

Orthodox gather in Jerusalem for 'Holy Fire'

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Orthodox
the annual

Christians are gathering in Jerusalem today for
"miracle" of the "[Holy](#)

[Fire](#)

";. Thousands of Israeli police are being deployed in the old
city, restricting access to vehicles and those who have permits to visit the
site. Every year the Greek Orthodox Patriarch descends into the Church of
the Holy Sepulchre and recites certain prayers while the
congregation chants. After the prayer is finished, an
unusual flame emanates from the stone on which they
believe Christ's body was laid, and ignites two candles
held by the Patriarch. He then proceeds out to the congregation, and the
unusual fire held by the Patriarch ignites candles held by the Orthodox
pilgrims. Other unusual events happen in the building, with
"fire" seen to be descending from above and
blue flashes of light appearing. The fire apparently
[does not burn](#)
, and many people are seen to be placing their hands and
heads in it, with no ill effects...

Quote: "*The Holy Light is not only distributed by the
Archbishop, but operates also by itself. It is emitted from the Holy
Sepulchre with a hue completely different from that of natural light. It
sparkles, it flashes like lightning, **it flies like a dove around the
tabernacle of the Holy Sepulchre***
, and lights up the unlit lamps of olive oil hanging in front of
it. It whirls from one side of the church to the other. It
enters some of the chapels inside the church, as for instance the
chapel of the Calvary (at a higher level than the Holy Sepulchre) and lights
up the little lamps. It lights up also the candles of certain pilgrims. In
fact there are some very pious pilgrims who, every time they

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attended this ceremony, noticed that their candles lit up on
their own accord! For a few minutes after Holy Fire
appearance, if it touches the face, or the mouth, or the
hands, it does not burn his divine light also presents some
peculiarities: As soon as it appears it has a bluish hue and does not burn.

At the first moments of its appearance, if it touches the face, or the
mouth, or the hands, it does not burn. This is proof of its divine and

supernatural

origin

. We must also take into consideration that the Holy Light appears
only by the

invocation

of an Orthodox Archbishop.[1]

Lilia, my friend from Canada, emailed me about this event a while back.

The "miracle" of the "Holy Fire" has supposedly has been
happening for over a 1000 years, yet it is still largely unknown
in Western Europe. But I don't believe the reason for that
is because the West doesn't believe in miracles, as stated
on the website. Belief in the supernatural and superstition
flourishes where ignorance of the Scriptures has free
reign, and that is why Satan is able to deceive these dear Catholic and
Orthodox people (for the Catholic church also teaches its followers to
believe in questionable "miracles"). It is very unlikely that
Christ was ever buried in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, its
geographic location does not fit the description given in the
Scriptures. So why would God perform a most notable
miracle in this place? And what is the purpose of the
"Holy Fire" miracle? The Scriptures command us to test the
spirits to see whether they be of God or not, 1st John 4:1.

I believe the reason for this "Holy Fire" is, that the Orthodox
and Catholic churches maintain religious rites and rituals that keep their adherents
in spiritual bondage. This "miracle" gives the
illusion that these people are truly following God.

Unfortunately this phenomenon of "signs and
wonders" is not limited to Eastern Europe. Since the Toronto

Blessing a few years back, a belief and worship of the supernatural (signs
and wonders that are not of God) has flooded Western Christendom
also. The Bible also reminds us that during the tribulation
period, the False Prophet will be given power to call down
fire in the sight of men, and its purpose is to deceive
people to worship the Beast and ultimately Satan himself. Let

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us be very careful to examine the Scriptures in light of what we see and
hear, and let us believe not every spirit (1st John 4:1), for as the Bible
states, many Antichrists (people taking the place of Christ) are gone
out into the world.

Revelation 13:13-14

And he (False Prophet) doeth great wonders, so that he
maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the
sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth
by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the
sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should
make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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