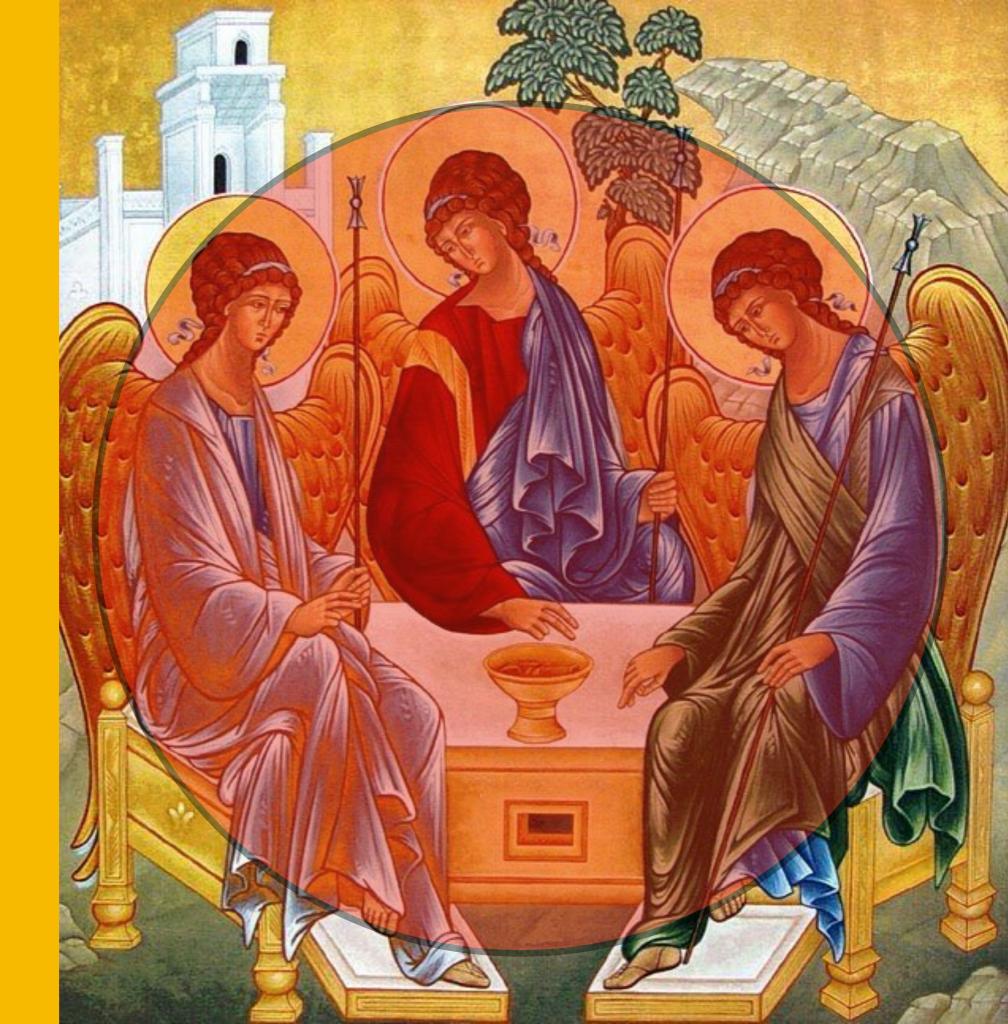


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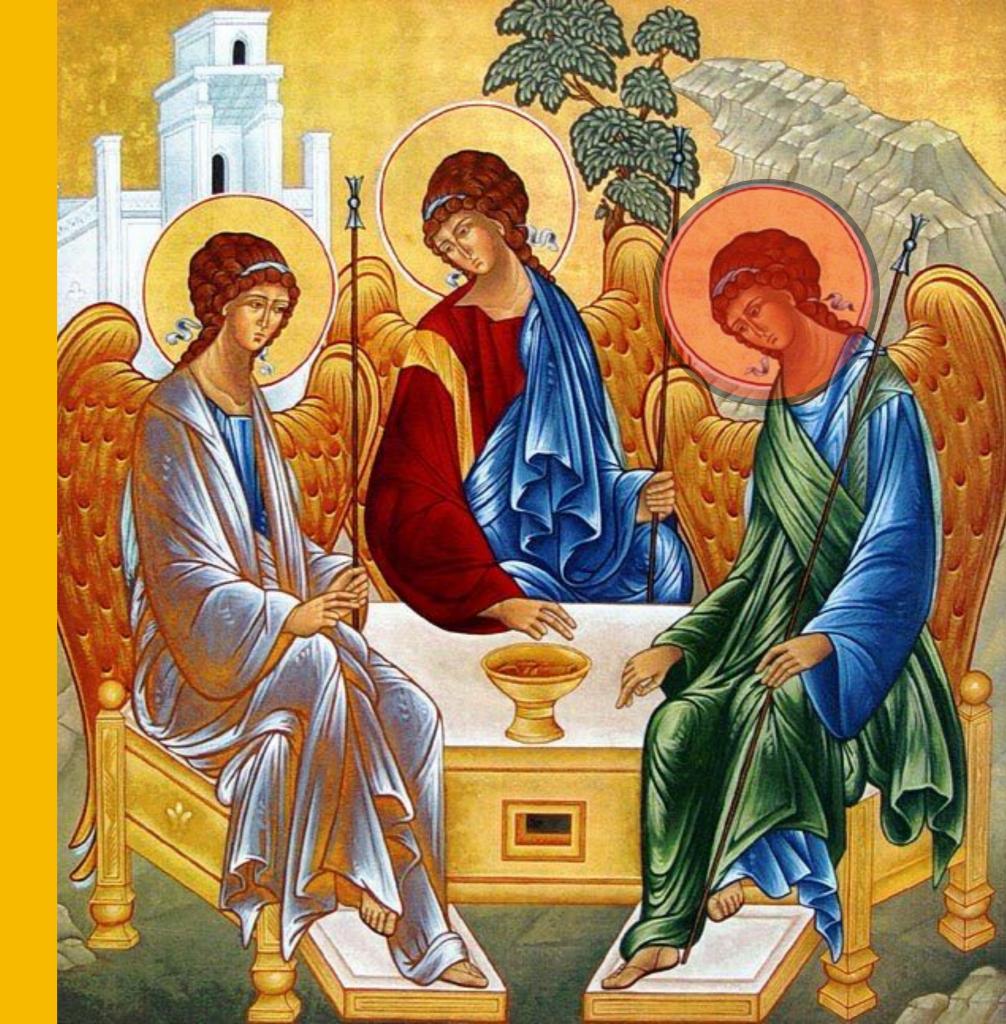


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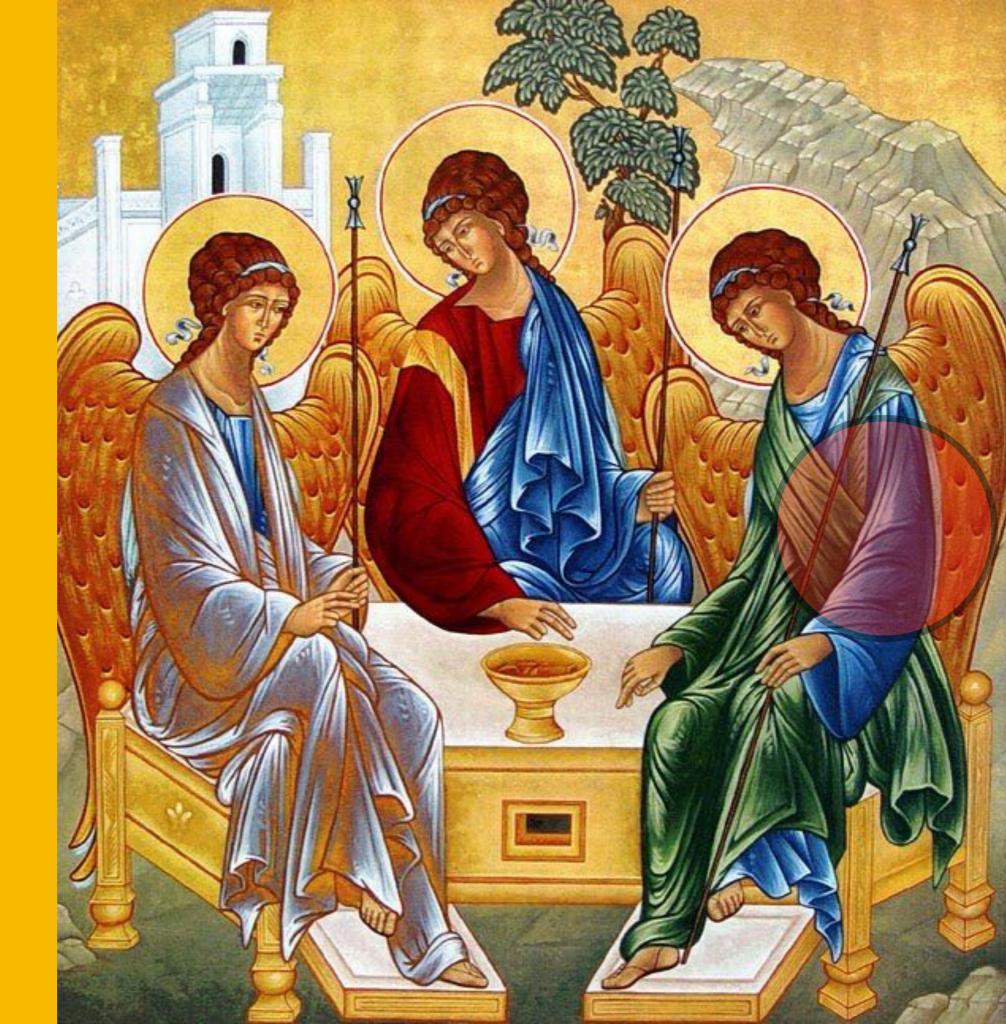
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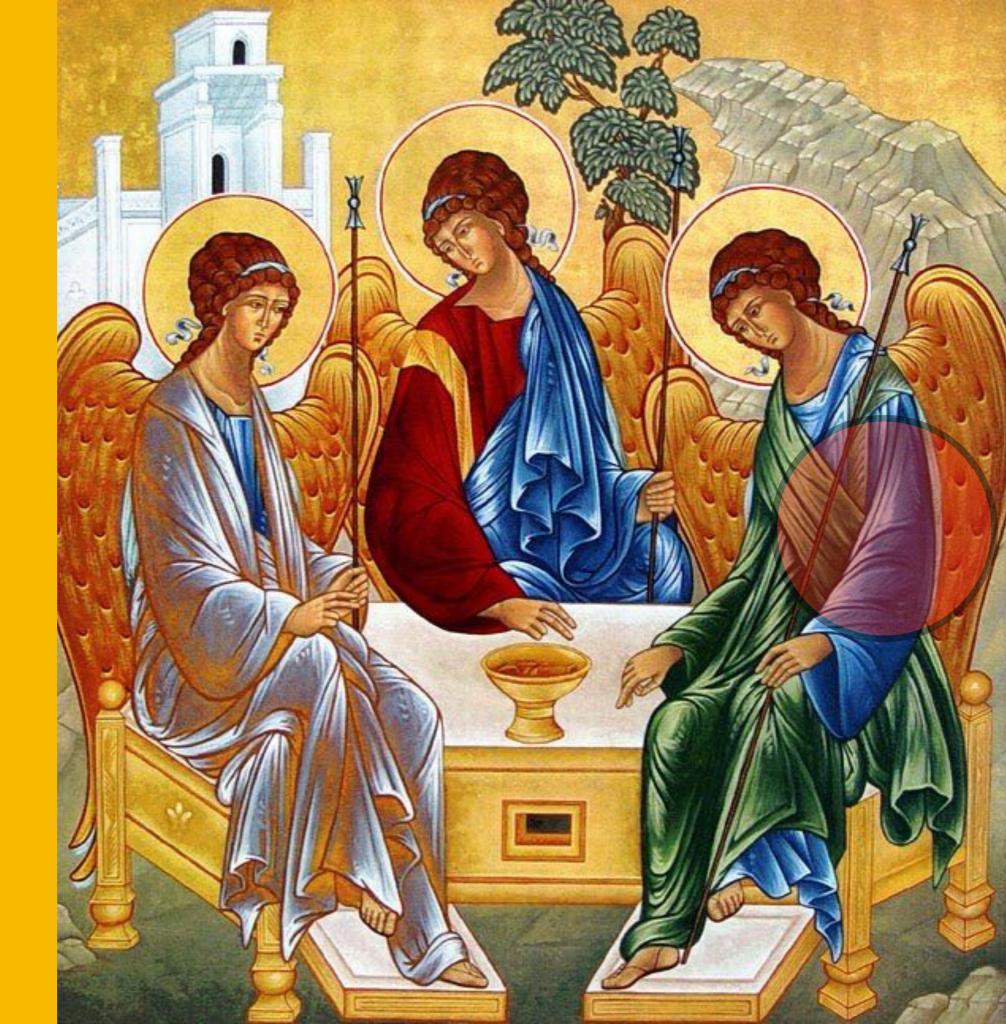
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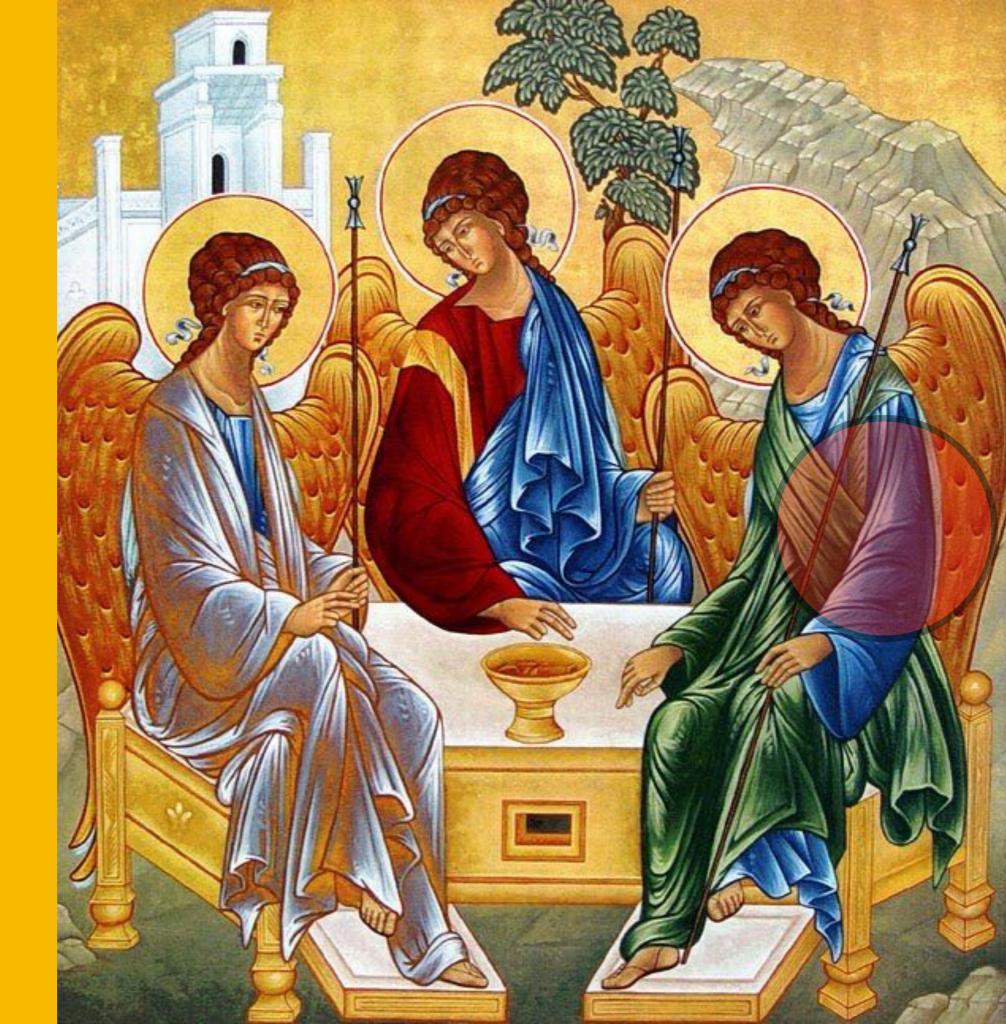
