

## Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

## The Father Creates through the Son in the Holy Spirit

In loving humankind, God moved forth from the unapproachable light of his divine life and revealed himself in the world created by him: "Today the Sun that never sets has risen and the world is filled with splendor by the light of the Lord." The foundation of the world is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (see 2 Cor 13:13). On the participation of the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity in the creation of the world, Saint Basil teaches: "When you consider creation, I advise you to first think of him who is the first cause of everything that exists, namely, the Father, and then of the Son who is creator, and then of the Holy Spirit, the perfector." Created in love, this world becomes the *temple*, the place and environment of God's relationship with humanity. The presence of God in the world, as if in the temple, is the prefigurement of the entry of the Son of God into human flesh, the incarnation (see Heb 10:5). (#101)