

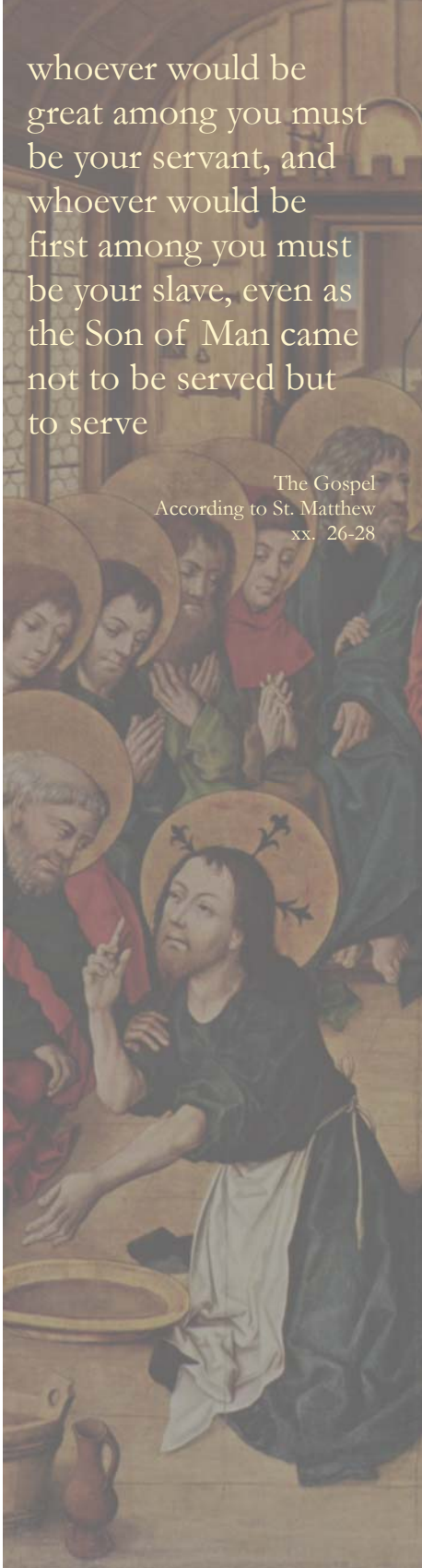


The Orthodox Anglican Church

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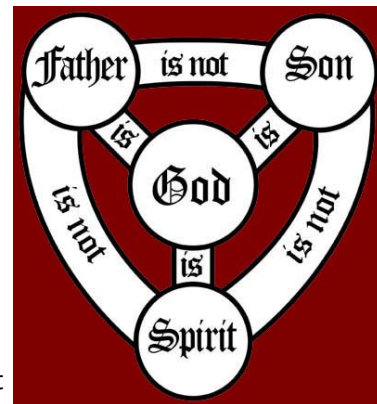
whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve

The Gospel According to St. Matthew xx. 26-28



Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

On May 31st, AD 2015, we celebrated Trinity Sunday, a principal feast of the Church. In an age when it is common to see and hear artists, preachers, and authors who deny the doctrine of the Trinity being pushed by Christian media outlets this feast couldn't be more important. Where did all of this confusion come from? The Christian Church clearly and consistently taught the doctrine of the Trinity. The Roman Church has taught it, the Eastern Orthodox have taught it, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists have all consistently and clearly taught the doctrine of the Trinity. At the time of the Reformation Protestant Geneva was so afraid of being seen as a party to anti-Trinitarian heresy that they executed Michael Servetus. In our day religious artists and preachers openly call themselves Christians while denying fundamental Christian doctrine such as the Trinity, and no one seems to notice or care. I think this illustrates just how much things have changed..



St. Thomas a' Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, directed the regular observance of Trinity Sunday.

In our age the traditional Christian liturgy, which had served as a guardrail to preserve and promote orthodoxy, has been abandoned making it possible to attend services at an Evangelical Church and rarely if ever hear Trinitarian doctrine. What is the solution? The solution is to be found in the *old paths*. For literally thousands of years God's people have preserved orthodox doctrine and practice through the liturgy. Trinitarianism has always been a prominent feature of the traditional Christian liturgy. In the Orthodox Anglican Church a guardrail against error is the traditional Christian liturgy of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. I consider the inculcation of Trinitarian orthodoxy to be a great genius of the Book of Common Prayer. The emphasis on the Holy Trinity isn't something relegated to one day in the Christian year, it is in every service in the orthodox editions of the Book of Common Prayer. Every day of the liturgical year is as it should be, devoted to honor the Holy Trinity.

May God bless you,

✠ *Thomas E. Gordon*

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Men's Retreat



Men of the Orthodox Anglican Church (18 years old and over), please reserve **October 16-18** on your calendar so that you can attend a working retreat in Maybeury, West Virginia.

The Missionary Diocese of the Most Holy Trinity



WHO is the Bishop of the Missionary Diocese?

The Rt Revd Luis Antonio Morales was appointed as the first Missionary Bishop of the Diocese by the Most Revd Thomas E. Gordon, Metropolitan Archbishop.

WHAT is a Missionary Diocese?

A Diocese is a geographic district under the supervision of a bishop. In this case the diocese has been designated as a Missionary Diocese because it is hoped, that with God's blessing, the boundaries of this diocese will shrink geographically, as new dioceses are able to be formed.

WHEN was the Missionary Diocese created?

The Missionary Diocese of the Most Holy Trinity was inaugurated by Archbishop Gordon on Trinity Sunday May 31, AD 2015.

WHERE are the geographic bounds of the new Missionary Diocese?

At this time the Missionary Diocese incorporates the entirety of North America that is not a part of the Archdiocese, the Missionary Diocese of Mexico, or the Missionary Diocese of Puerto Rico.

WHY was the Missionary Diocese created?

The Missionary Diocese of the Most Holy Trinity was created to provide episcopal leadership that does not have the responsibility to lead the Orthodox Anglican Communion, and will be able to provide a hands-on missionary focus.

The oldest and first haven for Orthodox Anglicans around the world has a new generation of Christians committed to faithfully proclaiming Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.

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A new Deacon, a new Archdeacon, and two new Priests