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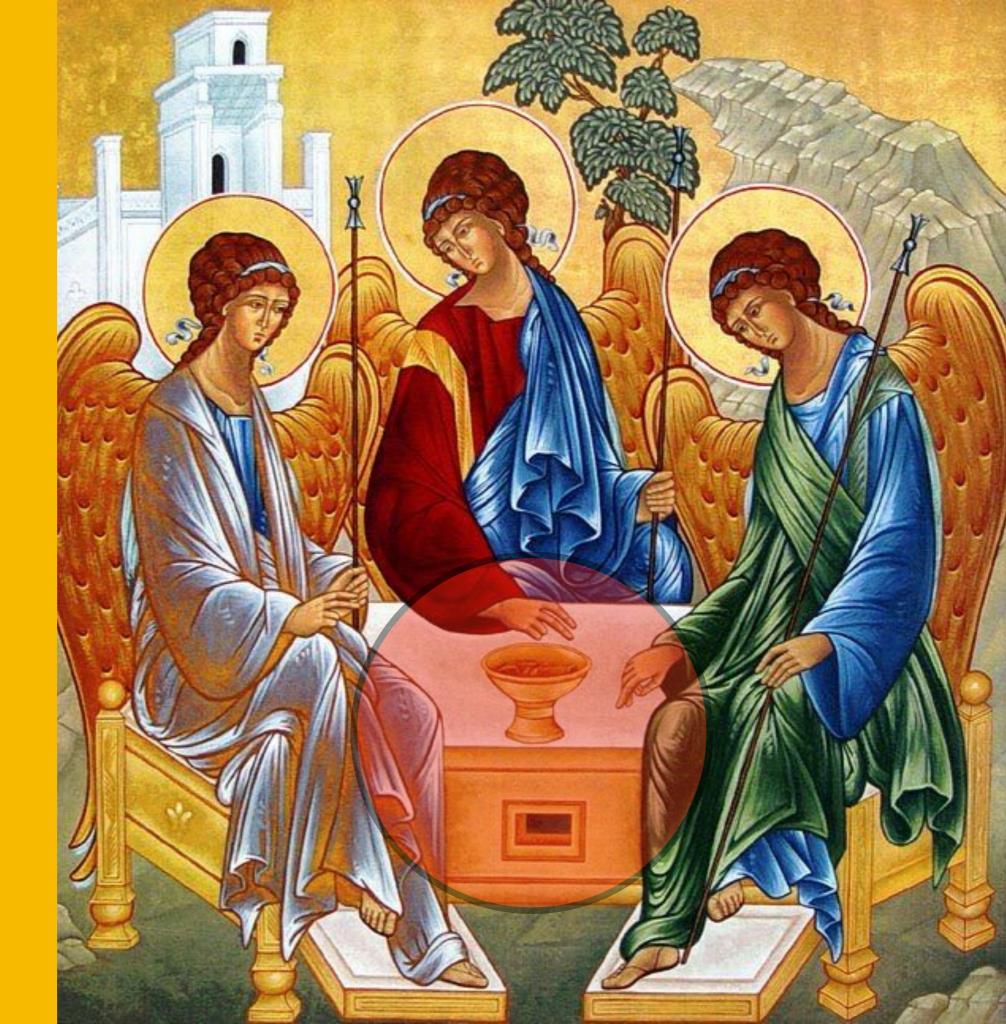
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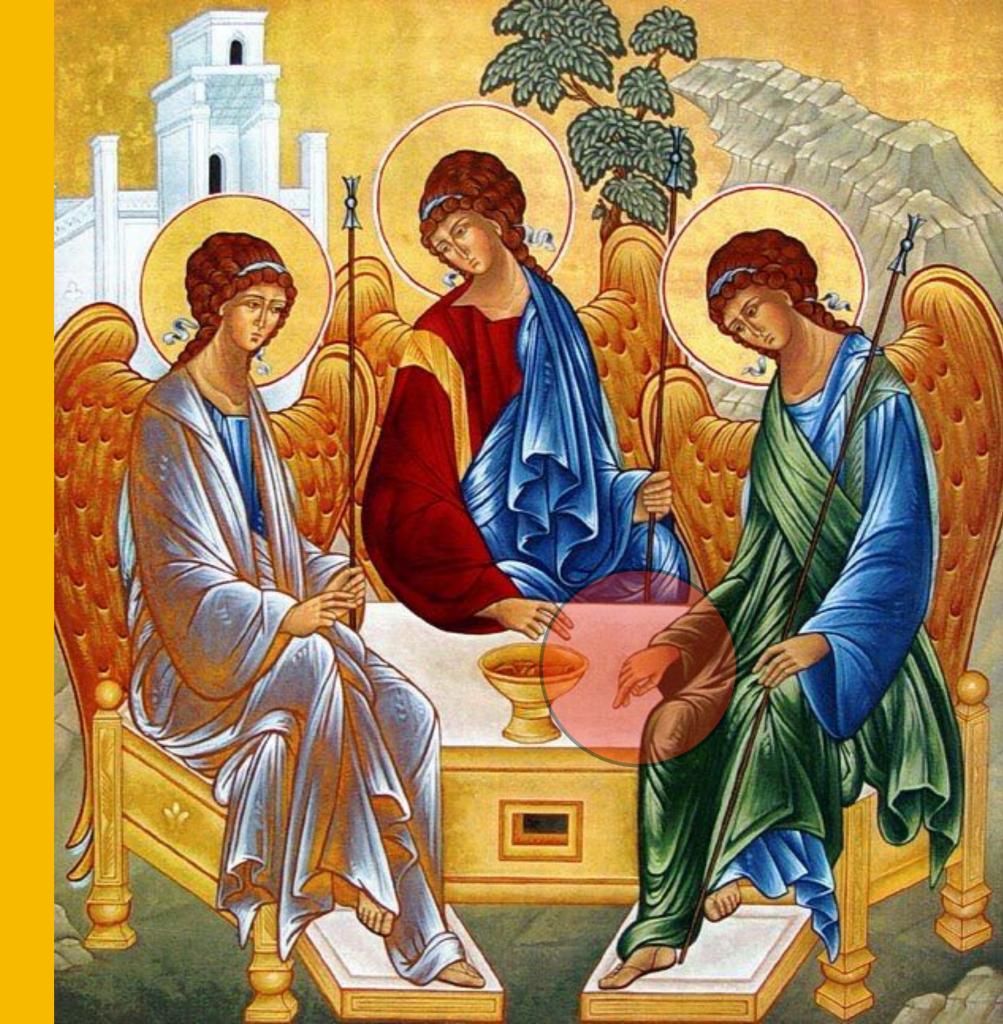
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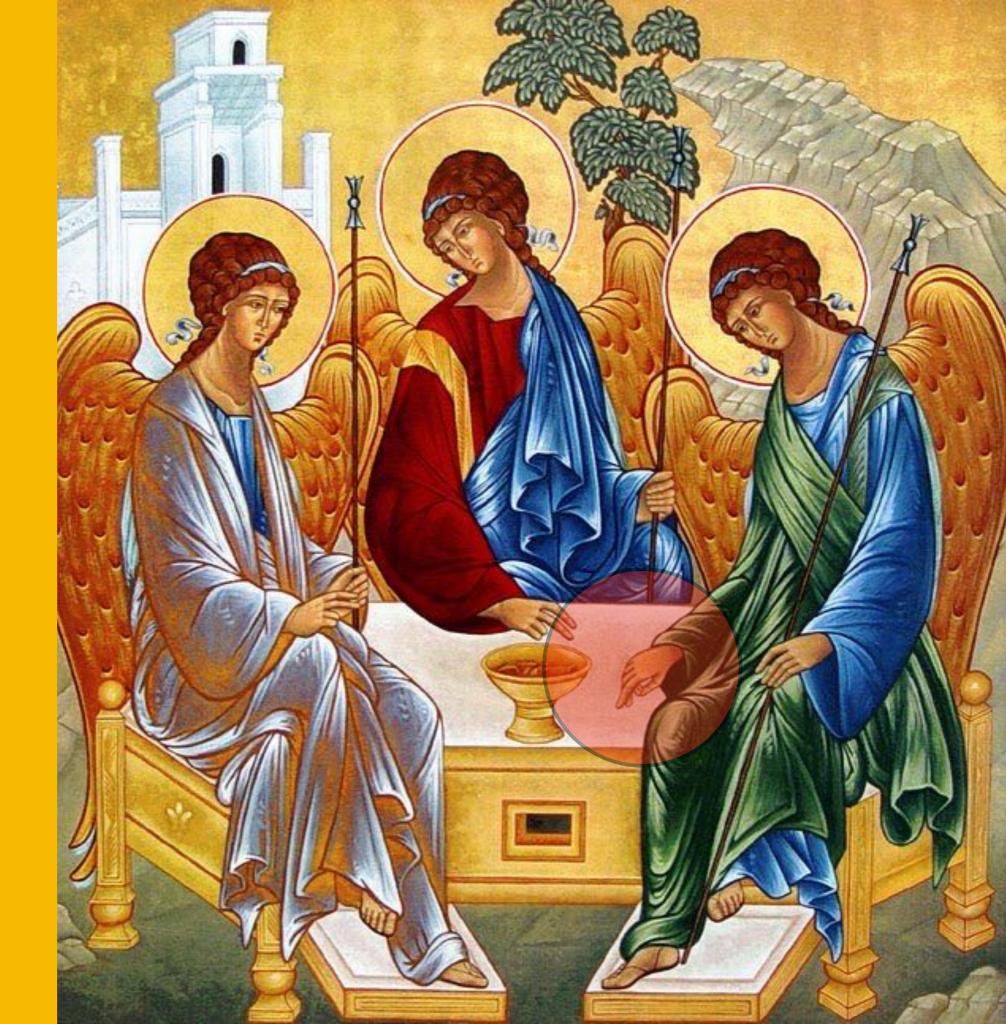
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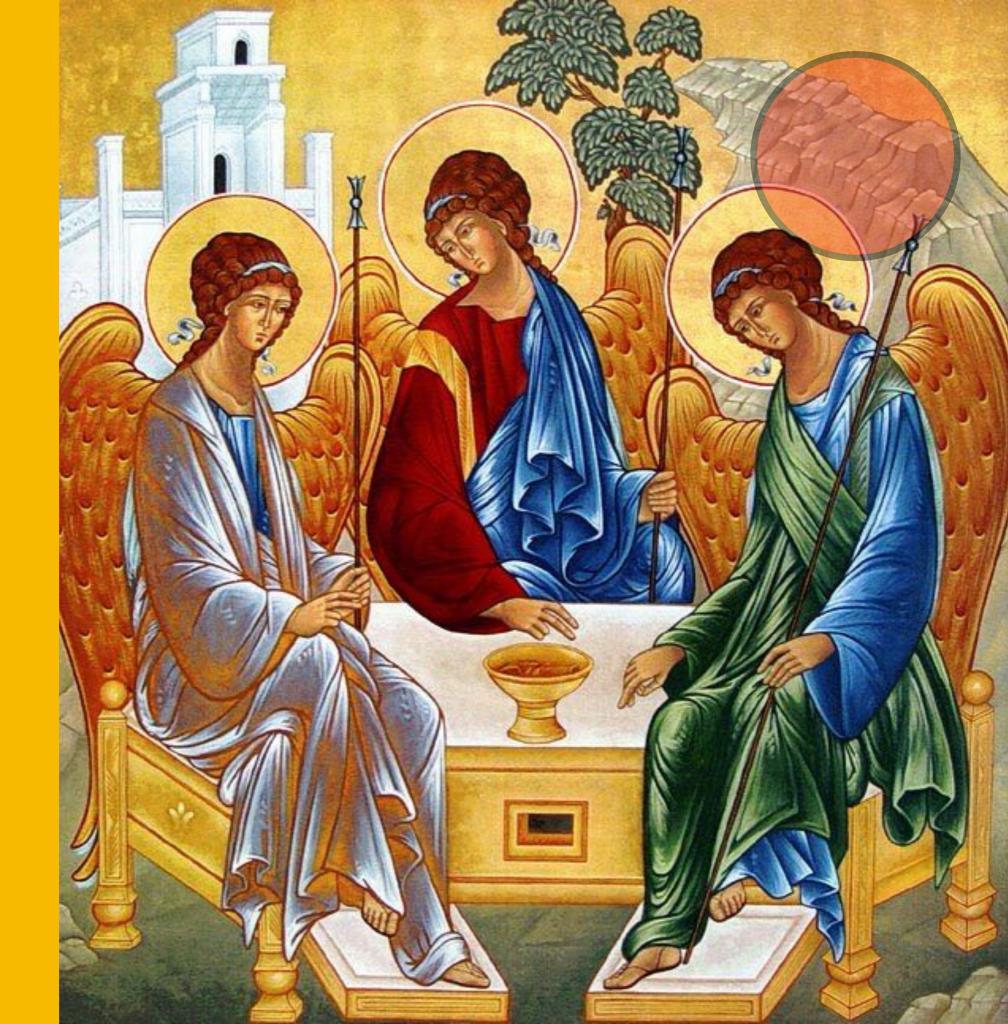
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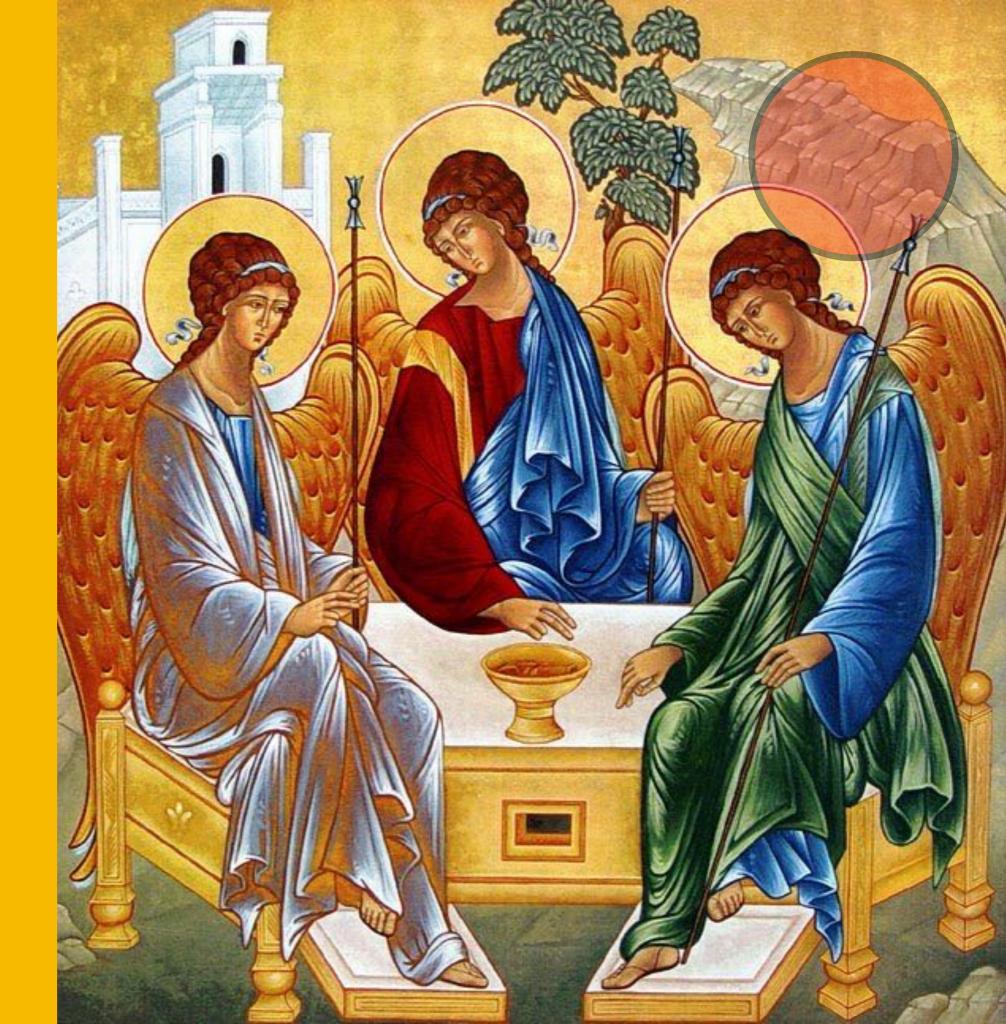


