

Holy Spirit: The Giver of Life

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The Pentecost. 11th-century Byzantine mosaic on a dome at the Monastery of St Luke the New (Greece).

From a homily by Bishop Kallistos Ware

My grandmother long ago once wondered, “Why is the Holy Spirit never mentioned in sermons? Hearing of Him is liking hearing news of an old friend one hasn’t heard of in a long time.” We will hear of news of this old friend today. St Symeon the New

Theologian wrote this invocation to the Holy Spirit:

Come, true light.

Come, life eternal.

Come, hidden mystery.

Come, treasure without name.

Come, reality beyond all words. [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)