

## 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. [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)