

The Great Feast of Pentecost

PENTECOST



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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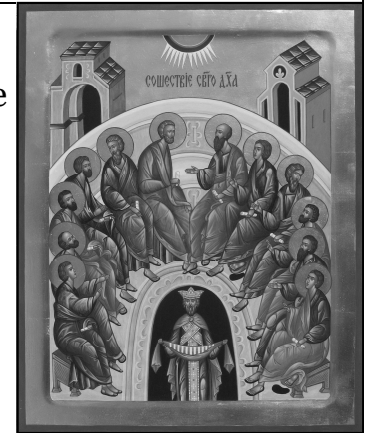
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God's gives us directions!

Has anybody ever given you directions to get somewhere? Maybe you have heard your parents ask for directions if they were lost. Turn left at the first light, go under a bridge, and so on. We need directions to stay on the right way.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ promised His disciples that He would send them a helper from God the Father. His disciples knew that Jesus was going to leave them, and they wondered how they would keep going without Him! But Jesus promised them, "I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."



Today, on the great feastday of Holy Pentecost, we remember how Jesus did keep His promise. He sent the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to them and to us! He sent them the Holy Spirit to guide them, and to give them direction. Did you know the Holy Spirit guides us too, and gives us direction? The Holy Spirit helps us know which way to go, how to do the right thing to follow the Lord.

How do we ask the Holy Spirit to show us the way? We can start everything by praying the wonderful prayer that starts "Heavenly King, Comforter." Then we ask the Holy Spirit to "come and dwell with us." We ask the Holy Spirit to be with us, guiding us always!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

BOSTON
BOTOLPH
DIRECTIONS
DISCIPLES
FIRE
HOLY SPIRIT
MONASTERY
PENTECOST
PROMISE

Q V H H V Z D Q M K P D I Q I
W N A N P X V O Z L Y R D F E
K L R D S L N L X T H N I W D
L I W M I A O X V V L T N P N
J E S T S R H T O L I N E E T
X R P T H G E W O S F W C N S
C T E D V K H C H B J B Q T Q
J R E F O A F J T K Q H Q E E
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U Q X Q D A X T X V O N O O I
S E L P I C S I D T O N C S M
U F I R E I R U L T C F S T O
Z U P K O W F N S T W T H O R
N W B U I L U O W P C N M I P
M Y W M E L B V O J X S I I Q

What's in an icon?

The Bible reading today tells us that on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to all the disciples.

When the Holy Spirit came, it came like fire on them! In the icon, can you find the lines that show fire resting upon each disciple?



SAINT BOTOLPH OF BOSTON, ENGLAND

Do you know what the name of your city means? Lots of places in the United States are named for places in England, where many settlers came from. But what about *those* places? How did they get their names?



Well, many times they are named after our heroes, our holy saints! If you have visited Boston, Massachusetts, you will be excited to know that Boston is really named after one of our holy saints, too! Long ago, when English settlers came to America, they came from Boston, England. They named their new city Boston too.

But Boston really is short for “Botolph’s Stone” or “Botolph’s Town.” Saint Botolph was a holy saint who lived 1,300 years ago. He was an abbot who was in charge of a monastery. We don’t know too much about St. Botolph, but we know he worked hard to start the monastery. The land was hard to work on, but enough monks came to help so the monastery began to grow.

Saint Botolph was smart too! Another saint said, he was “a man of remarkable life and learning, full of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” And this year, St. Botolph’s nameday is tomorrow, the day of the Holy Spirit! May St. Botolph always protect the cities named after him, and us too!

We celebrate St. Botolph on Monday, June 17th (June 30th, OC).