

STUDY SHEET

Here are phrases or questions to stir up your creative juices.

IMAGES

Remember the five senses? Sight, Hearing, Touch, Smell, Taste

What might you see, hear, touch, smell, or taste when you read these phrases?

Pour out	fire	“and <i>one</i> sat upon each of them”
Pour out water	tongues of fire	laying on of hands
Pour out oil		
Pour out love	anointed	
Pour out Spirit	Fruits of the Spirit	

Vision	Tower of Babel
Visionary	babbling
Dreams	

Ascend	Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal
Descend	Rushing mighty wind

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What is the connection between oil and mercy?

Why do you think the Orthodox Church uses green vestments for Pentecost? Why do some parishes decorate with greenery on Pentecost?

Consider Christ’s Resurrection, His Ascension to the Father, and the Giving of the Spirit at Pentecost. How do these three events work together to make the fullness of divine life possible to the faithful Christian believer? Why are all three events necessary?

What must Christ do first before the Holy Spirit can be given at Pentecost?

Look at *Acts 2:3*. Why is it important that “*one* sat upon **each** of them”? Think about how the Spirit is given to each of us in Chrismation.

Jesus said He would send the Helper. Who is this Helper? What else does Jesus call Him? (See *John 14:15-17*.)

In The Nicene Creed we proclaim our faith about the Holy Spirit. What are those words? Why does the Orthodox Church say the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father? See *John 15:26*.

“We have seen the True Light. We have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the True Faith.” When do we sing these words?

What do we say when someone gives us a gift? What does this have to do with the Eucharist?

QUOTATIONS FROM SCRIPTURE

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters. *Genesis 1:2*

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. *Matthew 3:16*

And God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....’ *Genesis 1:26*

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” *Genesis 2:7*

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. *Genesis 11:7* (See 11:1-9)

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

“Neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.” *Ezekiel 39:28*

I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” *Mark 1:8*

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.’ *Luke 3:22*

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you to the close of the age. *Matthew 28:16-20.*

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (not yet ascended). *John 7:37-39*

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. *John 14:26*

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. *John 15:26*

If you love Me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. *John 14:15-17*

However, when He the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever he hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. *John 16: 13* (See also *John 16:5-15.*)

He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me. For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” *Acts 1:4-5*

When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. *Acts 2:1-4*

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel....” *Acts 2: 17*

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. *Romans 8:26*

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. *Acts 8:14-17*

From services of the Church:

“As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” See *Romans 6:3-4*. (On Pentecost, this is sung three times instead of the Trisagion--Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal; also sung at baptisms and on Pascha)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ Our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee! *Troparion for Pentecost*

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit. *Kontakion for Pentecost*

“The grace of the Holy Spirit has assembled us....” Verse (stikh) on Lord I Call at Vespers of Palm Sunday, the Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem