

Τὴν Ἁγίαν Πεντηκοστὴν ἐορτάζομεν σήμερον καὶ τὴν τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐπιδημίαν

Ἀγαπητοί μου,

Ἐπάρχουν πιστοὶ Χριστιανοὶ ποὺ πιστεύουν ὅτι ἡ ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς εἶναι ἡ γενέθλια ἡμέρα τῆς Ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας. Ἄλλ' ὅμως ἡ Ἐκκλησία προϋπῆρχε τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς. Μάλιστα ὁ Ὅσιος Πορφύριος Καυσοκαλυβίτης ἀναφέρει ὅτι πρώτη Ἐκκλησία εἶναι ἡ Ἁγία Τριάδα (Πατήρ, Υἱός καὶ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα), ἡ ὁποία ἀποτελεῖ κοινωνία ἀγάπης καὶ μέγα Μυστήριον, ποὺ ὁ χοϊκὸς ἄνθρωπος καλεῖται νὰ πρεσεγγίσει μέ τῆς Χάρης τοῦ Θεοῦ, μέ φρόνημα ταπεινὸ καὶ καθαρὴ ἀπὸ τὴν ἁμαρτία ζωὴ.

Ἄς πᾶμε λοιπὸν κι ἐμεῖς ταπεινά προσκυνητὲς στό ὑπερῶο τῆς Ἱερουσαλήμ, μέ τὴν Παναγία Μητέρα, τοὺς Ἁγίους Ἀποστόλους καὶ τὰ ἄλλα θεοφιλῆ πρόσωπα τῆς Συνάξεως καὶ ἅς ἰκετεύσουμε τὸν Ἅγιο Θεὸ Πατέρα ν' ἀποστείλει καὶ σε μᾶς τό Πανάγιο Πνεῦμα, ὥστε νὰ ὑποστοῦμε κι ἐμεῖς τὴ θεία ἀλλοίωση καὶ νὰ καταθέσουμε ταπεινά στὸν Κόσμον τὴ Μαρτυρία τοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἀμήν.

π. Ἀστέριος

Today we celebrate Holy Pentecost and the Holy Spirit's descent.

Dear Brethren

There are faithful Christians who believe that the day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Holy Church. However, the Church pre-existed Pentecost. In fact Saint Porphyrios the Kavsokalivite remarks that the first Church is the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), that comprises a communion of love and a great Mystery, that man who is made of dust is called to approach with the Grace of God, with meek wisdom and with a life that is pure from sin.

Let us then also go as humble pilgrims to the upper room of Jerusalem, with the Panagia Mother, the Holy Apostles and all the other god-loving people of the Assembly and let us implore Holy God the Father to send us too the Most Holy Spirit, so that we may also undergo the divine change and be able to give meekly to the World the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fr Asterios