



■ † Sunday of Pentecost

Glory to the Holy Trinity!*

Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2: 1-11)

When the day of Pentecost was 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 all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because every man heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, “Behold, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how then do we each hear them speaking in our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, Medes, Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

(St. John 7:37-52, 8:12)

Gospel

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If any man thirst, let him come

unto Me, and drink. He that believeth in Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” (But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believe in Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, “In truth this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the Scripture said that Christ cometh out of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of Him. And some of them would have taken Him, but no man laid hands on Him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said unto them, “Why have ye not brought him?” The officers answered, “Never did man speak like this man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this people, who knoweth not the law, are cursed.” Nicodemus said unto them (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them), “Doth our law judge any man before it hear him and know what he doeth?” They answered and said unto him, “Art thou also from Galilee? Search and look, for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.” Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, “I am the Light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.”

The **Economy** of our salvation has been accomplished! The operations of all of the Persons of the All-Holy Trinity have now come into effect to accomplish it.

That which God the Father willed, the Son of God fulfilled in Himself, and the Holy Spirit has now descended so as to impart it to the faithful.

For our salvation is “according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ” (I St. Peter 1:2).

For this reason we are baptized “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” obliged to observe all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded us (cf. St. Matthew 28:19-20).

Those who do not confess the All-Holy Trinity cannot participate in the saving action of Its Persons and thus receive salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided, Who granteth us to confess It!

“O Father Almighty, the Word and the Spirit, one Nature in three Hypostases united, transcending essence and supremely Divine! In Thee have we been baptized, and Thee will we bless unto all the ages.”



(*) St. Theophan the Recluse, *Thoughts for Each Day of the Year According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God*