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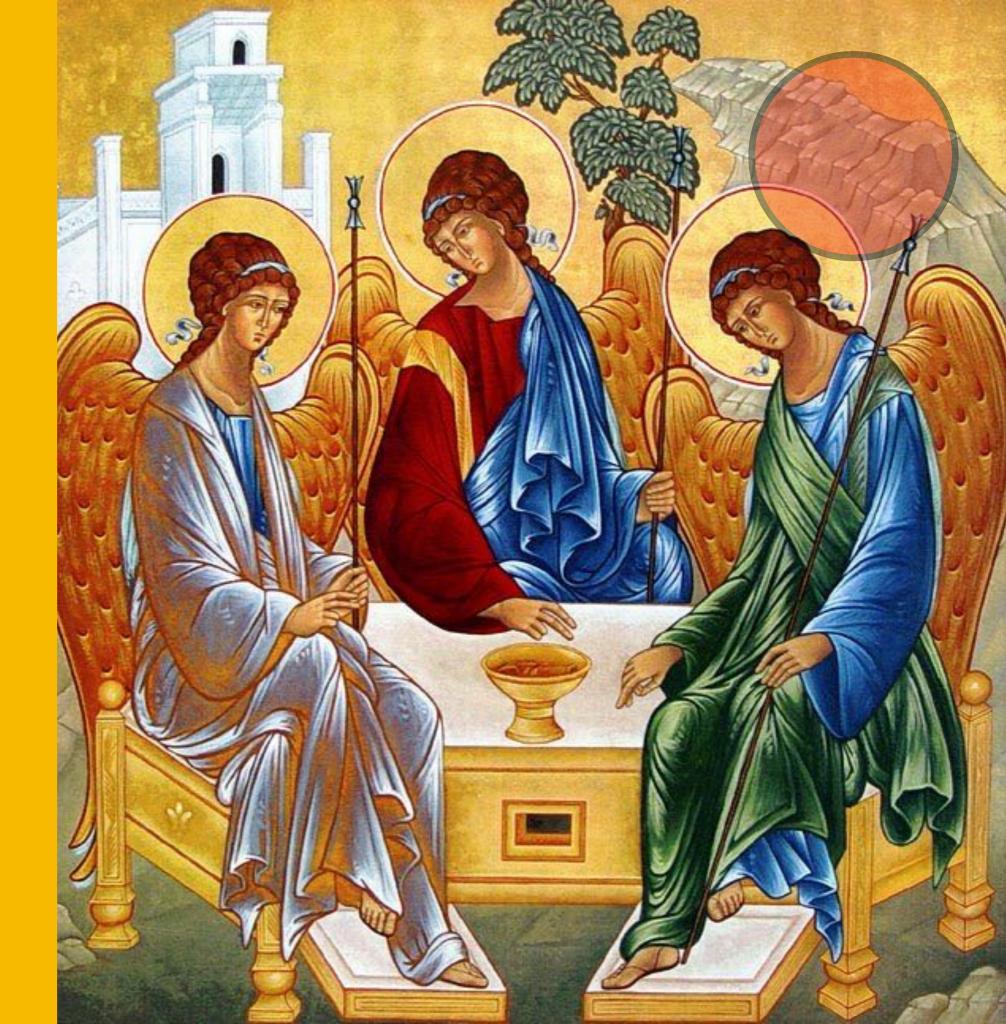


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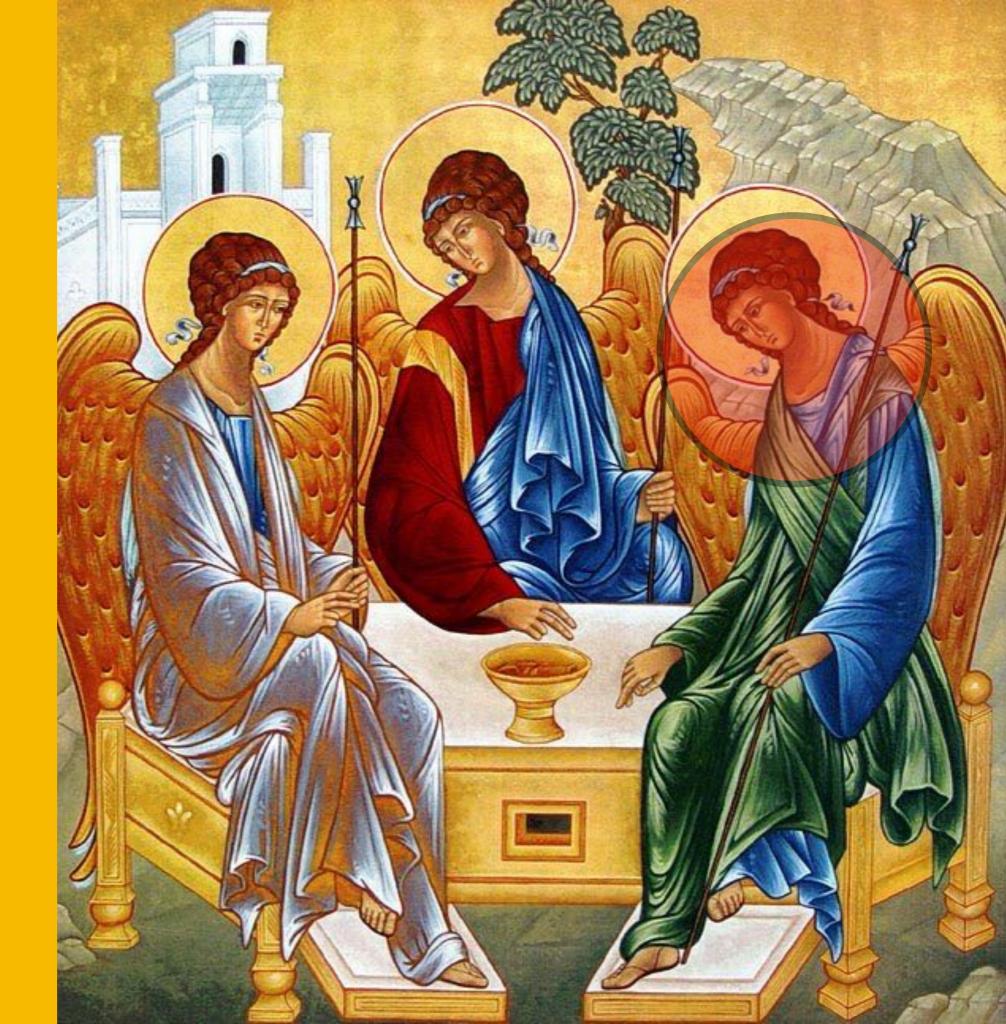
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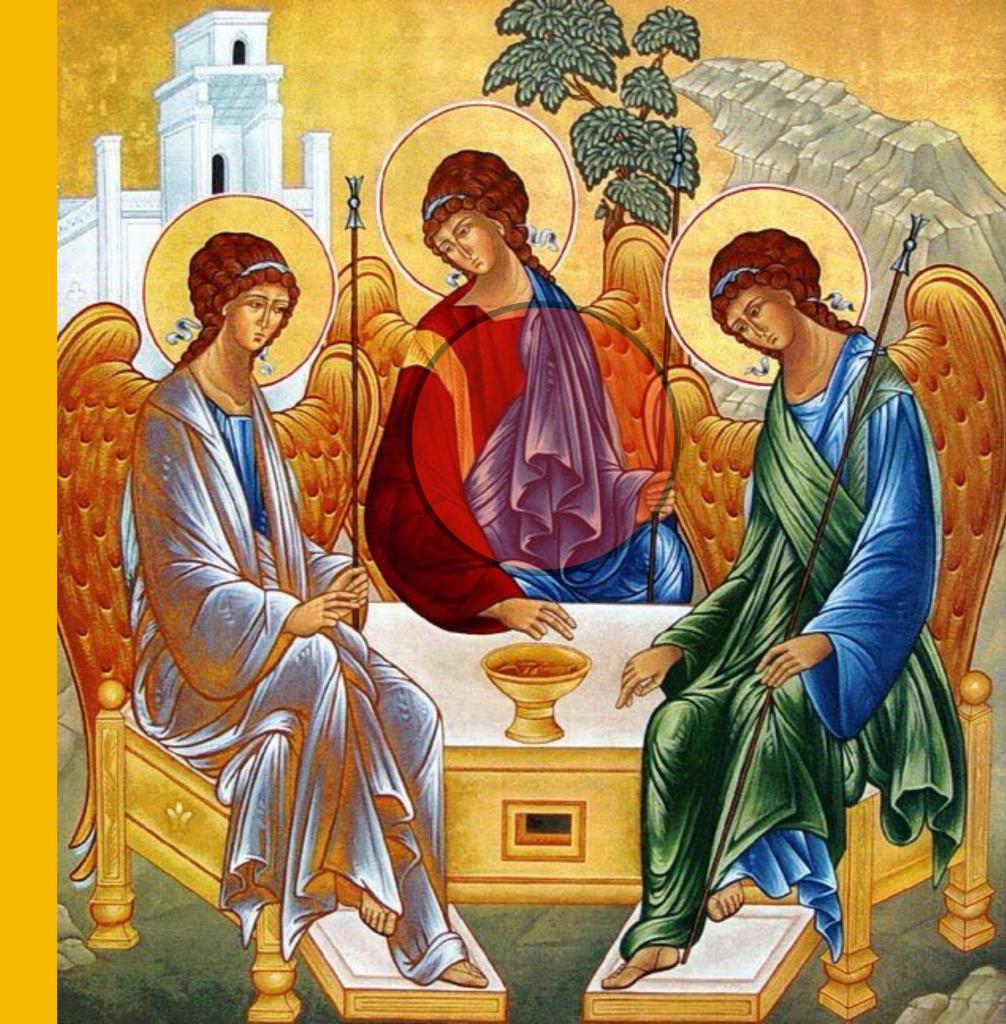
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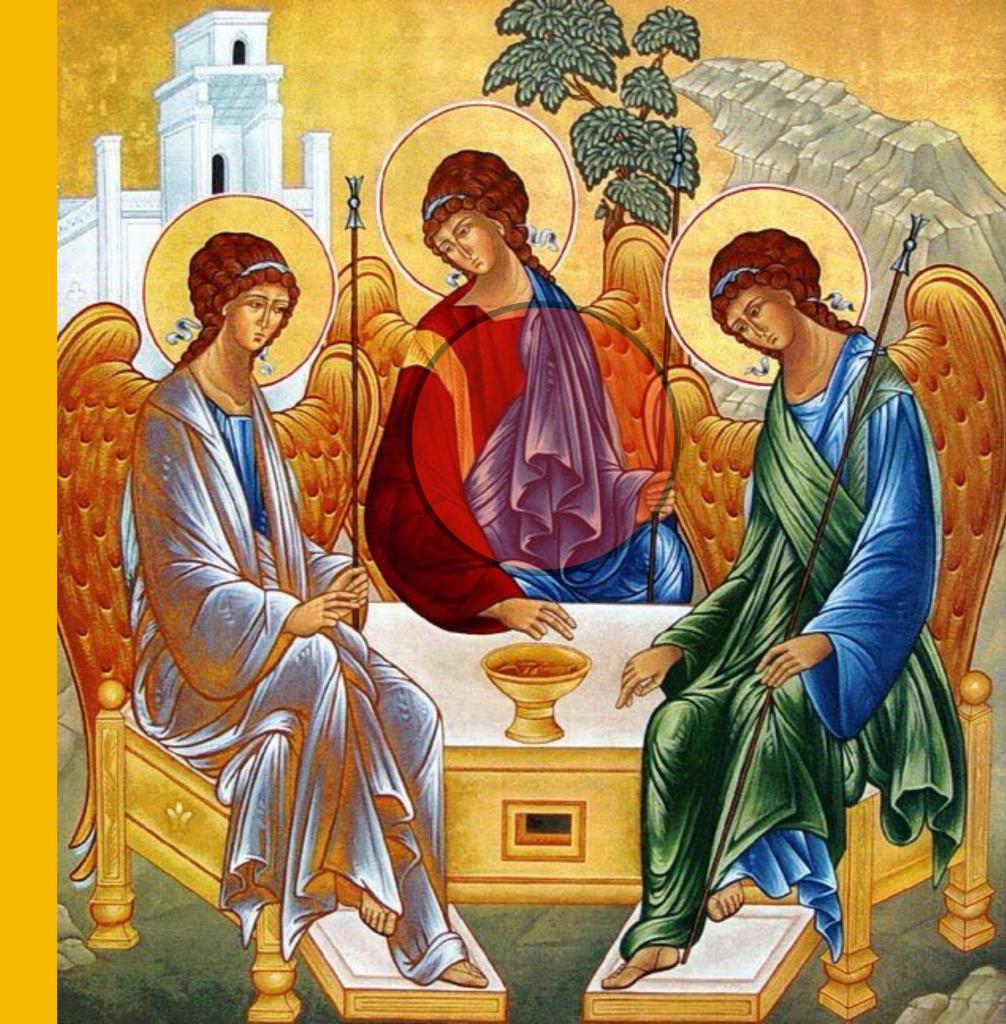
