day when the Holy Spirit rested upon Holy Apostles on the 50th day after the Resurrection of the Lord and 10 days after His Ascension.

This event is described in the Holy Gospel (John 7: 37-52; 8:12) and in the Book of Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 2: 1-11).

In the tradition of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Pentecost Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Holy Trinity, and the Monday that follows it is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

During the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Vladimir ordained protodeacon Ioan Brasoveanu into the dignity of priesthood, awarding the first church distinction: nabadrennik, engolpion, kamilavka, and golden Cross. For many years father Ioan was a devoted protodeacon who assisted His Eminence Metropolitan Vladimir during church services and archpastoral ministry.

According to the tradition of the day, the Divine Liturgy was followed by a special Vespers service during which kneeling prayers were uttered. It should be mentioned that according to Orthodox Tradition, Christians do not kneel for prayers between the feasts of the Holy Pascha and the Pentecost, for the joy of presence of Lord Jesus Christ among the Apostles and further, all Christians. The first kneeling prayers are uttered during the Pentecost Vespers, underlining Christian humility and repentance.











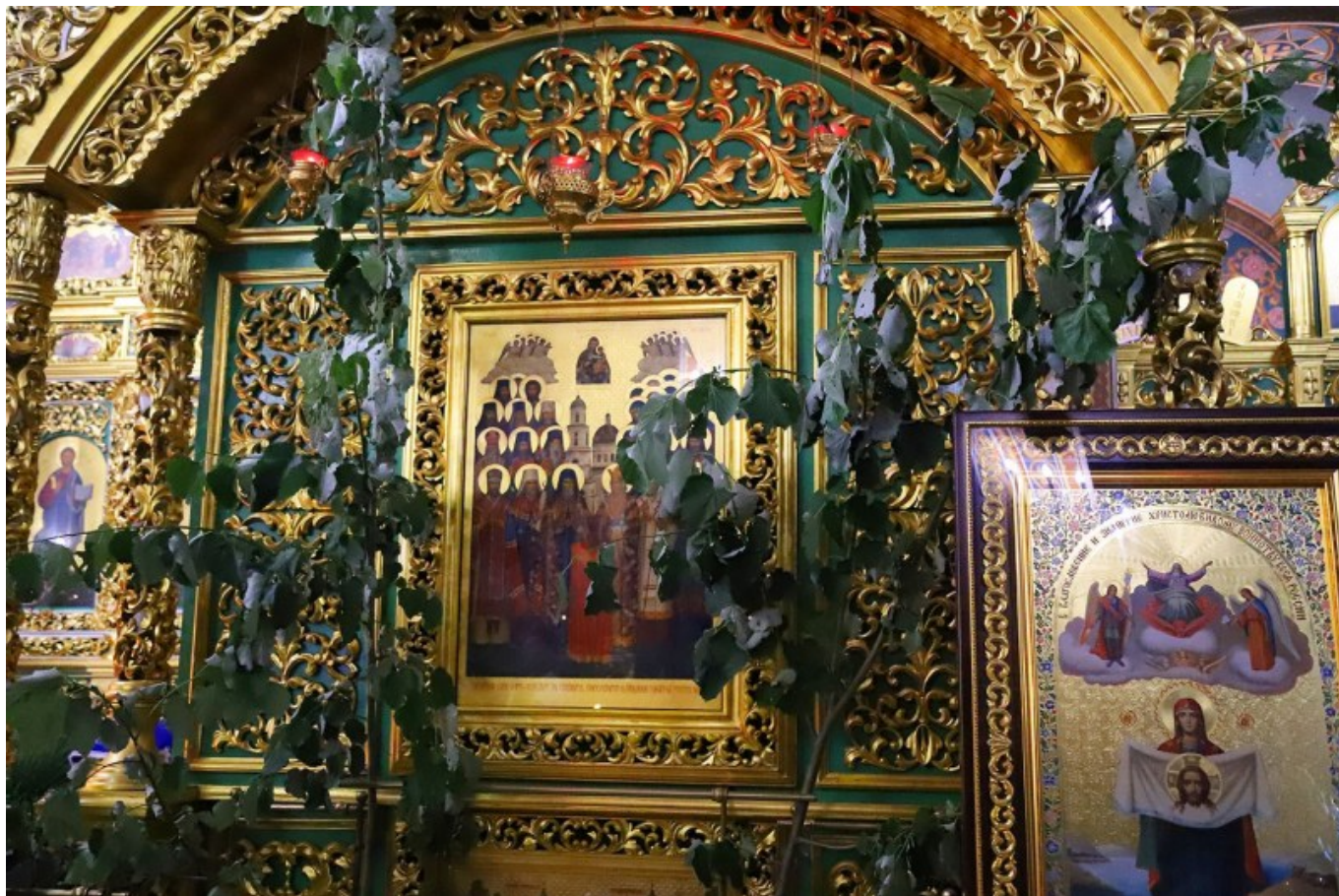












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