## Sermon on Holy Spirit (Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh)



In the name of the Father, the Son and the

## Holy Ghost.

The Church of God is not an institution, it is a miracle and it is a mystery. It is a miracle because how could we expect that closeness of God which is revealed to us in the Church. And it is also a mystery in the original sense of the world, something which cannot be either explained or conveyed in words, something that can be known only through a spellbound communion with God. The English word "God" comes from a Germanic root that means "him, before whom one prostrates in adoration". This is where our knowledge of God begins – the sense of the divine presence that forces us down to our knees, spellbound, silent, not with an empty silence that is ours at times but with a silence which is nothing but intent worshipful listening, listening to the presence, listening to that presence which is at the core of the silence. ( $\pi \epsilon \rho \iota \sigma \sigma \sigma \tau \epsilon \rho \alpha ...$ )