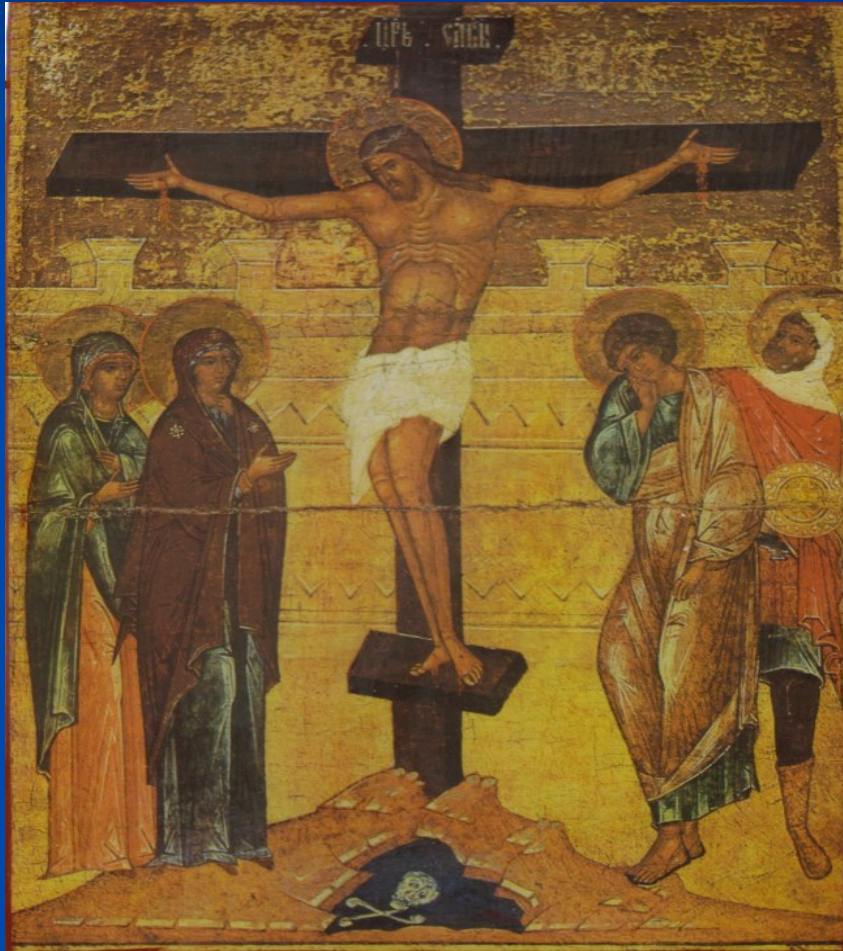


# CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH



# WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- Church in the Greek (*ecclesia*) means, "the called out"
- The church is people not a building
- For the first 350 years Christians did not own "church buildings"
- If you are part of the church then you have been "called out of the world"
- The basic meaning of the church: a people holy & set apart from the world

# UNITY

- The Church is one.
- The Church is Christ's mystical body; just as he cannot be divided, neither can his body.
- There is one Church, not many; and it is united, not divided.

# SANCTITY

- The Church is holy because God makes her members holy by union with him.
- The members of the Church are holy to the extent that they live in communion with God.

# CATHOLICITY

- The Church is the fullness of Christ's body on earth.
- As a term, *catholicity* means fullness or perfection, wholeness. Only God is perfect wholeness, the fullness of being.
- God makes the Church to be catholic by its participation in his full, divine life.

# APOSTOLICITY

- The Church has been sent into the world, to bring the world into communion with God.
- Just as the Son was sent by the Father, the Church has been sent by the Holy Trinity into the world.

# THE CHURCH OF GOD

- *"Christ loved the Church, and gave himself up for it" (Eph. 5:25)*
- **The Image of the Holy Trinity**
- **The Body of Christ**
- **A continued Pentecost**

# Christ: The Head of the Church

- **The Savior of His Church**
- **His Name** - Acts 4:12 says, "... there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus' name speaks of His saving work.
- **His Sacrifice** - Hebrews 13:20 says, "... the blood of the everlasting covenant"
- **His Resurrection**

# THE WORK OF THE SAVIOR

- A. He Loves His Church (*1 John 4:19, 1 Peter 1:18-19*)
- B. He Builds His Church (*Mathew 16:13-18*)
- C. He Shepherds His Church (*John 10:1-18, Hebrew 13:20, Psalm 77:20*)
- D. He Equips His Church (*2 Timothy 3:17, Ephesians 4:11-12*)
- E. He Intercedes for His Church (*John 17*)
- F. He Rules His Church (*Hebrews 13:20-21, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5:23*)
- G. He Teaches His Church (*John 14:20 & 26*)