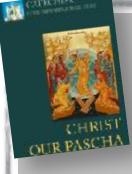
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The Father Without Beginning

The personal distinctiveness of the Father from the Son and the Holy Spirit lies in the fact that the *Father is unbegotten*. Himself unbegotten, He is the Beginning of the Person of the Son and of the Person of the Holy Spirit. The fact that God the Father is without beginning means that He is not conditioned by anyone or anything else.

"The Father is called thus because he begets the Son; and the Son is called thus because he is begotten by the Father; and the Holy Spirit is called thus because of his procession from the Father, yet being inseparable from him." (# 82)