The nations did not know the power of the Holy Spirit which came upon Your Apostles, O Lord, so they mistook the foreign tongues for drunkenness. But we are strengthened by the Apostles, so we ceaselessly pray to You, O good God Who love mankind: "Do not take Your Holy Spirit from us."
The coming of the Holy Spirit filled Your Apostles, and made them speak in foreign tongues. To the faithless this wonder was but drunkenness, but to the faithful it brings salvation. We pray to You, O good God Who love mankind: "Make us worthy of such enlightenment."
O heavenly King, O Comforter, O Spirit of truth,
You are everywhere present, filling all things; O Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us,
blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us,
and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls,
O Good One!
The arrogance of building the tower in the days of old led to the confusion of tongues. Now the glory of the knowledge of God brings them wisdom. There God condemned the impious for their transgression. Here Christ has enlightened the fishermen by the Spirit. There disharmony was brought about
for punishment. Now harmony is renewed for the
salvation of our souls.