



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

The Holy Spirit Revealed in the Holy Scriptures

From the first sentences of the Book of Genesis, “the Spirit of God” is the image used to signify the living God (*Gn 1:2*). In the account of the creation of humankind, the Holy Scriptures mention the “breath of life”, which God “breathed into” the man, who then became a “living being” (*see Gn 2:7*). In the Old Testament, many other images are brought forth as examples that in the New Testament become symbols of the Holy Spirit: “rivers of living water” (*Jn 7:38*), “anointing” (*1 Jn 2:20, 27*), “fire of purification” and “tongues of fire” (*Lk 3:16; Acts 2:3*), “wind” (*Jn 3:8; Acts 2:2*), “seal of anointing on us” (*2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30*), the laying on of hands (*see Acts 6:6; Acts 8:17-19*), and “dove” (*Mt 3:16*). (# 94)