



Pastor's Message

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Yesterday, our Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It is a significant day in our liturgical calendar.

Indeed, existence of the Triune God, as one nature, yet three persons, is beyond the human mind to fully comprehend. Many have tried to explain the mystery of God's existence as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A very insightful and rather excellent explanation was penned by Athanasius of Alexandria, quite a while ago.

Athanasius lived during the fourth century. He is declared a Saint and Doctor of the Church. The following is his effort to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity:

“We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energizing reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way the unity of the holy Trinity is preserved. Accordingly, in the Church, one God is preached, one God who is *above all things and through all things and in all things*. God is *above all things* as Father, for he is principle and source; he is *through all things* through the Word; and he is *in all things* in the Holy Spirit.”

Understanding of such an awesome mystery is a worthwhile effort. We are grateful for the writing of St. Athanasius. However, what is most important is belief that all three—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is God. One day, we pray, each of us will experience the Three in their unity and divinity in heaven. Then, we will grasp what is holiness in its fullest, when we encounter in all their glory, the Triune God.

Peace,
Fr. Marc