

The Eschatological Dimension of the Church as Revelation and Fulfillment of the Kingdom of God on Earth

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Abstract

In the Orthodox understanding, the Church itself is the manifestation and revelation of the Kingdom of God on earth and this is possible because she is the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Church we have the fullness of revelation, incarnated in the person and life of Christ. We argue that the Eucharist is the Mystery of the Kingdom of God on earth. In the Liturgy, we are already in this Kingdom and not yet. To understand this perspective, we discuss about the death and resurrection of Christ, fully human and fully divine. The Second Coming of Christ will reveal the Kingdom of God in its fulness. To become part of this Kingdom, the human being has the possibility to receive the grace of God participating in the life of the Church.