

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

The Visible and Invisible World

The Symbol of the Faith points to two different dimensions of the world created by God, the visible and the invisible. St. Maximus the Confessor teaches about the union of everything visible and invisible in creation. Basing himself on the words of St. Paul that *everything* was created by Christ and for Christ (see *Col* 1:16-17), Maximus understands the word *everything* to mean the earthly visible and the heavenly invisible, the human visible and the angelic invisible. Having become incarnate, Christ has inseparably united himself with creation in the "body and blood" of his human nature. All creation, visible and invisible, exists not by virtue of its own nature, but by virtue of the action of God's Son. (#113)