



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended about the disciples and gave them the power to witness to the Resurrection of Jesus even to the point of giving their lives as martyrs. Not all of us, or perhaps none of us, will be asked by God to be martyrs. But we are all called to live in the presence of God always through the power of the Spirit. How do we do that? By seeing, thinking, and judging like God sees, thinks, and judges. We can form these habits by awareness of God's activity in the world. If we start watching for what God does through his creation, through human creativity, and through Divine Intervention, we can become men and women who truly live in God's presence all the time. I was recently re-reading a homily given in the sixth century AD. I want to leave you with this wisdom from Pseudo-Chrysostom as we celebrate the Holy Spirit!

He writes.... "Indeed the soul should not only turn to God at times of explicit prayer. Whatever we are engaged in, whether it is care for the poor, or some other duty, or some act of generosity, we should remember God and long for God. The love of God will be as salt is to food, making our actions into a perfect dish to set before the Lord at all times"

Father Jonathan