

# Nicene Creed Part III: The Holy Spirit, the Church, Baptism, the Resurrection of the Dead and the Life of the Age to Come



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# The Church's Prayers as Our Guide

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets...”

*“O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life, come and abide in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.”*

# Pentecost



## Great Vespers for the day after Pentecost (known as Monday of the Holy Spirit)

“The Holy Spirit hath ever been, is and ever shall be; for He is wholly without beginning and without end. Yet He is in covenant with the Father and the Son, counted as Life and Life-giver, Light and Light-giver, good by nature and a Fountain of goodness, through whom the Father is known and the Son glorified. And by all it is understood that one power, one rank, one worship are of the Holy Trinity.

Light, Life, and a living noetic Fountain is the Holy Spirit, good, upright, noetic Spirit of understanding, and purifying offenses, God understanding, presiding, and purifying offenses, God and deifying, Fire projecting from Fire, speaking, active, Distributor of gifts, through whom all the Prophets, the Apostles of God, and the Martyrs are crowned, a strange Report, a strange sight, a Fire divided for the distribution of gifts.”

*from the verses of Lord, I Have Cried during Vespers for Pentecost*

# The Kneeling Prayers

“Look down from Thy holy heights, O Lord, upon Thy people here present Who await of Thee rich mercy. Visit us in Thy goodness. Deliver us from the power of the devil. Make firm our lives with Thy holy and sacred laws. Entrust Thy people to a faithful guardian angel. Gather us all into Thy kingdom. Grant pardon to those that hope in Thee. Forgive them and us our sins. Purify us by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit. Destroy the snares set for us by the enemy.”

# The Kneeling Prayers

“O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who hast given Thy peace to men and, being present still in this life, dost ever grant the gift of the All-holy Spirit to the faithful, as an inheritance that cannot be taken away, Thou didst send down today in a manner most clear, this grace upon Thy holy disciples and apostles, and didst open their lips with tongues of fire. Through them every race of man hath received, through the hearing of the ear, the knowledge of God in our own languages. We have been enlightened by the light of the Spirit, and we have been freed from delusion as from darkness, and through the distribution of the perceptible tongues of fire and the wondrous operation of the same, we have been taught the faith that is in Thee, and we have been illumined so as to praise Thee with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in one Godhead and Power and Authority.”

# The Kneeling Prayers

“For Thou art the Brightness of the Father, the express Image, inalterable and immovable, of His essence and nature, the Fountain of wisdom and of grace. Open Thou also the lips of me, the sinner, and teach me how I ought and for what I must pray. For Thou knowest the multitude of my sins, but Thy compassion shall overcome the enormity thereof. For lo, in fear I stand before Thee; into the sea of Thy mercy have I cast the desperation of my soul. Govern my life, Thou that governest all creation with Thy word and with the unutterable power of Thy wisdom, O tranquil Haven of the storm-tossed, and make known to me the way wherein I should walk. Grant to my reasoning the Spirit of Thy wisdom, and give the Spirit of understanding to my foolishness. Overshadow my deeds with the Spirit of Thy fear, and renew a right Spirit within me. And with Thy governing Spirit, establish my faltering mind that, being guided every day by Thy good Spirit toward what is useful, I may be vouchsafed to keep Thy commandments and always to remember Thy glorious coming-again, which shall search out our deeds. Despise me not, lest I be deceived by the corrupting pleasures of the world, but enable me to yearn for the enjoyment of the treasures of that to come. For Thou hast said, O Master, that whatsoever may be asked in Thy Name shall be freely received from Thy co-eternal God and Father.”

## THE APOSTICHA FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT at Vespers for Pentecost

“Now, the comforting Spirit hath been poured on all flesh; for, starting with the rank of the Apostles, He extended grace through the communion of believers, certifying His effective presence by the distribution of tongues to the Disciples in fiery likeness for the praise and glory of God. Wherefore, being noetically illumined with them and confirmed in the steadfast Faith, we beseech the Holy Spirit to save our souls.

Now, the Apostles of Christ have put on might and power from above; for the Comforter hath renewed them, and in them renewed the knowledge of the new mysteries which they proclaimed to us in tones and resounding words, teaching us to worship the all-bountiful God of the eternal, simple Nature of three Persons. Wherefore, being illumined by their teachings, let us worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, beseeching them to save our souls.”



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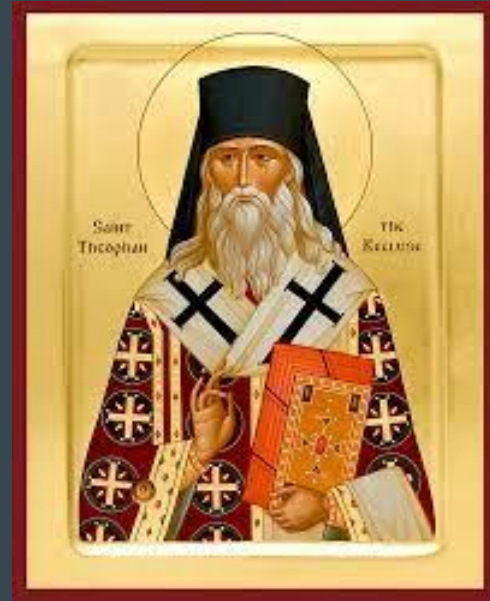
“Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come ye nations, let us worship the three-personed Godhead, a Son in the Father, with a Holy Spirit; for the Father timelessly hath begotten the Son, equal to Him in eternity and the throne; and the Holy Spirit was in the Father, glorified with the Son, one Might, one Substance, one Godhead, which we all worship, saying, Holy God Who created everything through the Son with the help of the Holy Spirit; Holy Mighty, in Whom we knew the Father, and through Whom the Holy Spirit came to the world; Holy Immortal One, the comforting Spirit, proceeding from the Father and resting in the Son; O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee.”

## The Dismissal of Great Vespers for the Monday of the Holy Spirit

“May He Who emptied Himself from the divine bosom of the Father, and came down from Heaven to earth, and took upon Himself all of our nature, and deified it; and afterwards ascended again into Heaven and sat at the right hand of God the Father, and sent down upon His Holy Disciples and Apostles the Divine and Holy Spirit, one in essence, equal in power, equal in glory, and co-everlasting with Him, and through Him enlightened them, and through them the whole world, Christ our true God: through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable, God-proclaiming and Spirit-bearing apostles, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.”

# St. Theophan the Recluse on the Holy Trinity



## I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church...



- ❖ The Church is One and Holy because Christ is One and Holy.
- ❖ The Church is Catholic because it expresses the wholeness of Christ wherever it is found.
- ❖ The Church is Apostolic because Christ founded it upon the Apostles, and He Himself serves as the Church's cornerstone.

# St. Theophan the Recluse on the Church

