



## **Green Holiday - Pentecost**

Traditionally, in the Byzantine Rite, Green is the colour associated with Pentecost. The emphasis is always on the life-giving, life-renewing aspect of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to all. Churches and homes are often decorated with green boughs and branches to herald the life-giving Spirit.

The only time a priest wears green vestments in the Ukrainian Catholic Church is on Pentecost and the week following it.

The congregation kneels at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, on the Feast of Pentecost and during the entire week, and sings the hymn to the Holy Spirit.



## **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth,  
Who are everywhere present and fill all things,  
Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life,  
come and dwell within us;  
cleanse us of all that defiles us  
and O Good One, save our souls.