



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Holy Tradition

Saint Basil the Great connects Holy Tradition with liturgical life, noting that in addition to the profession of faith in the Most Holy Trinity, it also embraces the sign of the Cross in the Rite of Reception into the Catechumenate; one's orientation during prayer, that is, facing East; the renunciation of Satan and his dominion; the triple immersion at Baptism; standing during worship on Sundays; the *epiclesis* [*i.e.*, invocation of the Holy Spirit] in the Eucharist; the blessing of water in oil, and so forth. (#31c)