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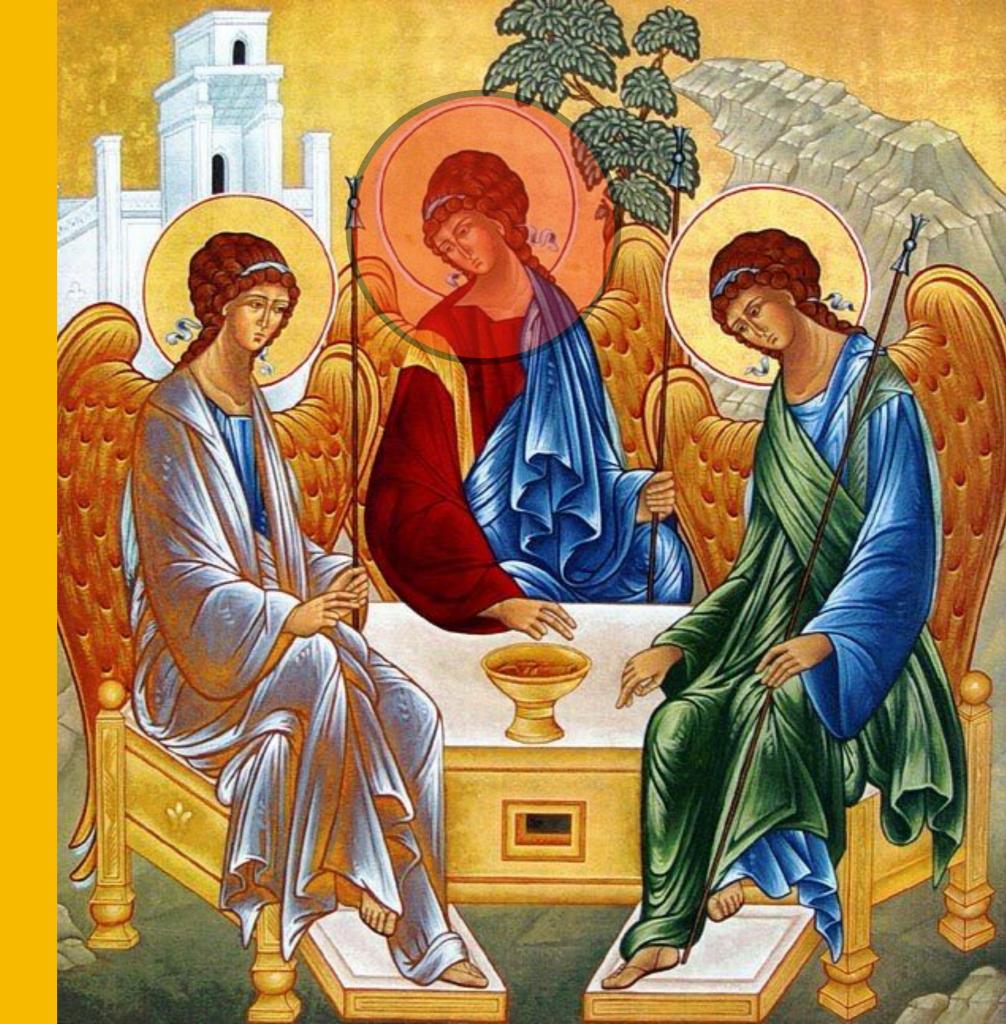




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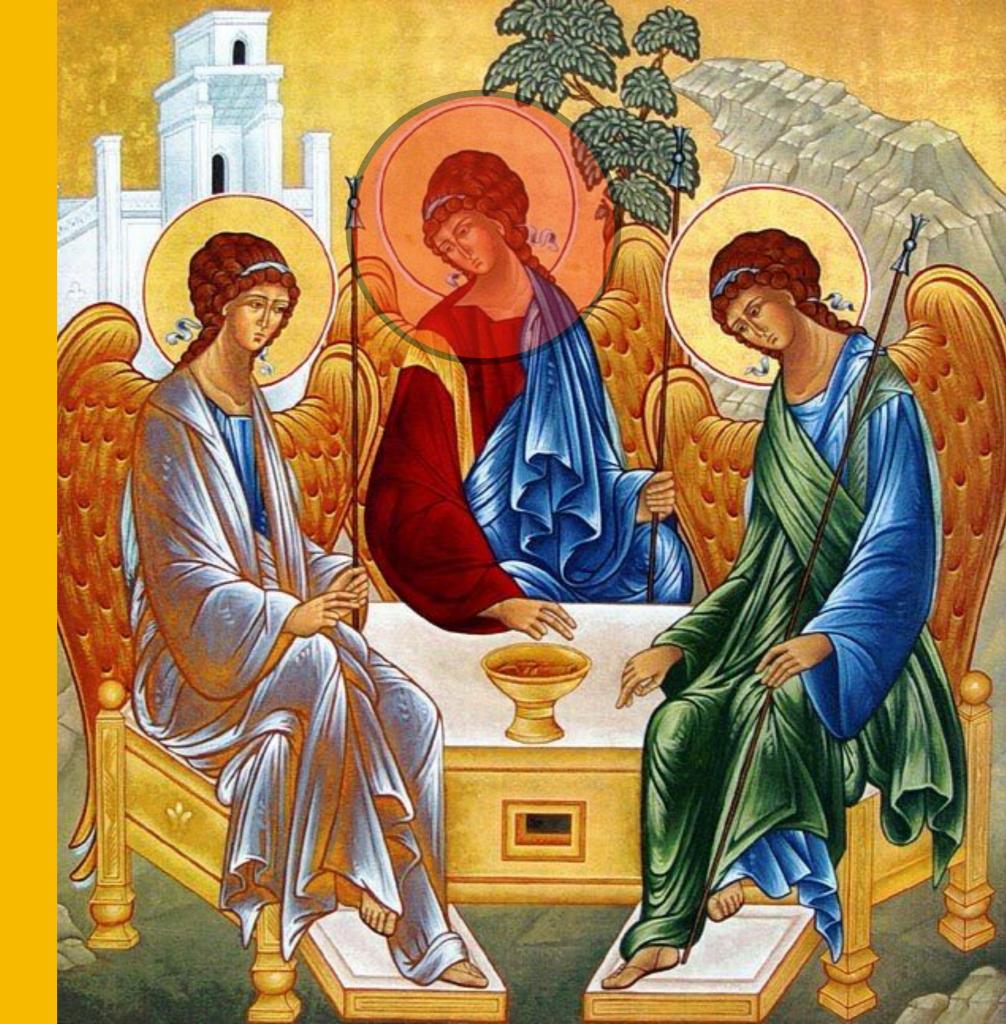


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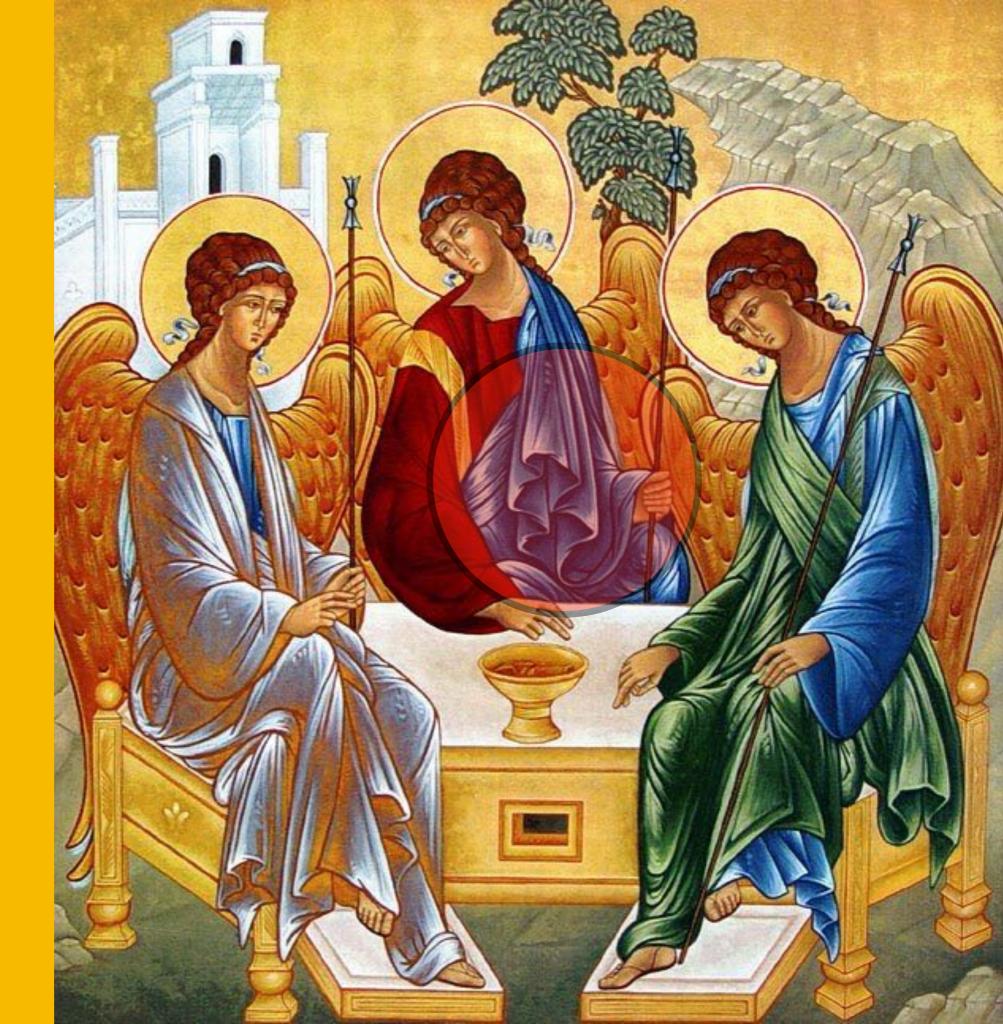
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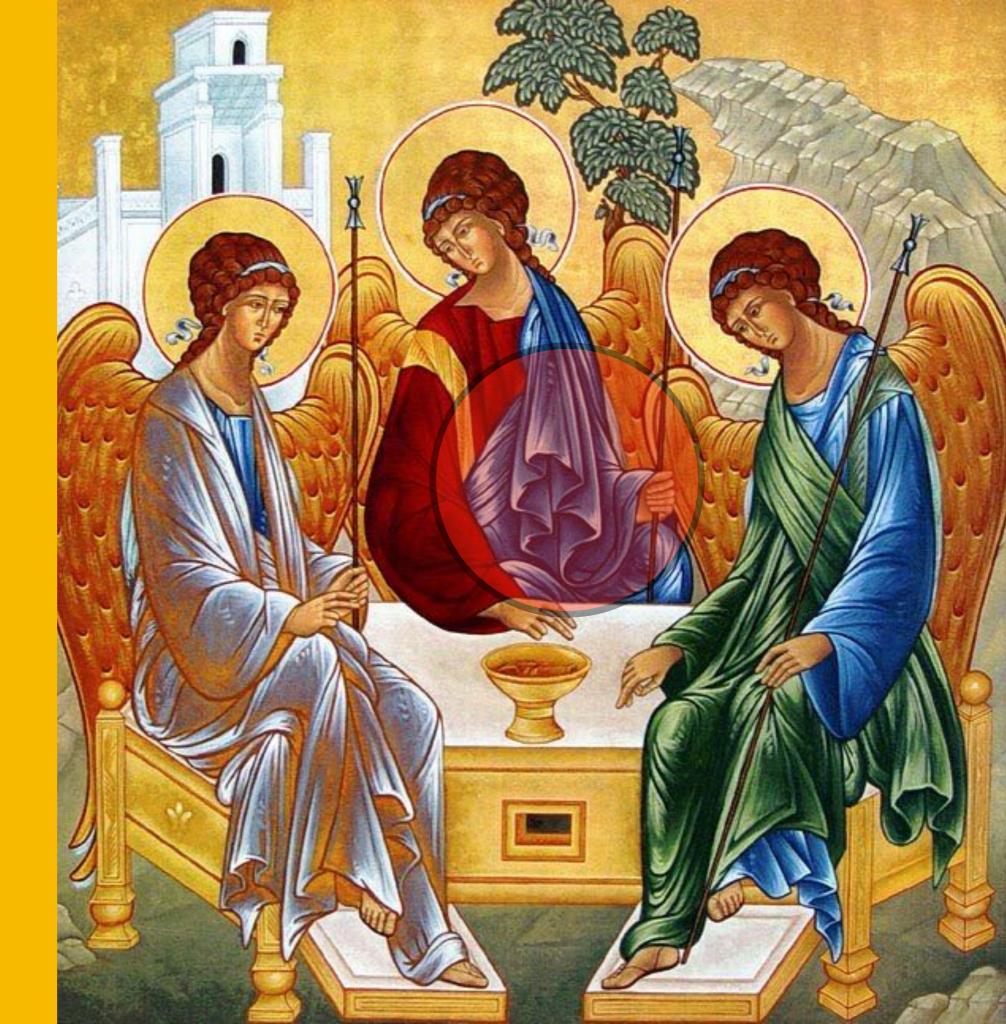
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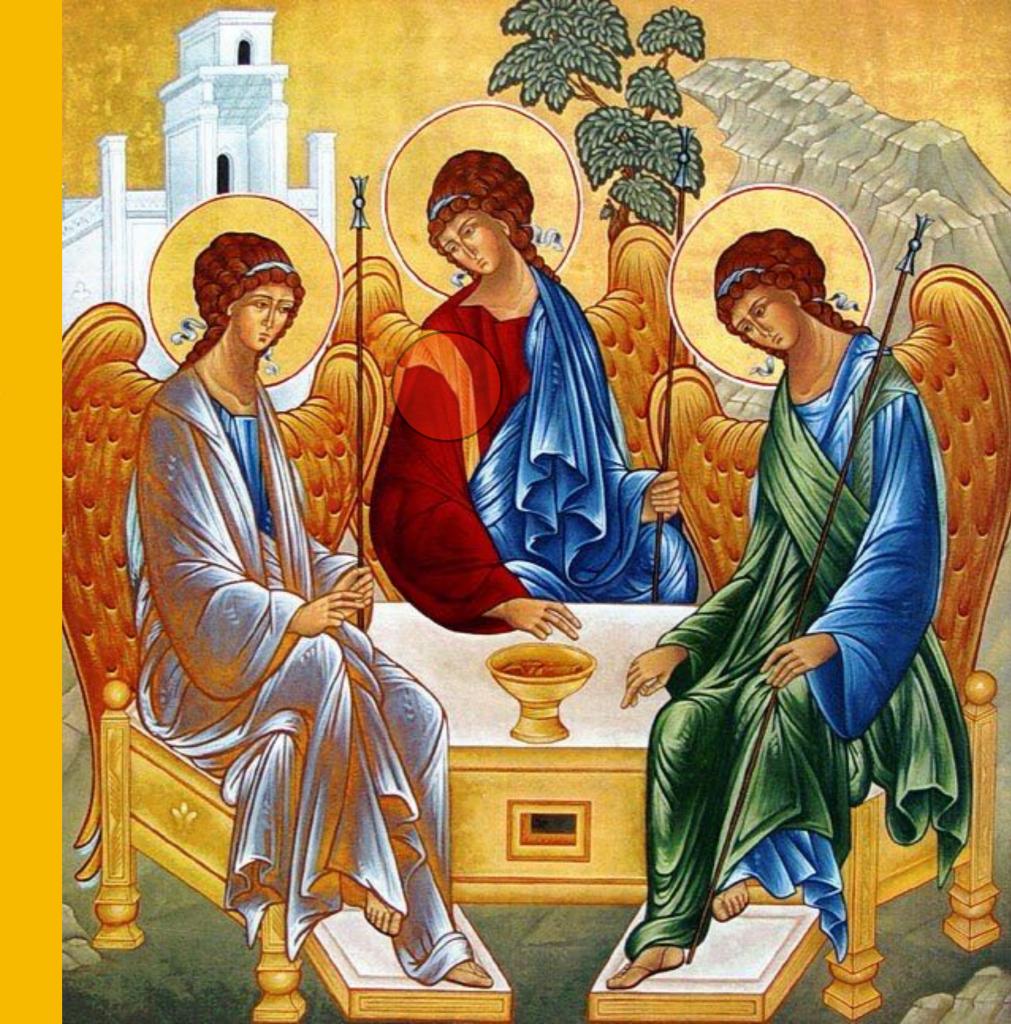
