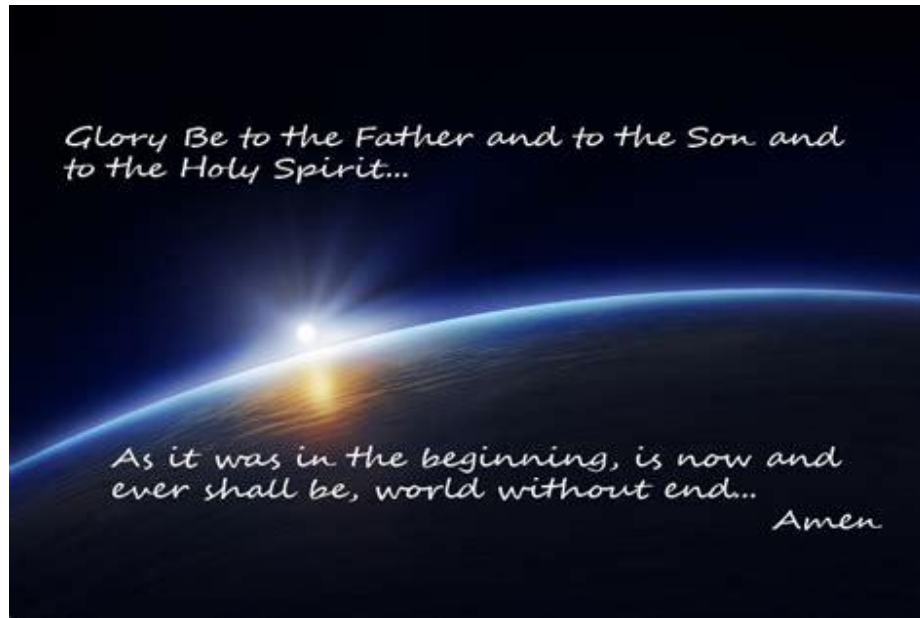


FROM FATHER JOHN: *"Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."* ~ Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate the fact that we have a God who is three yet one. We have a God who is three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit while at the same time One God. God has chosen to reveal his nature to us, reveal to us that He is three yet one, that the only difference between God the Father and God the Son is that the Father is the Father and not the Son and that the Son is the Son and not the Father. The only difference between God the Father and God the Holy Spirit is that the Father is the Father and not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit and not the Father.

But, you know what, it's hard for our human minds to really grasp the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. It can be just a little confusing for our limited minds. What we really need is a little girl to draw us a picture.

But one thing we know about God from the revelation of the Holy Trinity is that at the very core of God is this great urge for, this great drive toward unity, toward a communion of love. God the Father has so much love within Himself that before time began, at the first moment of God's existence, His great Love burst forth out of him, the Son came into existence and the Spirit of God proceeded from the Father and the Son and is the love that binds the Father and the Son together for all eternity.

And because we are created by God, created in His image and likeness, we have that same drive for love, that same drive for communion, that same drive for unity that God has. God has placed this huge drive for loving union with God, this huge drive for loving union with each other within us. It is a fire that burns in our hearts, in our souls, in our bodies, and in our minds.

Even though it's hard for our minds to grasp the Trinity in its entirety, it's also incredibly important for us to get some glimpse of what the Holy Trinity means for the simple reason that we are created in the image and likeness of God. St. John teaches us that God is love, that God has this great urge for a communion of love within the Godhead and with each and every one of us. God is above us in heaven, God is around us here on earth and God is within us, body, mind and soul, right here, right now. God has offered us a part in the great communion of love that exists within God Himself. What a great and glorious gift from our great and glorious God.

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.