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CHRIST THE KING

Greetings brethren. As we prepare to enter a new liturgical year, we find ourselves confronted with that most stressful time of the calendar year: the holiday season. It is oft-times stressful due to the financial burdens one incurs as they set up for the family gathering and buy gifts. These concerns commonly take precedence and we ignore or forget that this time of year is focused on uniting us through ritual and family celebrations.

Unity. This word sums up our first reading. As we read, "Those who have come to know me through salvation and unity, and those who have lived for the glory of the Father and truth, once were separate, but they have been united with the One through the living Word." We see this directly echoed in our Gospel when Christ says, "For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I might testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." Thus we celebrate Christ's coming into this world. Because he came physically into this world he was able to provide us with a living word which would transcend this world at his death. Again we defer to our first reading to confirm this truth, "They are united by my gnosis in word and peace, which dwells completely with everyone and in everyone. Those who have taken on the likeness of my form will take on the likeness of my Word, and they will emerge in the light forever, in mutual friendship and the spirit."

With Thanksgiving coming up, "mutual friendship and the spirit" should be foremost in our minds. It is a common tradition on Thanksgiving for everyone to state what they are thankful for. We are thankful for our family, good health, for the successes we've had this past year, or for enduring the troubles that plagued us. We thank God for His love, and we thank Him for sending us His son.

But our focus, as stated earlier, should also be on the concept of unity. As your family is gathered together and eating turkey, they are unified by their love for one another, the comfortable company, and the inherent security one feels when surrounded by the familial atmosphere. There is a sort of family egregore which is formed and strengthened with these celebrations and dinners. And this too is true of our ecclesiastical celebration here at Mass. We are united by the Spirit of God which has been gifted us all, united by the living Word of Christ which brought down ypidytir Gnosis revealing to us our real family, allowing us to build a true spiritual egregore which we safely abide in as we partake of the divine food of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us be thankful this week that we have been united by the Spirit of God, brought to us by the Holy Sophia, revealed through Christ the Logos.