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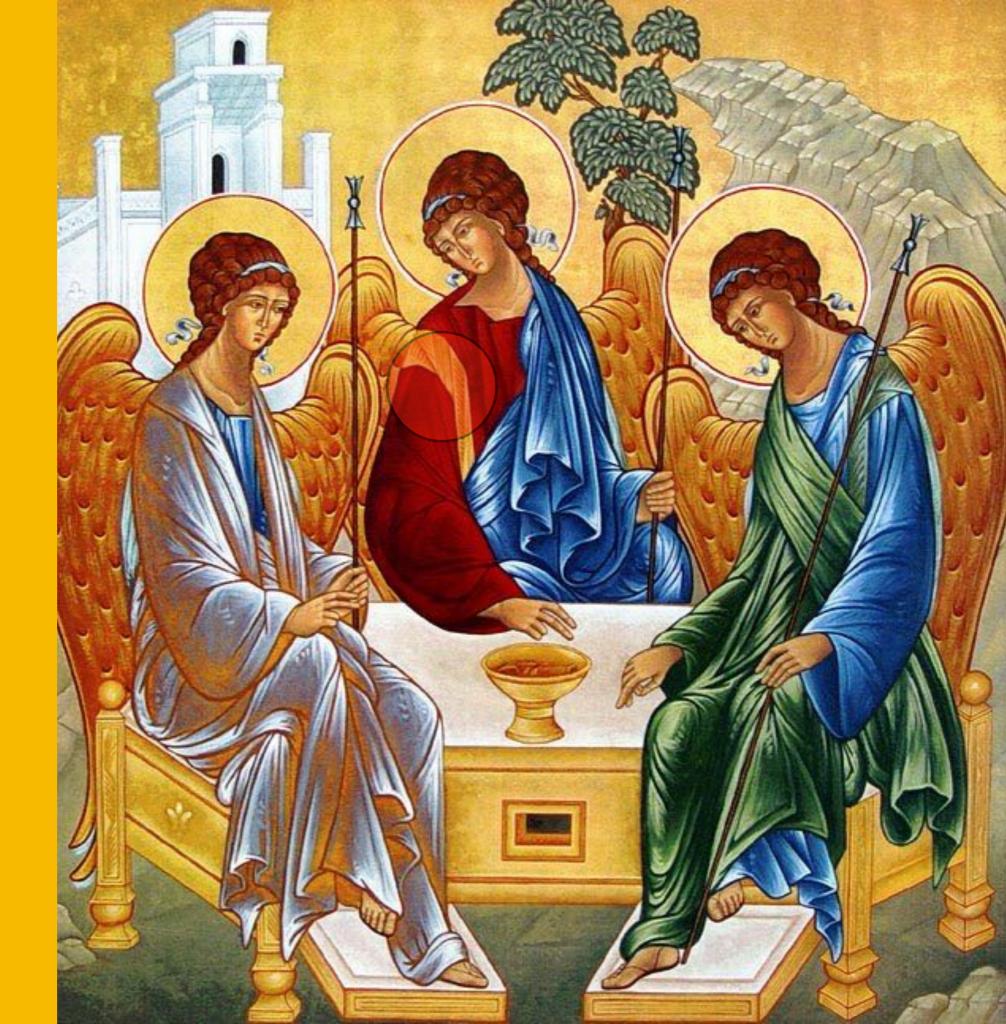


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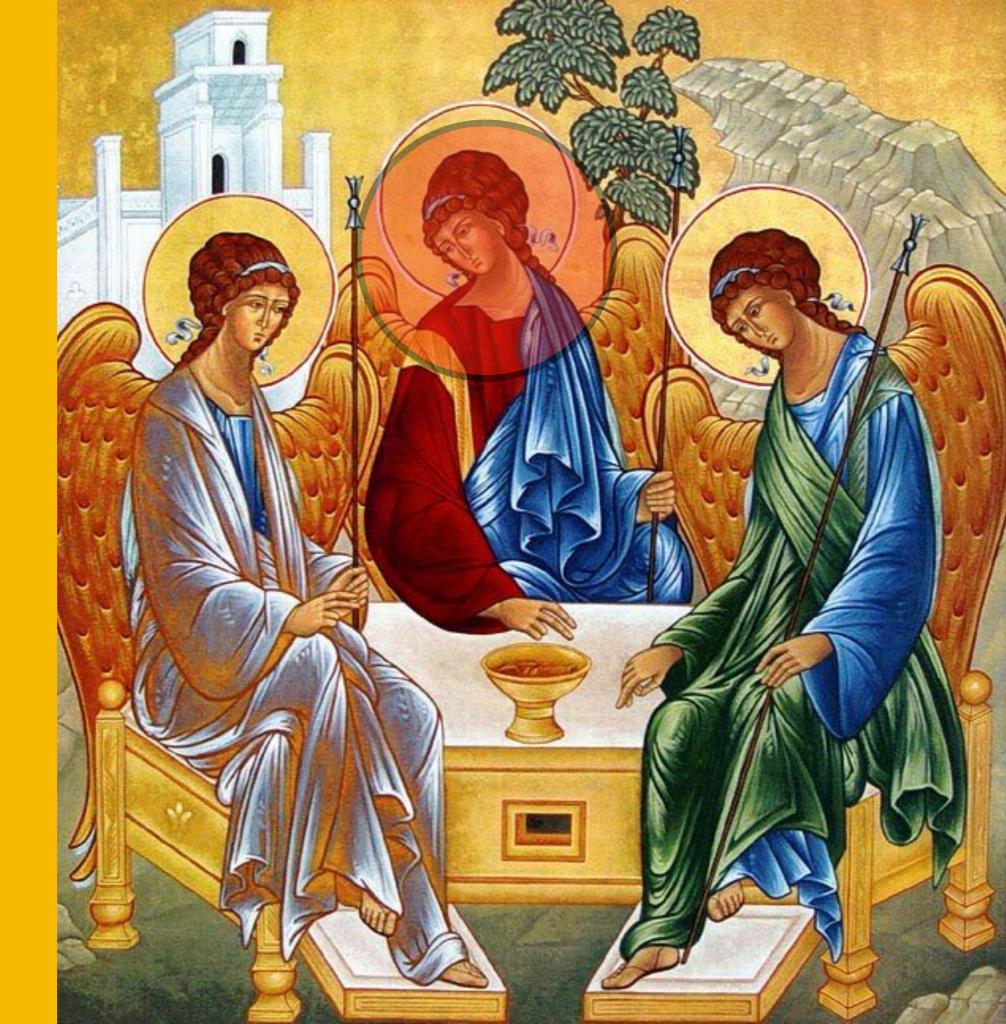
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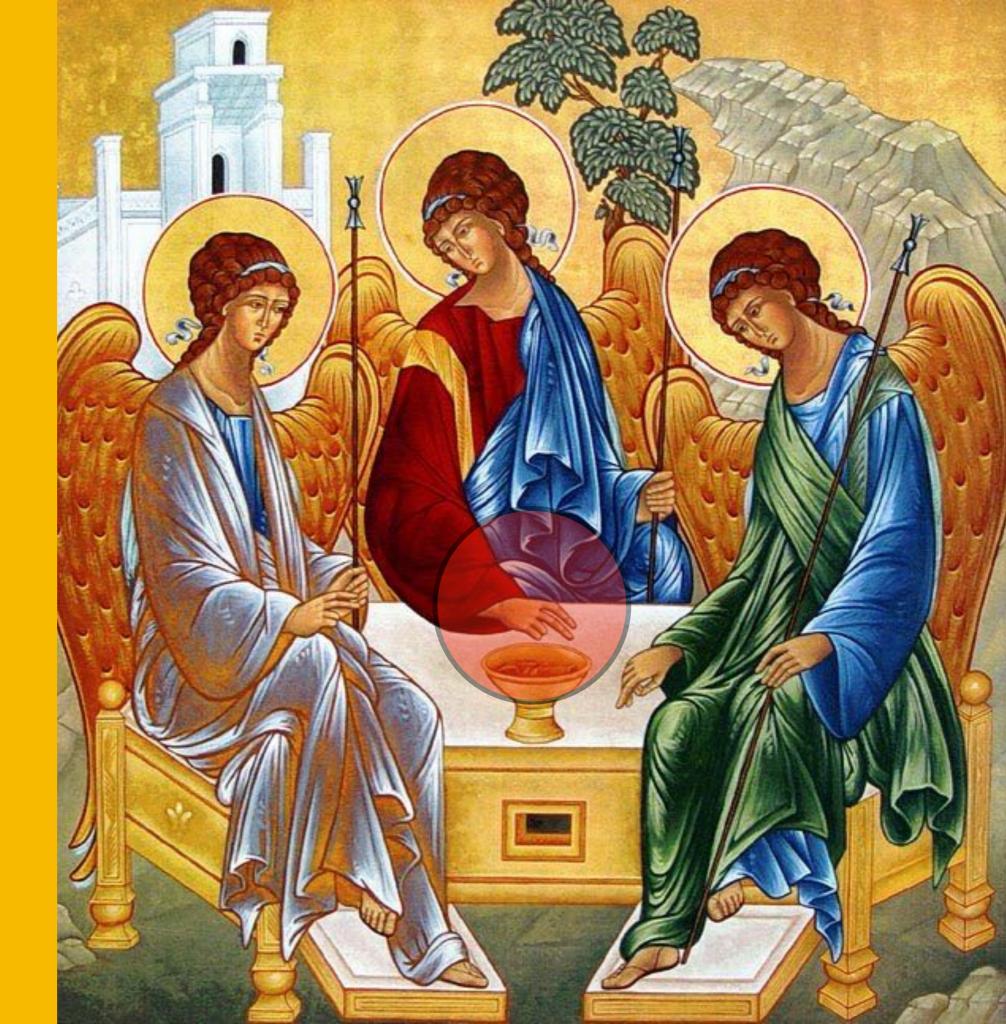
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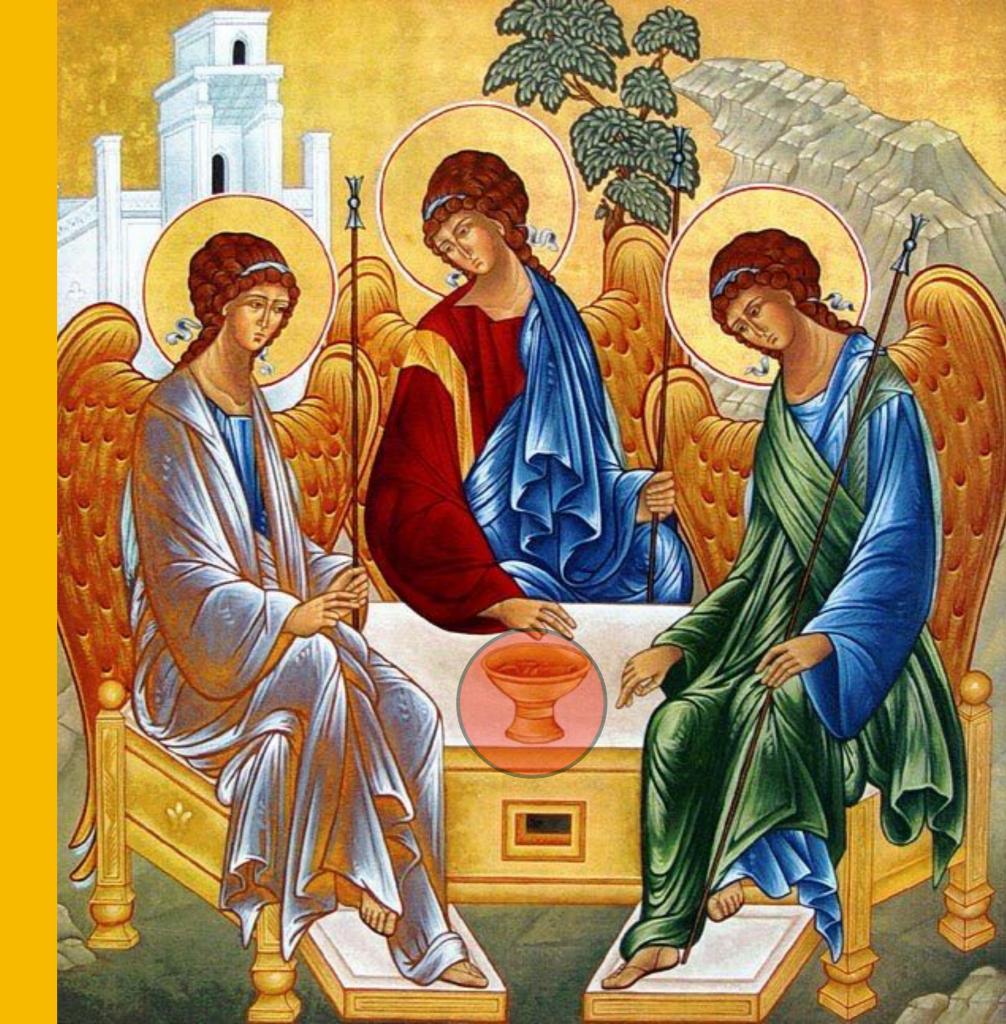


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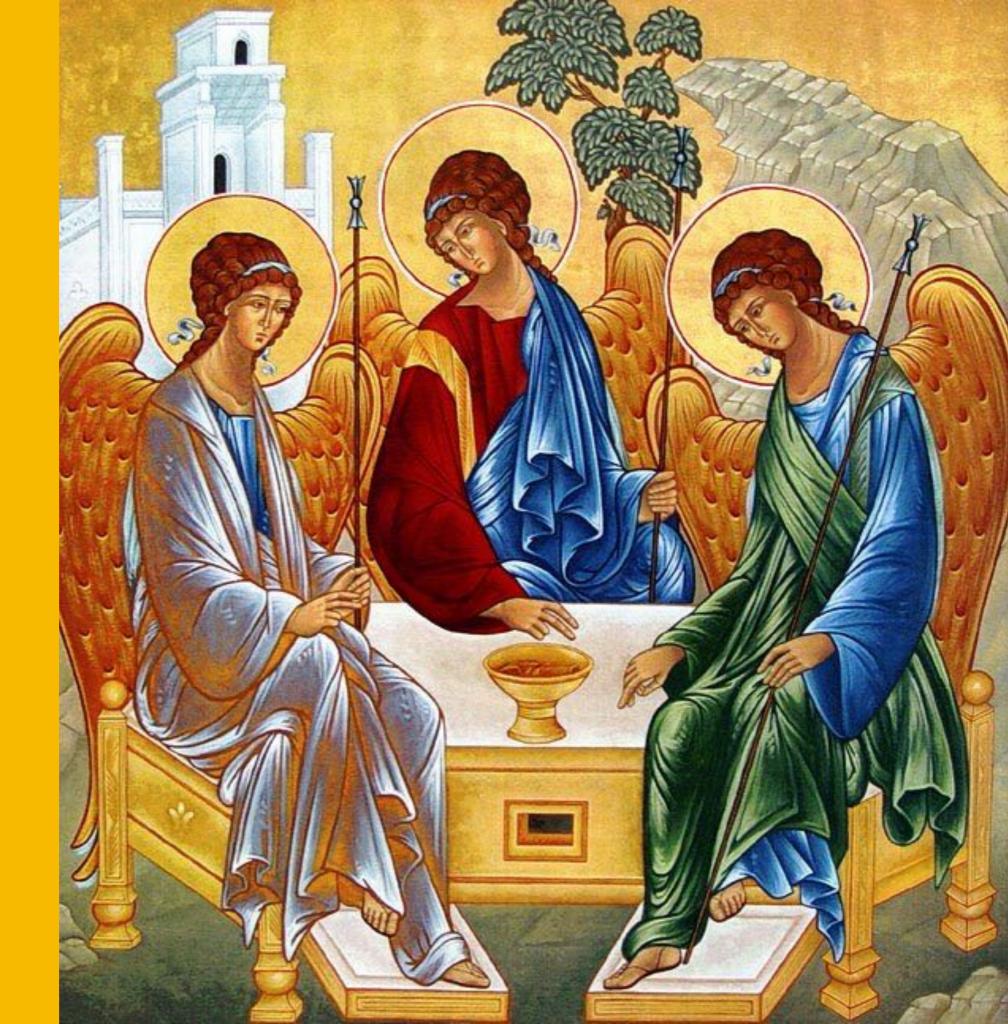


