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YEAR B - THANKSGIVING DAY

Greetings brethren and happy Thanksgiving. Our readings today remind us that we must be thankful for the divine gift which God has given us: that most perfect Spirit which unites us with each other as well as with the Father.

In our first reading we read, "We are happy. While we were in the body, you have made us divine through your knowledge." We have spoken on gnosis, or knowledge, in the past, but mostly as it relates to the divine, revelatory, experiential knowledge that one receives as they are awakened in this present incarnation. The above quote from the first reading leads us to consider that the very first gnosis, or knowledge, which we received, was that Pneumatic Spark which was granted to us from on high so that we could truly live. This spiritual principle is what allows us to experience God. Its very essence is our first knowledge of God.

It is in our second reading that we are told that the seed of Spirit which man has received "will both supply bread for food and multiply your seed and increase the fruits of your righteousness." This defines the permanence and infinity of the Spirit of God. This spiritual seed which we have received is meant to be grown and spread, both throughout our own being, as well as the world around us. This eternal spirit which we possess cannot be depleted or taken from us, it can only grow and spread. It is through the spread of this spirit whereby you give thanksgiving to God. Your ministry, and the fruits of your ministry, is what gives testament to that grace upon which God has favored you.

Let us then, this holiday season, give thanks to God for the eternal Spirit which he bequeathed to us in our infancy so that we might know Him. Let us focus then on the second paragraph of our first reading: "The thanksgiving of one approaching you is this alone: that we know you. We have known you, light of mind. Life of life, we have known you." Truly I tell you, we have been given every opportunity to know the Father. Today, as we partake of the blessed Body and Blood of the Logos, keep in mind that this is your opportunity to commune intimately with God. For we are never any closer to Him than when we are celebrating this sacrifice.

Let us be thankful this day for all we have; for those loved ones who can gather today with us, as well as for those who cannot. And let us be thankful for the love which God in his Holy Triplicity has chosen to bestow upon us. In the closing words of our second reading: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"