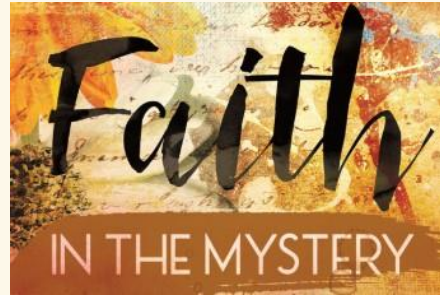




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*The Feast of the Blessed Trinity*

*Anytime I think about this Feast of the Blessed Trinity, what comes to my mind is the collaboration among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. It also presents me with a mystery of my faith, the how, the why, and the challenges understanding the Trinity. Yet I see it is oftentimes good to stand before the mystery of life and ponder it as we contemplate the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and what it does to our own faith. Today we stand before the profound mystery of God: One God, Three Persons; a mystery that people have pondered since the beginning of time. It tells about the awesomeness of God. In our daily meditation it presents the excellent relationship that there exists in the unity of the one Godhead. When we listen to the Scriptures we hear them as the one God speaking to us. We see people do things in the name of God, like those doing community service at our parish. We are lifting up the name of God in our relationship to God through our neighbor. I guess this encourages us all as Christians to try and help each other in building the Kingdom of God. Who is this God that we worship? What does divine revelation tell us through Sacred Scriptures, the wonder of creation, or the Holy Spirit speaking in the hearts of people? The sources of our faith tell us that God exists: "I am who am" Ex 3:14. God is eternal. God has always been. God will always be. They tell us that God is all-knowing. Wisdom and truth flow from God. "God*



is love” 1John 4:16. God is unity and community: a Trinity of Persons. This naturally flows from God’s love. Out of his love flows great mercy. To try and solve the unsolvable will only leave us frustrated and possibly unbelieving. The mystery of the Holy Trinity creates a dynamic relationship between God and us. It encourages us to work together to foster the unity of our faith in caring for one another. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to stand in awe before God, worship God, and know God better. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to know who God wants us to be, who God has made us to be. From Sacred Scripture we know that God permits our pain, suffering, and any form of human grief. In our prayers for the sick, just as in our prayers for ourselves, we must trust the will of the Triune God and trust, too, in the manner in which the Blessed Trinity may answer our prayers. Only then will we fully understand the power and possibility of prayer to God. Both within our church and our community, we are called to be evangelizers who through our word and actions, give witness to our gracious God whose love “has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” We are called to share with others what we have personally come to know. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. One way to do that is to celebrate the life of that Trinity in each believer and to respond with confidence to the call to proclaim God to all the world. We pray at this Eucharistic celebration that the Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to do that so that our beloved St. John’s here in Greece will better mirror what we profess. In the words of St. Paul to the Romans 5:3-5, “not only that, but we boast of our afflictions, knowing that afflictions produce endurance, and endurance-proven character, proven character-hope, and hope doesn’t disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into

*our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” No matter how you feel, no matter what you are experiencing, you are wrapped up in that love of God Almighty.*



*God Bless,*

*Fr. Peter*