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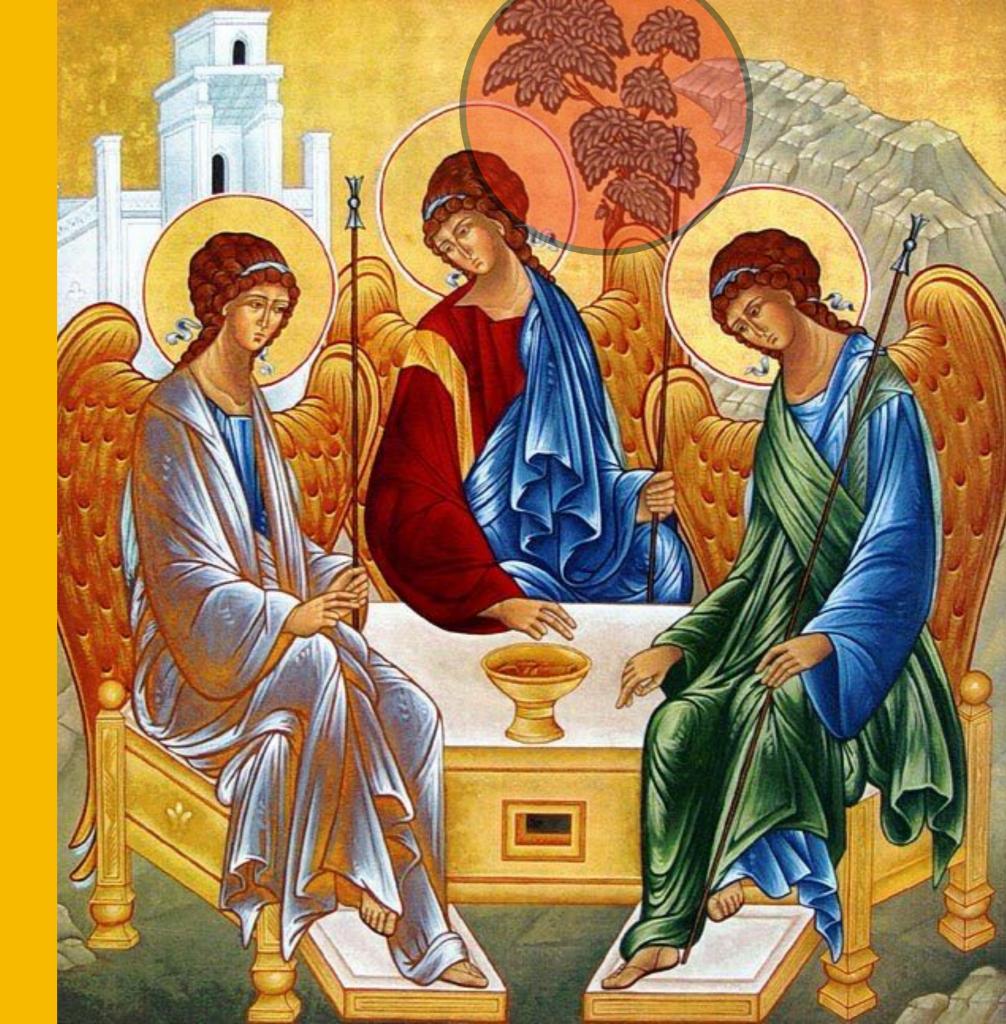
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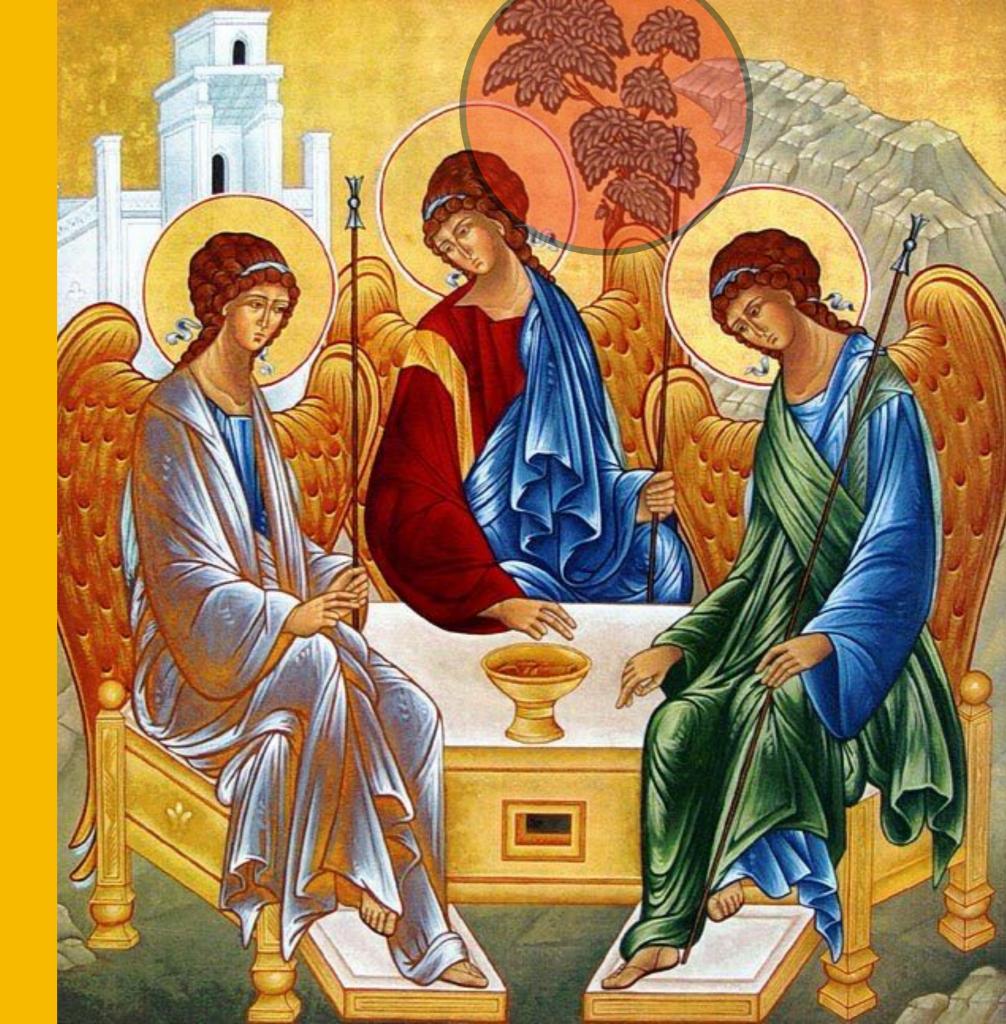
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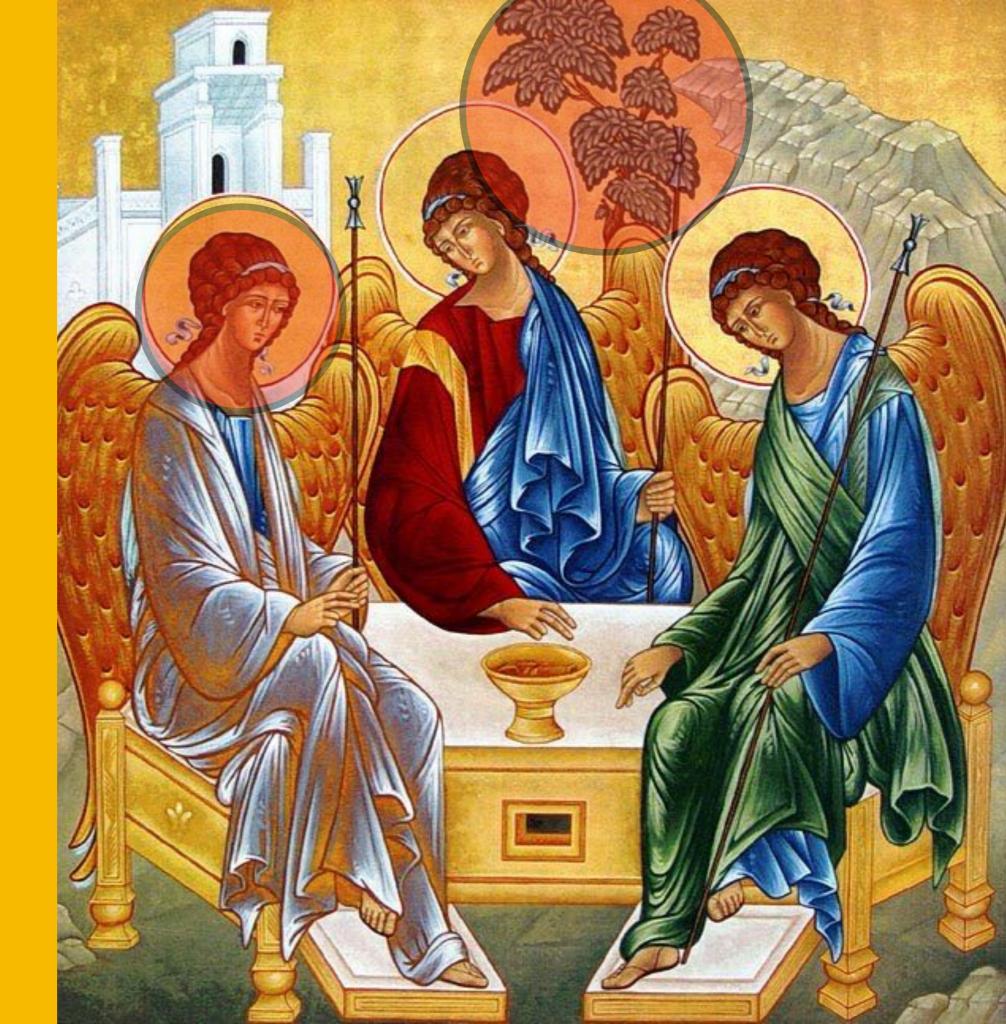
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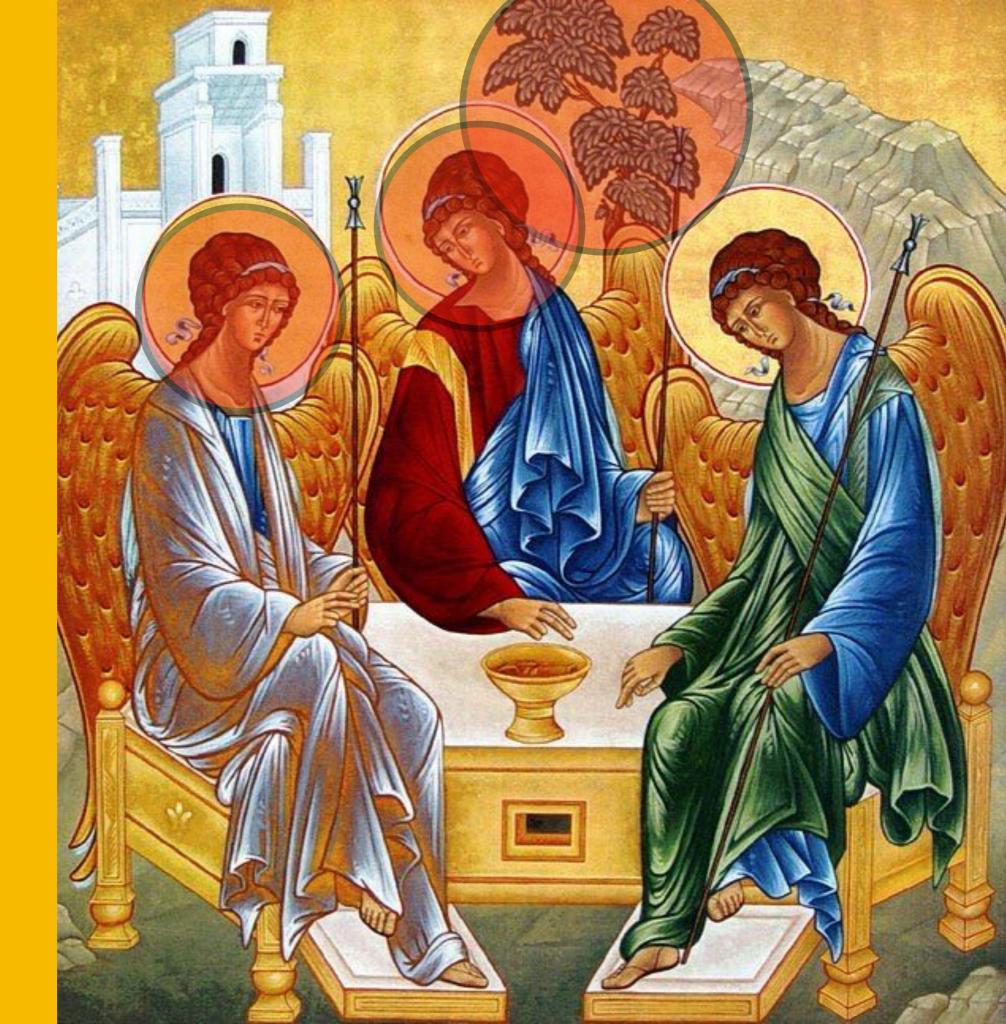
