

## The Descent, the Recreation and the Splendor of the Holy Spirit in the Church

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### Abstract

The work of the Son of God, to fulfil the will of the Father by bringing to existence and redemption the creation and man, is permanently assisted and highlighted by the work of the Holy Ghost which descends, rests and shines throughout the Son of God, actions that institute and develop the Church.

Significantly, the Holy Evangelists describe the work of the Holy Ghost on Christ and the Church with terms from the Septuagint to express the activity of the third Person of the Trinity to the creation of the world or in the dispensation of the Old Testament: *πνοήν* – *the wind blow* (for the creation of Man and the Pentecost), *ἐπισκιάζω* – *to overshadow* (at the creation of the Holy Tent and the incarnation of the Saviour, with reference to Virgin Mary, both faces of the Church), *ἐπέρχομαι/ἔρχομαι* – *to come over someone, on someone* (at the embodiment and baptism of God), while the Holy Parents underline that the Holy Ghost is *resting* in the Son (*ἐν τῷ Λόγῳ ἀναπανομένην*) and *glows* through its hypostasis (*καὶ αὐτοῦ οὕσαν ἐκφαντικὴν*), works that must be understood as mirroring and manifesting in the Church as well.

The glow of the Ghost *in* and *from* the person of Christ is manifested in the Church the most visibly in the person of the saints, but also in all the believers and is seen in their life and actions, as they become the body of Christ, because everything that Christ has as Church Head is shared to the members of its body, through the Holy Ghost.