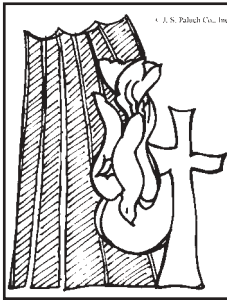


QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

S Athanasius "First Epistle to Serapion"

Light, splendour, grace in the Trinity and from the Trinity

It will not be irrelevant to examine the ancient tradition and the doctrine and the faith of the Catholic Church, which, as we know, the Lord handed down, the apostles preached and the fathers preserved. For on this tradition the Church is founded, and if anyone abandons it, he cannot be a Christian nor have any right to the name.

And so the Trinity, which is recognized in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is holy and perfect, and has no adulteration of that which is foreign or external. Nor is it compounded of creator and created matter, but it is endowed with the complete power of creating and energizing; its nature also is consistent with itself and undivided, and its energy and activity is one. For the Father makes all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit, and in that way the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved. Thus in the Church one God is preached, who is 'above all things and through all things and in all things.' Yes, certainly, 'above all things' as the Father, the first principle and origin; and truly 'through all things,' that is through the Word, and finally 'in all things' in the Holy Spirit.

When Saint Paul was writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, he traced all things back to one God the Father as to the fountain-head in these words: 'Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord: and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.'

The gifts which the Spirit distributes to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all things which belong to the Father likewise belong to the Son; so that those things which are given by the Son in the Spirit, are true gifts of the Father. Similarly when the Spirit is in us, the Word by whom we receive him is also in us, and in the Word is also the Father, and this is the meaning of the text: 'We (that is, my Father and I) will come to him and make our home with him.' For where there is light, there also is brilliance, and where there is brilliance, there the power and the glory of the light shine out.

Paul also in the second letter to the Corinthians gives the same teaching in these words: 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' For grace and the gift which is given in the Trinity is given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. For just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so within us the fellowship in the gift cannot be brought about except in the Holy Spirit. If we have received the Spirit, then we have the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself.

THE HEAVEN OF GLORY AND THE HEAVEN OF FAITH

Voice of Heaven

We who are bathed in Light, within the "Three"-
The Face of God, the splendor of its rays -
See, by those shinings, into Mystery:
They ever show new secrets, Heaven's days.
Infinite Being! Depth unsoundable!
Delighted, *lost* in Your Divinity -
O Trinity, God thrice-immutable,
We see Yourself in Your own clarity.

Voice of Earth

The saints in Heav'n. . . but, also, here below
Souls come and merge themselves in such a Love,
In Mystery and night this happens so -
God satisfies: in dark, in Day above.
Through everything. . . on earth: already we're
Possessing You, our Peace and vision! (for,
As in one light we father, there and here,
We lose ourselves in God, for evermore!

Voice of Heaven

As sharers, *now*, in God's own Essences, you
Posses all we possess in heaven. . . See! -
You have not yet the joy we have, that's true:
But as for giving - you give more than we.
And when one loves, how good it is to give!
(You *can* be giving, every hour and place.)
Oh, give God glory while on earth you live -
By self-oblation. Seize on this high grace!

Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity
Blessed Elizabeth († 1906) was a French Carmelite nun and mystical writer.

NORTH CHICAGO SENIORS

There will be no regular meeting of the Greater North Chicago Senior Citizens Club on Wednesday, June 14 to enable members to attend the Lake County Senior's Day Celebration at the Independence Grove Forest Preserve on that day. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at 1pm, at the Foss Park District Community Center, 1730 S. Lewis Avenue, North Chicago. All residents of the District, 55 years and older, are invited to attend

COLLECTIVE MASS REMEMBRANCES

The next Collective Mass will be Sunday, **July 2**. **All requests need to be submitted by Sunday, June 18.** **Please print** all requests, also include your name and a phone number. No requests will be taken over the phone. **Please Note: Requests received after the deadline date will be automatically included in the Collective Mass Remembrances for the next month.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Academy of Our Lady is now accepting registrations in all grades Pre-K through Grade 8. Please call 1-847-623-4070 for further information or to make arrangements to visit our school. At this time we would like to thank everyone for your prayers and financial support throughout the year.