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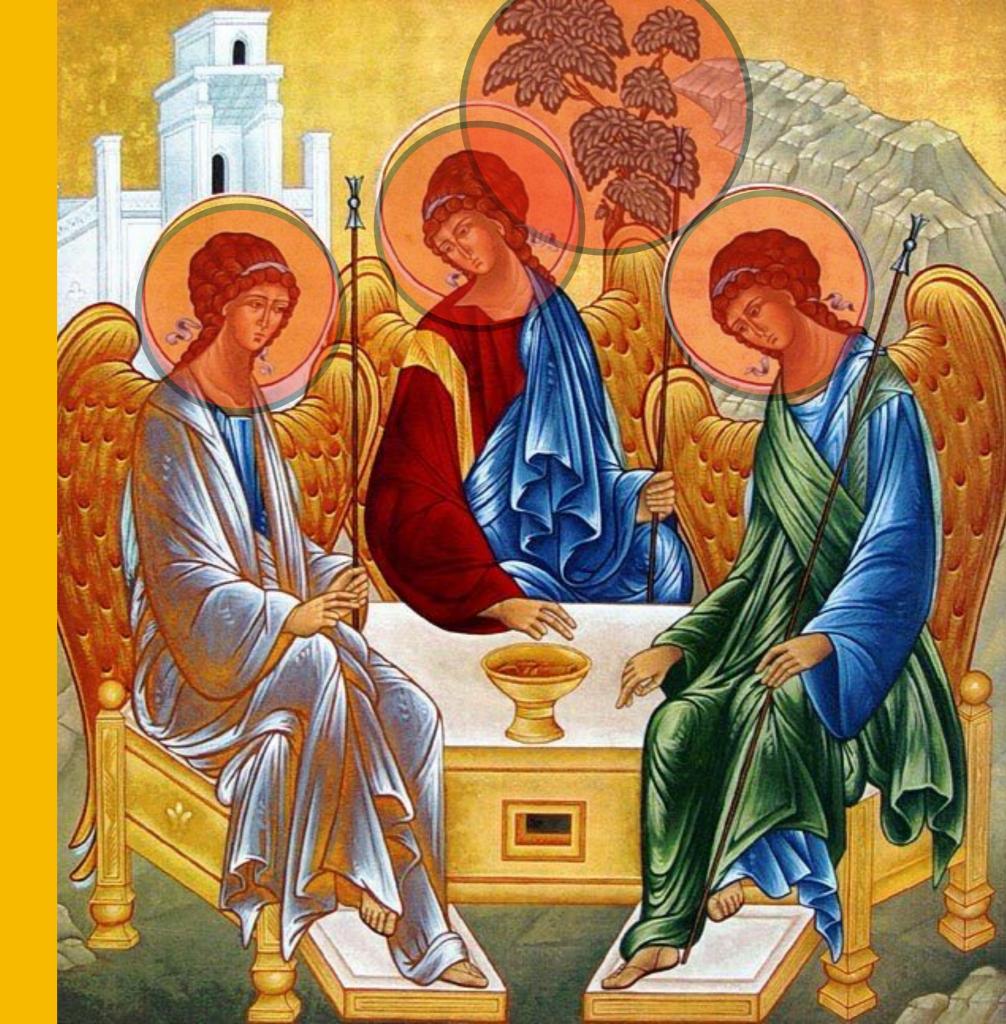
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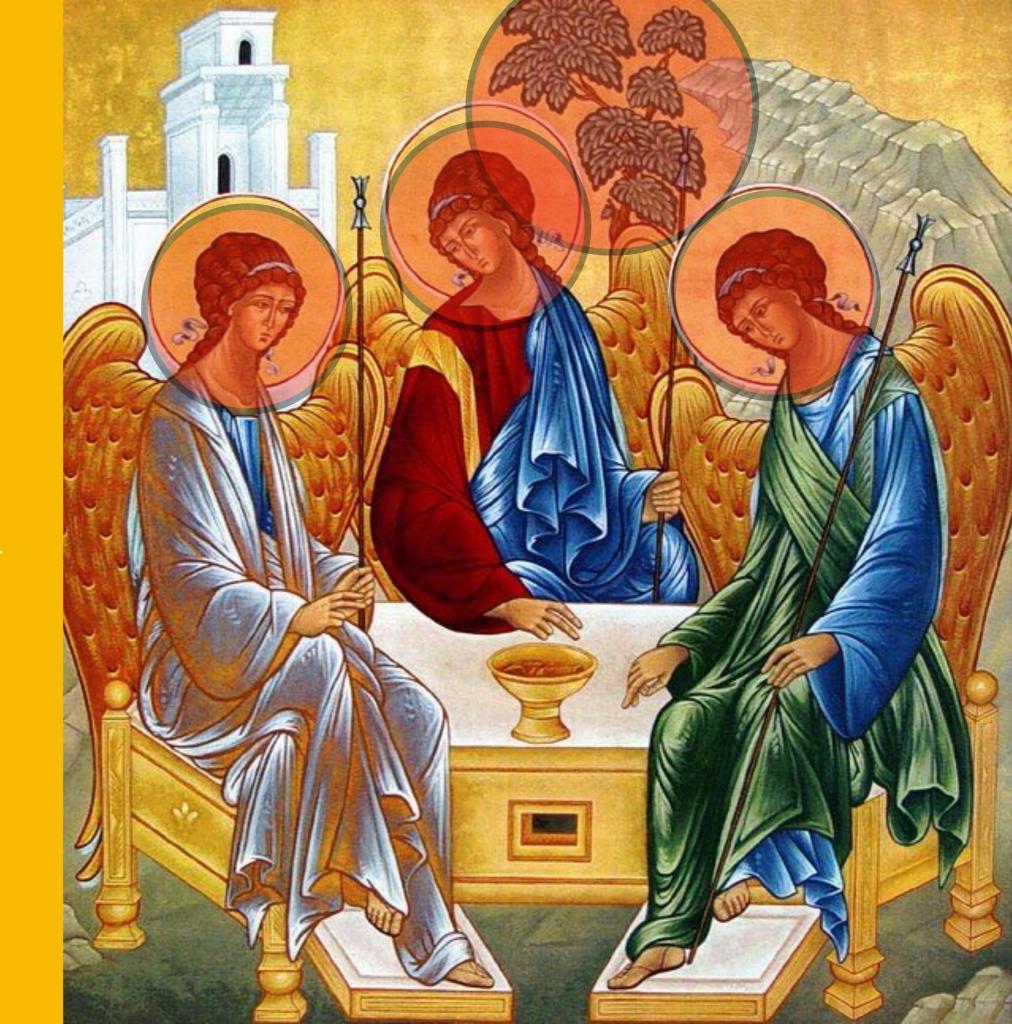


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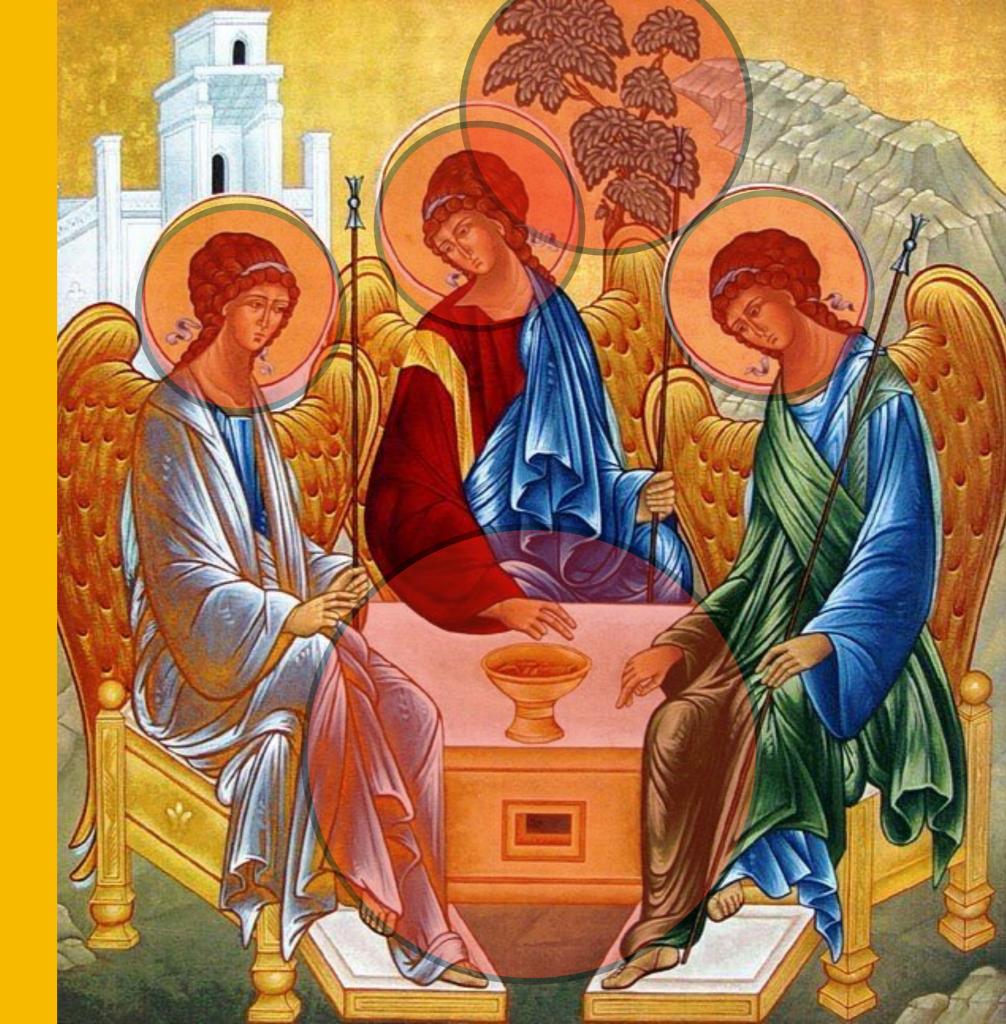


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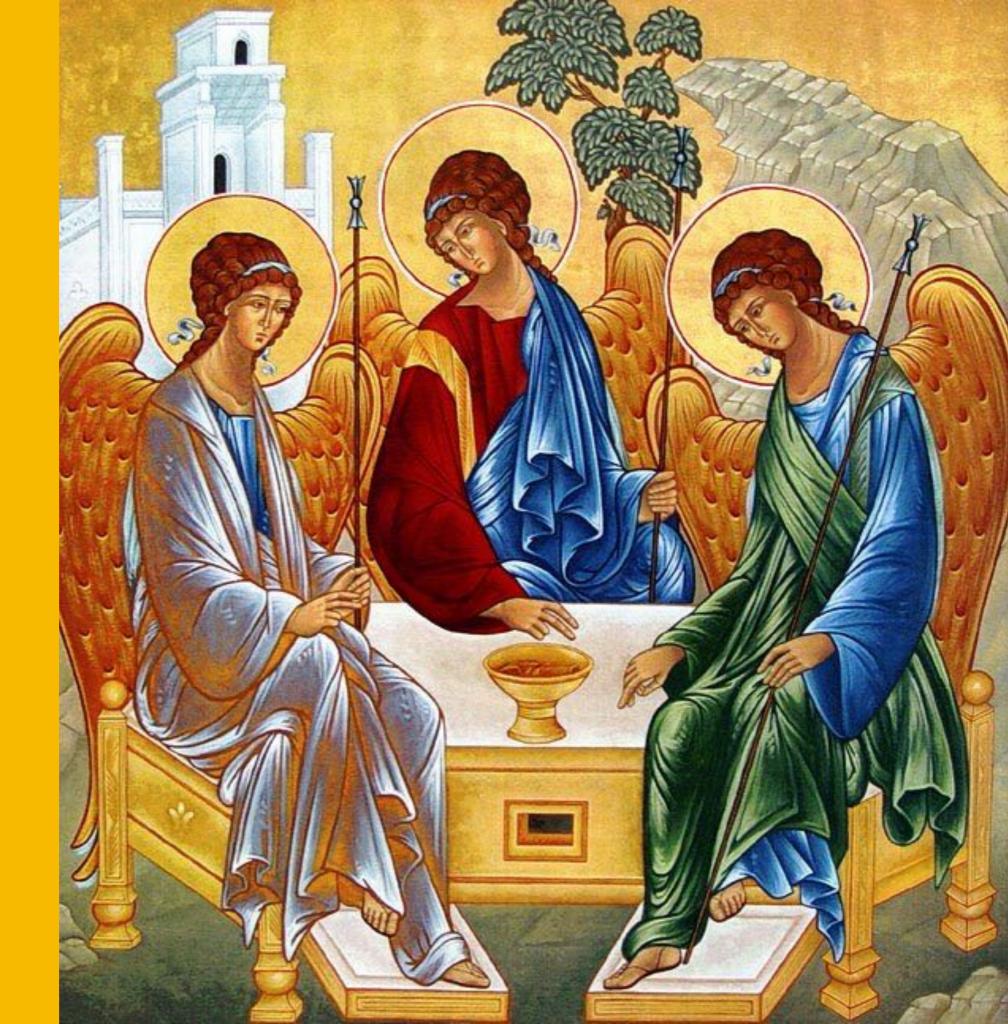


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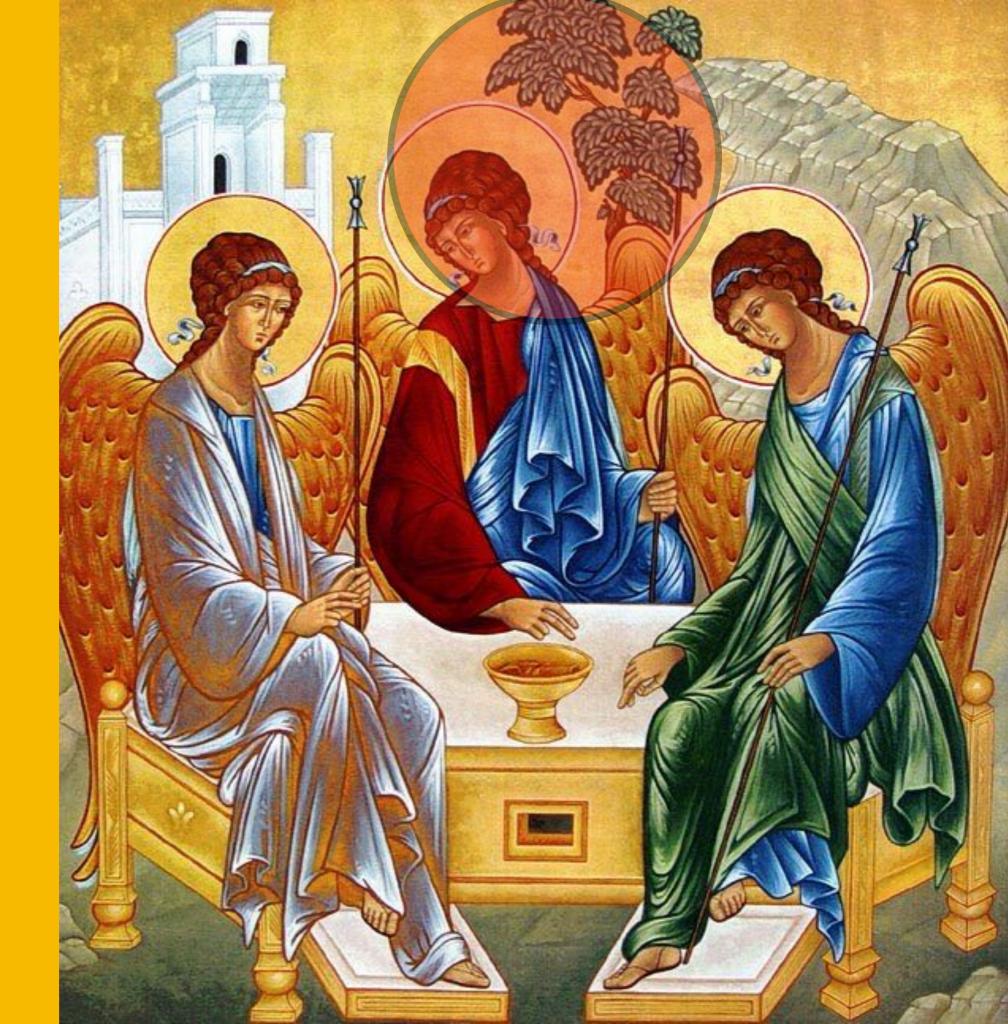
