

struggle...With the certainty that they are not saying their own things, as they felt that the Holy Spirit was speaking through them, which for the first time reveals himself thus, in human history. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit granted also the content of the preaching and the manner of expressing and the language of communication, in a first revealed enlightenment, which from then on with a variety of manifestations is imprinted and revealed to the people of God!

Just as the flood moves away everything in its passage, thus also the Grace of the All-Holy Spirit in this first revelation of his moved away whatever was contrary. He abolished every obstacle and overturned every detracting factor, in order for the Church to begin to exist in history aiming "to baptize" and "to teach", in other words, the ministry of the Mysteries and the service of the Word, thus so that man can be supported in Grace and in Truth. And this flood of the revelation of the Holy Spirit was not limited just to that day of Pentecost, but is poured forth in eternity through the Church.

It's not just the Holy Apostles who happened to have the experience of the Holy Spirit. This experience is reserved as a gift from above to each Christian who longs for it and lives his position diligently. The life of the Saints proves it, the history of the Church proves it. So for this reason, not only today, but each day calling upon the Holy Spirit, let's ask "come and dwell in us", as to the Apostles. Amen.

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## THE SATIATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are celebrating the indwelling of the Spirit and the deadline of the promise and the completion of hope". The tone is panegyric today, full of joy and sure hope. The word of our Christ that He will not leave us orphans is realized, and we realize the truth of His other saying, that it is to your advantage that I depart and send the Comforter. But it is shown forth also that the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, teaches us the whole truth and witnesses concerning Christ!

Suddenly, with the breath of the Holy Spirit and the appearance of the tongues of fire, everything changes. The Apostles, from scared beings locked up in upper rooms, without perspective and full of quandaries, appear like fire breathing lions, who without a trace of cowardice plow the universe in order to evangelize the revelation of truth in Christ. Humanity wonders and awaits. It is the beginning of the great saving journey of our Church in time and place, with the aim of fishing each soul and the sanctifying the whole world.

### The satiation

What happened at Pentecost? The Holy Fathers are not otherwise able to explain the events and they use the example of Adam, as a perfect, all beautiful body, however without life. When was that body enlivened and Adam completed as a man?

## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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As soon as he received the lifegiving breathe of God! Thus also with our Holy Church at Pentecost. It existed as the Body of Christ glorious after the Crucifactory Sacrifice and the Resurrection of the Lord, but without the breath of life, inactive and locked in the upper room of Jerusalem. And the Holy Spirit came, "as a blowing

violent wind", in order to enliven and set the Church in motion. The Holy Spirit imparted that which the Lord had temporarily allowed to be missing, the Divine Breathe!

Externally nothing changed. The same number of Apostles there were before and after the descent of the Holy Spirit. The same events of the life of Christ they were confessing before and after the tongues of fire. The same mission they knew that they had before and after "the sound from heaven".

Essentially however, everything had changed! "Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit". The Sacred Chrysostom observes, they didn't simply get the Holy Spirit, but they were filled with the Holy Spirit! Thus the difference of our Christ's saying after His Resurrection to the Apostles "receive the Holy Spirit", when "they received partially", in relation to "the fullness of the granting" now at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descended and appeared to a huge and unheard of degree, as the world had never known till then. And this noted the new age of Christ. A new age with people living through the Spirit, a heavenly lifestyle and becoming partakers of divine life. Finally there henceforth exists, the capability of man leaving from the life "of the flesh" and living "in Spirit and truth"! Finally there exists the joyous light which is able to dissolve the darkneses of sin and of death!

### The outpouring

And whoever was in the upper room at the time of Pentecost didn't just fill with the Holy Spirit, but they outpoured furthermore! They weren't simply under the influence of the sanctifying energy of the Holy Spirit. They had become holier, more spiritual, heavenly people, full of joy and love for Christ, such that it obligated them to forget fears, hesitations, afflictions and to go out to the society which awaited them, not simply in order to preach, but in order to proclaim the Truth of the Gospel in various languages, in diverse ways, miracles, martyrdoms,