

Hymns for the Feast of Pentecost by St Severus of Antioch

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Hymn 108

Christ, even God, by suffering a voluntary passion
On our behalf in the flesh
And rising in glory from among the dead
Quickened and raised us also with Him
Who were lost and dead in sin.

And He brought to nought and dissolved
The power of the tyranny of the devil and of the demons.
Therefore down to the day of Pentecost
We do not bend the knee to the earth when we pray.

And against our enemies we sing and say
With the divine Psalmist and prophet David
They have been entangled and have fallen
But we have risen, and been set upright.

But, when the Holy Spirit has shone
And been revealed to us in a God-befitting fashion,
We bow the knee because
We cannot endure the sight of Him.

And we signify that it is through the Spirit, the
Paraclete
That we have learned the perfect worship
In the Holy Trinity.
For God is a Spirit
And they that worship Him
Must worship before Him in spirit and in truth.

Hymn 109

You have made known formerly
Through the law and the prophets,
O God of all and Father,
And by their means You did announce and show forth
Your Only Son and Word and the Holy Spirit,

But not clearly because
They were not yet capable of understanding
When the one Godhead of the Trinity was revealed.



St. Severus of Antioch & St. Dioscorus (13th c.)



But when the Word and God became incarnate
And became man on our behalf without variation,

He showed himself equal to You, Father,
Through the wonderful works which He did;
And after He has ascended to heaven,
He shows plainly today, as to men who have become perfect,

The Godhead of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
Which in the shape of tongues of fire
Rested and abode upon the holy apostles,

In order that they might burn and destroy the thorns,
Which the transgression of our father Adam planted formerly;
They who also taught us to praise the one God in three holy hypostases:
Whom also worshipping we say, Praise to You!



Hymn 110

Moses in one place signifying
Though in mysterious fashion
The one essence of the Trinity
In three holy hypostases said,

Listen and hear, Israel: the Lord your God is one Lord;
But those who then heard were not capable of understanding
The great and hidden mystery of the theology.

Therefore, when the only Word
Who is in the bosom of the Father became incarnate,
He declared to us and explained to us clearly,
As far as was possible,
The inexplicable character of His Godhead:

And the Spirit also, the Paraclete,
By resting in His grace on the holy apostles
In tongues of fire showed that He is God over all,
And the Spirit of truth,
Who proceeds everlastingly from God the Father.

Wherefore let us cry to Him in entreaty,
Examine and purify, O God, our mind and tongue,
In order that we may say, as befits the Godhead,
Praise to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!,
And that we may know that You are one God
Without division in three hypostases.

