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Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who
hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them thou hast fished the
universe, O Lover of mankind,
glory to thee.

Troparion



Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

50 Days After Pascha

“And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

In the icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, twelve apostles are gathered despite the death of Judas. The twelfth, seated to the right of the center, is the apostle Paul, who was not at the event His place in the icon teaches us that Paul was equal to the original apostles The little man in the center is Cosmos, or “the world.” He sits in darkness and holds twelve scrolls as if ready to receive the teaching of the disciples, who will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, enlighten the world.

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