

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

The Father Without Beginning

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the Church calls the Father *incomprehensible* and *uncircumscribable*. The incomprehensibility of the Father indicates that no stage of our coming to know God is ever definitive. After all, only God can know God to his very depths: "no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Cor 2:11). Our knowledge of God will grow in faith, according to the words of the holy apostle Paul, until we see him "face to face" (1 Cor 13:12). For humankind, the incomprehensibility of God guarantees an endless growth in coming to know God, which is "eternal life." (# 83)