

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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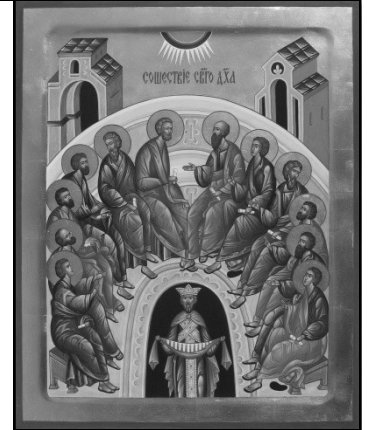
God gives us directions!

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?

- Animals
- Apostles
- Comforter
- Feastday
- Holy Spirit
- Ireland
- Kevin
- Peaceful
- Pentecost
- Promise

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

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

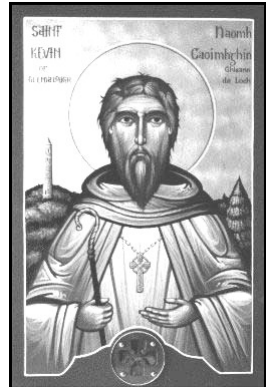
When the Holy Spirit came, it came like fire on them! In the icon, can you find the lines that show fire resting upon each disciple?



SAINT KEVIN

A SAINT AND MONK FROM IRELAND

Where do saints come from? You've heard of saints like St. Demetrios and St. Nektarios. Those ones lived in Greece. But saints come from all over the world, because God has good followers all over the world. In Ireland we have St. Patrick, St. Bridget, and St. Kevin (and lots more, too!).



Saint Kevin

On Wednesday, we remember Saint Kevin of Ireland. Saint Kevin was born 500 years after Christ was born—on the beautiful, green island of Ireland. He became a monk and a priest. He lived as a hermit, living all by himself in the wilderness—with only the wild animals for neighbors. He did this so he could spend most of his time praying to God. He wanted to stay as a hermit, but the Church needed Saint Kevin, so he left this life behind.

St. Kevin started a monastery in an area in Ireland called Glendalough. Many, many people wanted to learn from Saint Kevin, and they became monks at this monastery. If you visit Ireland someday, you can even see where the monastery was!



The little chapel of Saint Kevin, in Glendalough, Ireland today

If you like stories about animals, you should try to find out more about Saint Kevin. He loved animals, too! St. Kevin was very gentle, like many other saints who lived in the wilderness. The animals knew that and felt safe with him!

We remember St. Kevin on Wednesday, June 3rd (OC: June 16th).