

Council, that of Constantinople (A. D. 381): "*The seal of the gift of the Holy Ghost,*" for which the preceding words have prepared the minds of the worshippers; immediately follows the inspired expression of thanksgiving for grace received, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ;" and then, "The Lord is my light, the Lord is the strength of my life" (Ps. xxvii, i). In the Coptic Liturgy used of old by the Patriarchs of Alexandria the holy rite is ministered "*as the unction of the pledge of the Kingdom of God.*" In the Æthiopic Church, "*The unction of the grace of the Holy Spirit, the pledge of the Kingdom of God.*" In the Syrian or Antiochene ritual the words are: "*The seal of the true faith, the fulness of the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" In the Liturgy of Jerusalem: "*The seal and impress of the true faith, and the fulness of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the unction of the pledge of the Kingdom of Heaven, of participation in life eternal and immortality, the perfection of the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the shield of faith and righteousness.*" Thus throughout the Universal Church, and in every period of its life, we find the same sure trust in the gracious bounty of our Heavenly Father given to His children, through His dear Son, and by the operation of His Holy Spirit, in the holy ordinance of Confirmation. The forms may differ, the words