

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church

The Church acknowledges those who preached the Gospel in truthfulness of teaching and holiness of life, and refers to them as *Holy Fathers*. For this reason they proclaimed the Good News by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. Thus, for the Church they became Fathers in the faith, becoming like the apostle Paul, who said: "For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel" (1 *Cor* 4:15-16). (#56)