



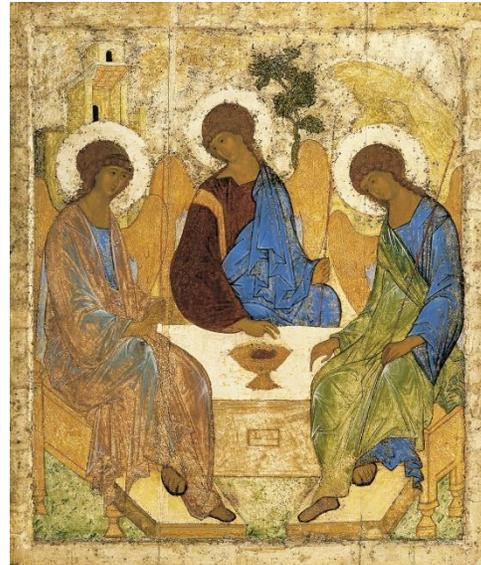
Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Reflection *May 30, 2021*

This Sunday: Trinity Sunday

The Trinity is one of the basic cornerstones of Christian faith and possibly the most difficult to understand. Many of us recite regularly one of the two main creeds of the faith – the Apostles' or the Nicene Creeds – which profess our belief in God the Father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit. All of God's children have studied, prayed, and debated what a "Triune God" is (consisting of three in one), and I believe that the best way to approach that is: God is unfathomable, eternal, and has been, is, and will be present in the lives of His children past, present, and future. That being said...

People throughout Christian times have used simile (comparing one thing in terms of another) in literature, music, and art to help illustrate the Trinity.

The icon you see here was painted by the Russian Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. Many people believe it is his most famous painting and possibly the most famous of all Russian icons. In the picture (actually a triptych – painting on three panels of wood) shows three angels sitting around a table. These angels represent God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We can imagine this is a communion table with a place for a fourth person.



Our Triune God has invited us to join Him at the communion table and to be in fellowship with Creator, Savior, and Comforter. When it gets too much for us limited creatures to understand the nature of three-fold God, perhaps it is best simply to join Him in faith at the communion table. May it be so! AMEN.



Memorial Day, May 31: The last Monday of May signifies a day of remembrance for all the women and men who have died during active duty during armed combat and hostilities. I doubt those who gave their lives imagined their lives would end in war. Every person who reads this has had a family member who served during hostilities or war. Tracing our direct ancestors back to immigrants, Maggie and I found in

every generation veterans who served and some who died after they came to the United States, or in some cases the British Colonies. I invite everyone for this day to honor those who died and cast aside our grief and hatred. Pray for the souls of those who have died or were scarred in war and pray the peace in which God would have us live. Amen – Vance