



# The Patriarchate of The Old Catholic Church



*Pentecost Message of His Beatitude the Patriarch*

**To the Clergy and Faithful of The Old Catholic Church**  
Solemnity of Pentecost – A.D. 2025

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace be with you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead and has sent the Holy Spirit upon His Church.

On this sacred day of **Pentecost**, we commemorate with awe and thanksgiving the descent of the **Holy Spirit**, the Comforter and Giver of Life, upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. This event marks the birth of the Holy Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic, sealed in fire and truth, and forever guided by the Spirit of God.

The Spirit whom the Lord promised has been poured into our hearts, not as a fleeting wind, but as the abiding breath of the Church—uniting, sanctifying, and empowering her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In this same Spirit, we, the sons and daughters of the **Old Catholic Church**, stand as witnesses to the unchanging Faith of the Apostles, preserved without compromise, lived with reverence, and offered in love.

Let us not forget: the Holy Spirit does not come to entertain or to momentarily excite, but to transform, to illuminate the mind, to set the heart ablaze with divine charity, and to equip every soul for holy service. The same Spirit that hovered over the waters at creation, that overshadowed the Virgin in Nazareth, that descended in fire at Pentecost, now dwells within the Body of Christ and within you.


To my brother bishops, priests, and deacons: may your ministry be renewed with apostolic boldness. To all the consecrated and faithful laity: may your lives reflect the fruits of the Spirit—charity, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

In these times of confusion and spiritual drought, let us not conform to the world, but be transformed by the fire of the Spirit, holding fast to the faith once delivered to the saints. Let our Church remain ever faithful, ever prayerful, ever open to the guidance of the Paraclete.

On this Pentecost, I invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each one of you. May your hearts be inflamed, your minds enlightened, and your lives consecrated anew to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

With paternal love and apostolic blessing,

Your servant in Christ.



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