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• WEEKLY BULLETIN •

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SAINT OF THE DAY AND DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 27, 2021, SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

HOLY MASSES: • *St. John the Baptist, Psychiko* -

10:00 in Greek & 18:30 in English

• *St. Paul the Apostle, Kifissia*: 11:30 in English

• *The Holy Cross Chapel, Ag. Paraskevi*: 08:30 in Greek

MONDAY, 28 JUNE - St. Irenaeus

Gen. 18:16-33; Ps. 102; Matthew 8:18-22

TUESDAY, 29 June - Sts. Peter & Paul

Acts 12:1-11; Ps. 33; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt. 16:13-19

HOLY MASS: *St. Paul the Apostle, Kifissia*- 18:30 in Greek

WEDNESDAY, 30 June - First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Gen. 21:5, 8-20; Ps. 33; Matthew 8:28-34

THURS., 1 July - St. Oliver Plunkett

Gen. 22:1-19; Psalm 114; Matthew 9:1-8

FRIDAY, 2 July - St. Otto of Bamberg

Gen. 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps. 105; Matthew 9:9-13

SATURDAY, 3 July - St. Thomas, Apostle

Gen. 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps. 134; Matthew 9:14-17

JULY 4, 2021, SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

HOLY MASSES: • *St. John the Baptist, Psychiko* -

10:00 in Greek & 18:30 in English

• *St. Paul the Apostle, Kifissia*: 11:30 in English

• *The Holy Cross Chapel, Ag. Paraskevi*: 08:30 in Greek

On Tuesday 29/06 solemnity of our church in Kifissia dedicated to the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, we will have High Mass presided by our Archbishop at 06.30pm. Further more, during the months July and August there will be Mass only on Sundays for both churches Psychiko and Kifissia.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday after Pentecost)

The Holy Trinity: A mystery of eternal unity and harmony for man

The eternal communion of love of the Holy Trinity is synonymous with human happiness. Man always tries to come into communion with his fellow man and the Absolute (God): he seeks unity, which gives him this sense of harmony that he needs.

But the challenge begins when, at first glance, unity is not possible between people who are different from each other. This is why we find it difficult to hang out with people with whom we have nothing in common or with whom we have nothing to say.

So to what extent can we find unity, harmony in diversity?

The answer is that only love can accept the other person for what he is. Indeed, Christ did not expect people to change their attitude toward Him in order to love them.

But what we call "love" is often not love. Many times we say "love" but with actions we show possessiveness instead: we want the other person to be ours, to be dominated by us. We want to influence what he is, his identity.

In the material world, "union" means mixing: two identities that are united sacrifice a part of them, which after union no longer exists (eg: when two colors unite and after their union a third color is revealed). When two persons are united by some kind of relationship (professional, friendly, erotic, etc ...) and their difference

comes to the surface, they often quarrel, fight, they have arguments.

This is because unity, like love, is a higher/spiritual reality: its source is the very perfection of the Lord Himself and not something possessed by us.

Love and unity require sacrifices (they don't come out automatically) in order to become a reality and to be revealed in all their glory. That's why we admire people who really love.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity reveals to us that love means respect for the identity of one's fellow man. The three Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) are in absolute, deep, eternal union, but without minimizing the identity of each of the Three.

Divine, eternal love, which is God himself: eternally respects every identity. That is why he keeps every identity eternal in His love, free from space-time and free from the bonds of death (=Resurrection).

In this life (and let us thank God for that) we are already experiencing a foretaste of this eternal harmony / unity to which we are destined. But we experience only "moments" of union, with specific duration. Moments of union, which then give way to isolation; isolation which also gives way to union again: to start all over from the beginning.

But when the mystery of our lives will be completed, then we will have the manifestation of eternal harmony, the love of God.

And with Him we will see all things -every soul, every moment of every soul, every identity- preserved eternally, radiating the same eternal glory of God. Amen.

fr. Alphonse Spadaro

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy (4, 32-34, 39-40)

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 33

Response: **Blessed the people
the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. **R.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host.
For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth. **R.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite
of famine. **R.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have
put our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING:

1 Romans (8, 14-17)

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew (28:16-20)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached

and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex:

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to let ourselves be fascinated by God's beauty, goodness and inexhaustible truth. He is humble, near, who became flesh in order to enter into our history, so that every man and woman may encounter Him and have eternal life.



**The eternal communion of love
of the Holy Trinity.**