

The Mystery of the Church as a Perihoretic Relation with the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity

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Abstract

All the limbs of the mysterious Body of the Lord are born, sustained and perfected by the perichoretic work of the Holy Trinity by using the axis of deification: from the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. The consecration and gradual ascension of the faithful takes place at the same time, in the presence and work of the Holy Trinity, and within the mystical Body pneumatized by the grace and truth of the Savior. This joint work of men with others as well as man united with God blesses through the dwelling of the Holy Trinity in the Church that is on the way to the Kingdom of Heaven „now and not yet”, and our renewal is done in the Holy Liturgy, and of God’s Divine (grace and truth) prepared by the Holy Trinity for our building, strengthening and renewing, enlightening and sanctifying our souls by communion with the Holy Eucharist. Perichoresis in the sharing of spiritual gifts in the Mysterious Body of the Lord, the Church, is accomplished by our participation in divine grace through the reception of the Holy Mysteries. In the Holy Mysteries, we unite with the mysterious Body of the Lord, realizing the unity of the communion of human persons as members of the same Body, but we also unite with the Holy Trinity by receiving the spiritual gifts of each of the Holy Mysteries. We thus remain perihoretically linked to both human and divine persons, assembled into a single united and catholic communion, in which, although we become one with the others, we remain the identity of a distinct person according to the perihoretic intra-trinitarian model.