

## PENTECOST

On the tenth day after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, His disciples, His Mother, some other holy women and some of those Jews who came to believe in Him, were gathered in a home on mount Zion for the Feast of Pentecost, a Jewish feast that commemorated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. As was usual, they were spending their time in prayer and in awaiting the promised Holy Spirit, when all of a sudden there was a noise from heaven as of rushing wind that filled the whole house where they were. And there appeared tongues of fire that spread out and rested on each person. And they were filled by the Holy Spirit and began to converse in other languages.

### PENTECOST DECODER

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- 19-25-21-26 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 21-9-24-23-10-9-23-16 \_\_\_\_\_
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WIND	SPEAK	HOLY	SPIRIT	LANGUAGE
FIRE	SOUND	HOUSE	FILL	HEAVEN



## THE LANGUAGE OF GOD

Feast of Pentecost | Gospel Reading: Acts 2:1-21; John 14:25-31

In the book of Genesis, the people of the world try to build a tower to make a name for themselves, through pride (Gen. 11:1-9). This tower is called the Tower of Babel. When God saw what the people were doing, He struck them down and divided them into different nations with different languages, so that they would not be able to work together again.

Many thousands of years later, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon the holy apostles and gave them the ability to speak many languages. Solving the problem of communication created at the Tower of Babel. Language was and is no longer something that divides people, but now, through the Holy Spirit, everyone is united together.

But as we see today there are still many languages which divide people and cause confusion when communicating with each other. Even in our churches, we hear languages like English, Armenian, Russian, Turkish, Arabic, and many other languages. So what language should we speak to unite everyone? What is the language that God speaks that we must also speak?

The only language that we should speak in the Church, and with each other, is the language of love. Love transcends languages, cultures, borders, and obstacles. When Christ came and preached the Gospel, He preached it with love. We too must preach love in our actions and interactions, and in the way we live. This is a language that we must be taught.

How can you learn to love others? How can you teach others to love?

Remember, Jesus said, *“The world will know you are my disciples because you love one another” (John 13:35).*

## ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

Յոզի => Ho-kee => Spirit

**Յոզի** Աստուծոյ, որ զփառակցի ըր գխորհուրդ, իջեալ ի յերկնից կատարես ի ձեռն մեր:

**Hokee** Asdoodzo, vor uzparagtsee ko uzkhorhoort eechyal ee hergneets gadares ee tsern mer.

**Spirit** of God, who, descending from heaven, accomplishes through us the mystery of Him who is glorified with you.

(An example is on **page 34** in the Liturgy Book)

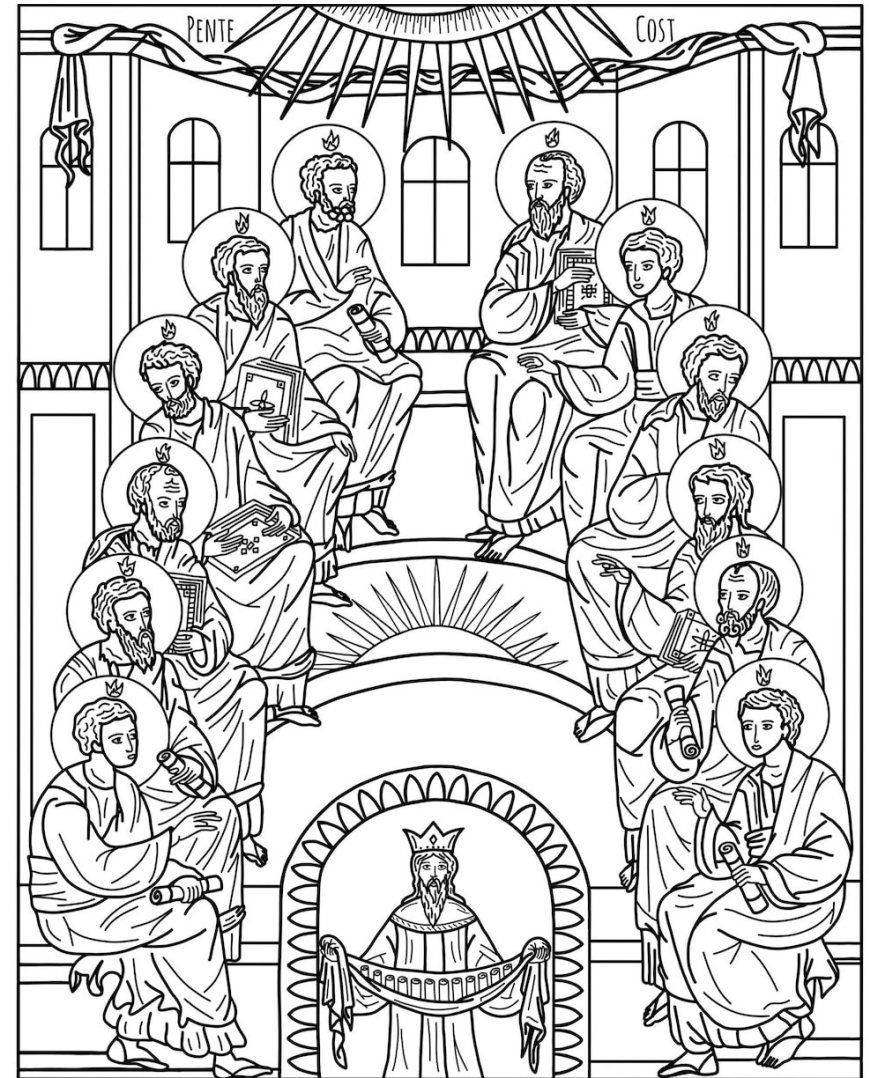
## PENTECOST MULTIPLE CHOICE

- \_\_\_ 1. To say words, to use the voice  
A. wind B. sound C. speak D. fire
- \_\_\_ 2. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country  
A. spirit B. language C. speak D. wind
- \_\_\_ 3. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost  
A. speak B. spirit C. heaven D. holy
- \_\_\_ 4. Something that can be heard  
A. wind B. sound C. language D. fire
- \_\_\_ 5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word  
A. holy B. heaven C. fire D. speak
- \_\_\_ 6. A destructive burning  
A. holy B. spirit C. fire D. speak
- \_\_\_ 7. The place where God lives  
A. fire B. wind C. heaven D. language
- \_\_\_ 8. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree  
A. sound B. holy C. language D. wind

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## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

If what we search and ask for are God's gifts, it means that we do not thirst for God, but for His gifts. What a truly spiritually thirsty person searches for is to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and not Its gifts. Would you be able to receive gifts without being filled with the Holy Spirit.



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*"But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name."*

*John 10:2*

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