

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

The Holy Spirit Revealed in the Holy Scriptures

The New Testament gives the Holy Spirit various titles that emphasize his personhood and divinity: "Advocate" (*In 14:16*); "Spirit of truth" (*In 16:13*), "Spirit of adoption" (*Rom 8:15*), "Spirit of Jesus Christ" (*Phil 1:19*), "Spirit of the Lord" (*2 Cor 3:17*), "Spirit of God" (*Rom 15:19*) and "Spirit of glory" (*1 Pt 4:14*). These titles indicate that the Holy Spirit is the Lord of life, and for this reason we refer to him as "the Lord, the Giver of life." The Anaphora of St. Basil the Great refers to the Holy Spirit as the "life-giving power," which is the "source of sanctification," and the "first fruit of the eternal good things." (# 95)