

Dearest ones, today is a great feast of our faith, that of Holy Pentecost! We too like the Apostles, have our own personal Pentecost when we take part in the Sacrament of Chrismation after our Baptism. Through the application of Holy Chrism by the priest, the Holy Spirit descended upon each of us. We received the "Seal and Gift of the Holy Spirit" becoming members of the Church. Like the Apostles, the power of the Holy Spirit is within all of us!

"Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit."

In the name of the Holy Trinity, our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.