



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Holy Spirit who Proceeds from the Father

In teaching about the Person of the Holy Spirit, the Fathers of the Church, emphasize first and foremost what differentiates the Person of the Holy Spirit from the Persons of the Father and the Son, that is, that the Holy Spirit proceeds (in Ukrainian, *iskhodyt*; in Greek, *exporeutai*) from the Father. In conciliar unified fashion, they professed this belief through the Symbol of Faith: “ I believe ... in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.” On the procession of the Holy Spirit, St. Cyril of Alexandria teaches: “The Holy Spirit is the one [who]... pours forth from God the Father, through the Son, and shows to us his existence, in the image of breath of the mouth.” (# 97)