

THE LIFE-CREATING SPIRIT

In the Creed we profess our belief “in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of Life, Who proceeds from the Father. Together with the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified; He spoke through the Prophets.” The Church believes and proclaims that the Holy Spirit is truly God: “Lord,” “Creator,” Who, with “the Father and the Son is (to be) worshiped and glorified” as God. In our prayers, the Holy Spirit is also called “life-creating” and “Giver of Life” and “Treasury of Blessings.”

What life does the Holy Spirit create? What are the blessings He bestows? The answer to these questions is also found in the Creed. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave life to the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” He is the One Who gives us new life in the “one baptism for the remission of sins.” On the Last Day, the Holy Spirit will restore the breath of life to those who died, bringing about “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

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