

# REVELATION

God does not hide Himself from us. As Psalm 118:26-27 points out, "God is the Lord and has revealed Himself unto us; blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

We are able to know God and to have a relationship with Him because He has shown Himself to us. While it is impossible to know His innermost being or essence, we have been shown that which we can see, understand, and grasp of His divine nature and will.

## IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, GOD REVEALED HIMSELF IN MANY WAYS.

### IN CREATION

By creating all things God

- reveals Himself as the **Author** and **Source** of Life;
- shows us His **infinite love**; and
- manifests Himself as the **One who calls all into being** by sharing His life, love and existence.

### TO MOSES

Moses encountered God in the form of a burning bush. When Moses asked God's Name, He replied, "I AM." God revealed Himself as **Existence Itself**. The very basis of His divine nature is to be, to exist, and to share His being and existence with His creation.

### THROUGH THE PROPHETS

God also revealed Himself through the prophets. The prophets were called to **proclaim God's will** and to **call His People** to lead holy lives. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is One... He is Holy..." This sums up that which God revealed through the prophets.

*Thou didst send prophets; Thou didst perform mighty works by Thy saints... Thou didst speak to us by the mouth of Thy servants the prophets, foretelling to us the salvation which was to come; Thou didst give us the law as a help... And when the fullness of time had come, Thou didst speak to us through Thy Son Himself, by whom Thou didst also make the ages... He was God before the ages, yet He appeared on earth and lived among men... He lived in this world and gave us commandments of salvation... He brought us to knowledge of Thee, the true God and Father...*

—Eucharistic Canon of Saint Basil the Great



## GOD, THEN, REVEALS HIMSELF AS

- the **Creator** and **Source of Life**;
- **Existence Itself**;
- **Love Itself**;
- the One who is **all-powerful, all-knowing, all-merciful, ever-existing, and eternal**; and
- **One, Holy, the Lord God** of all.

## IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, GOD FULLY REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

# JESUS CHRIST

## IS GOD'S GREATEST REVELATION TO HIS PEOPLE.

Jesus Christ came into the world to complete God's revelation. He is

- the **fullness** and **perfection** of God's self-revelation;
- the **fulfillment** of God's gradual and partial revelation in the Old Testament; and
- the One truly "**blessed**... who comes in the name of the Lord."