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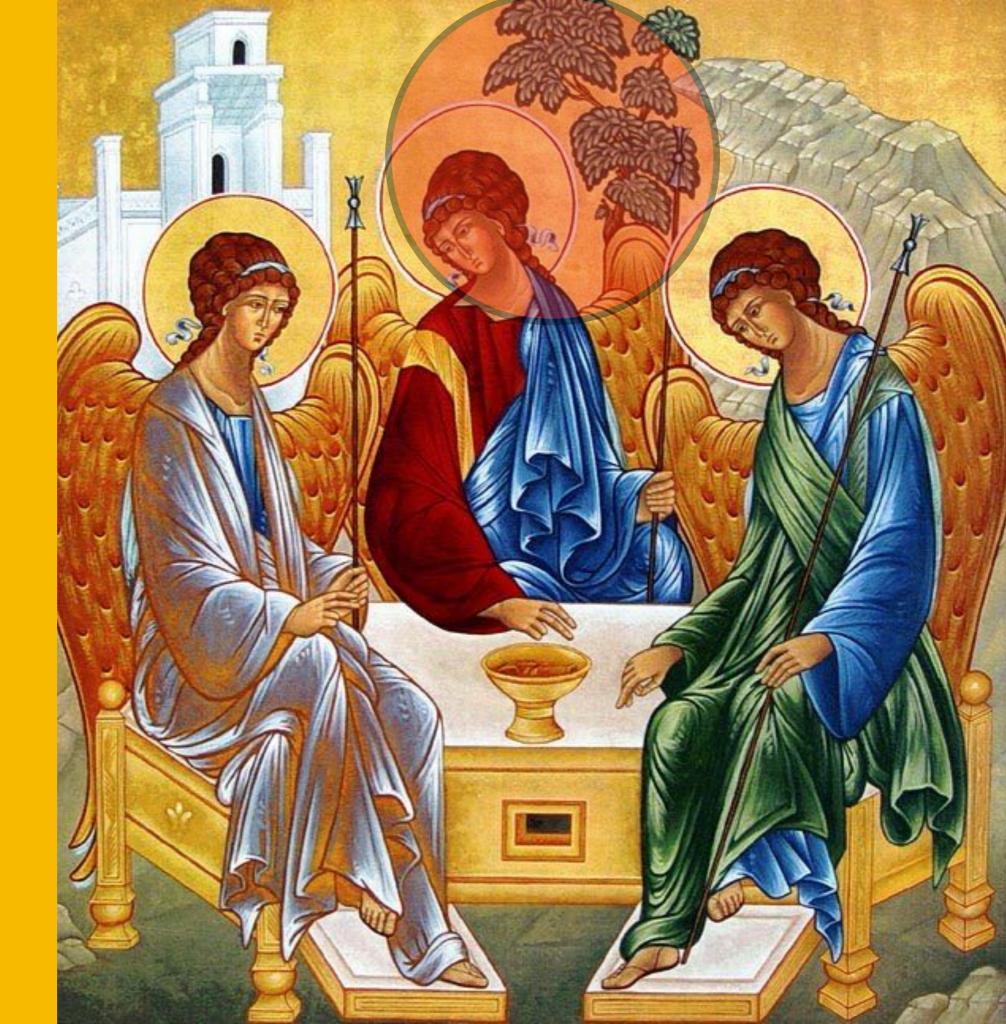


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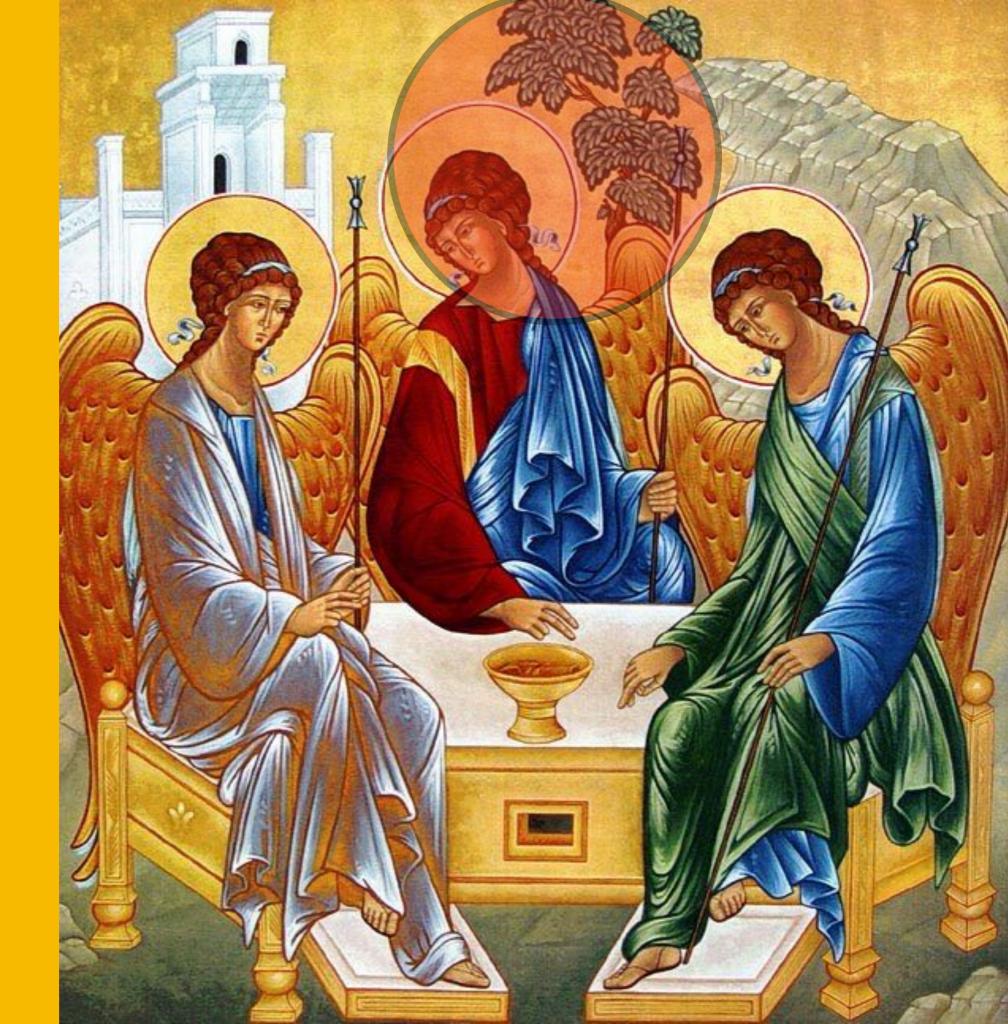
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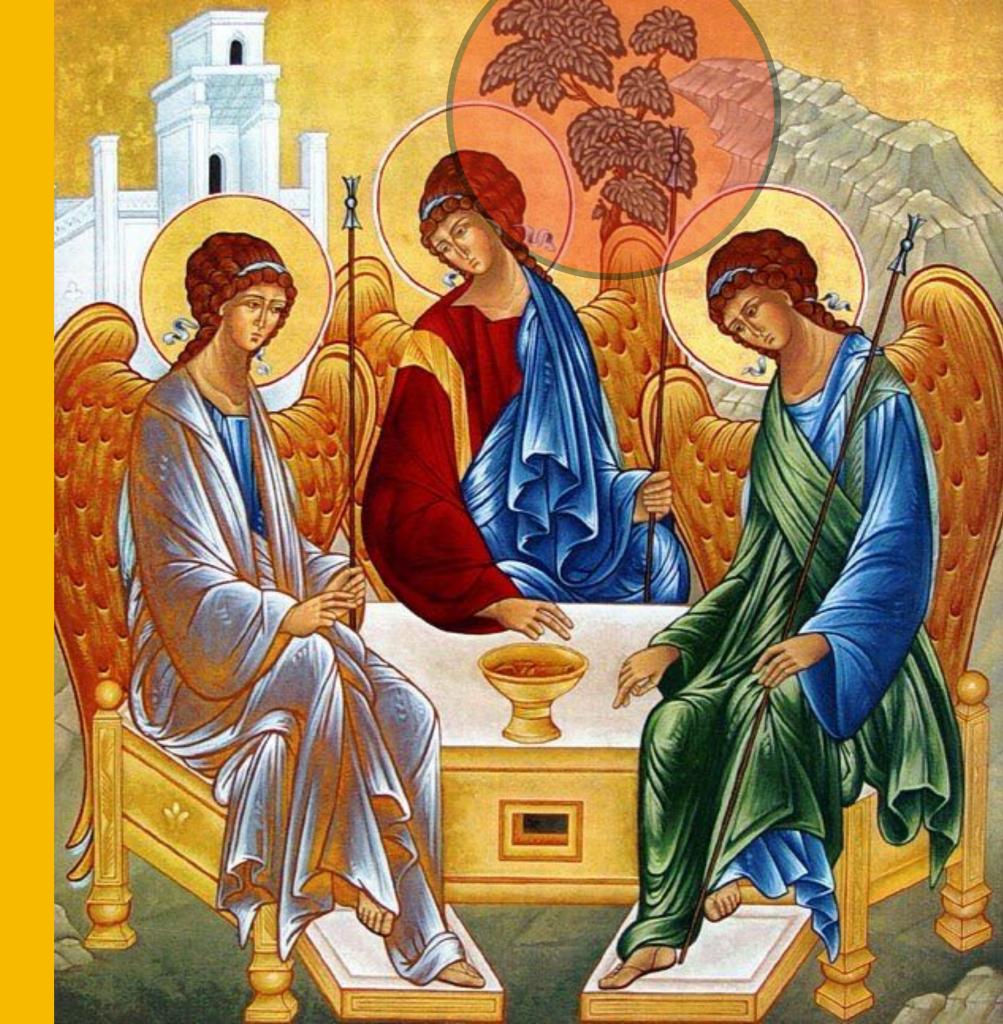
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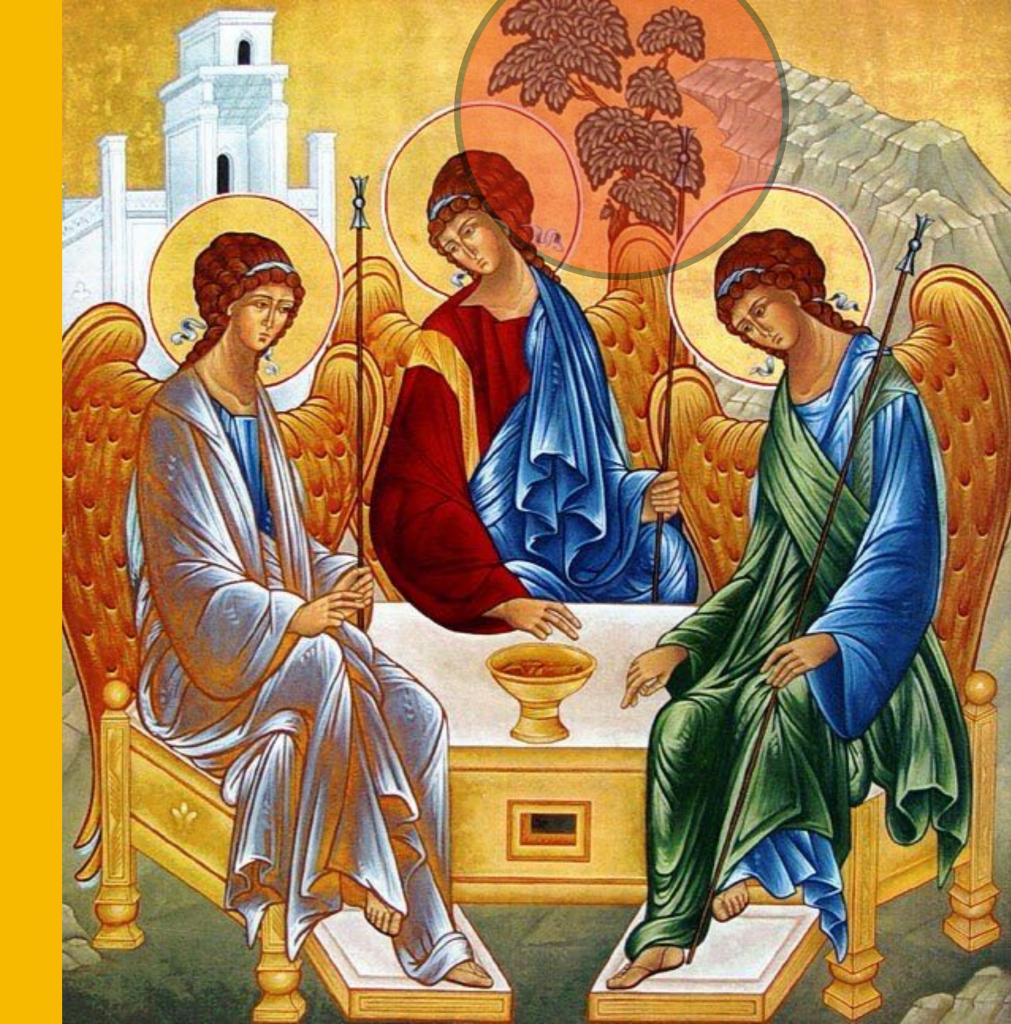
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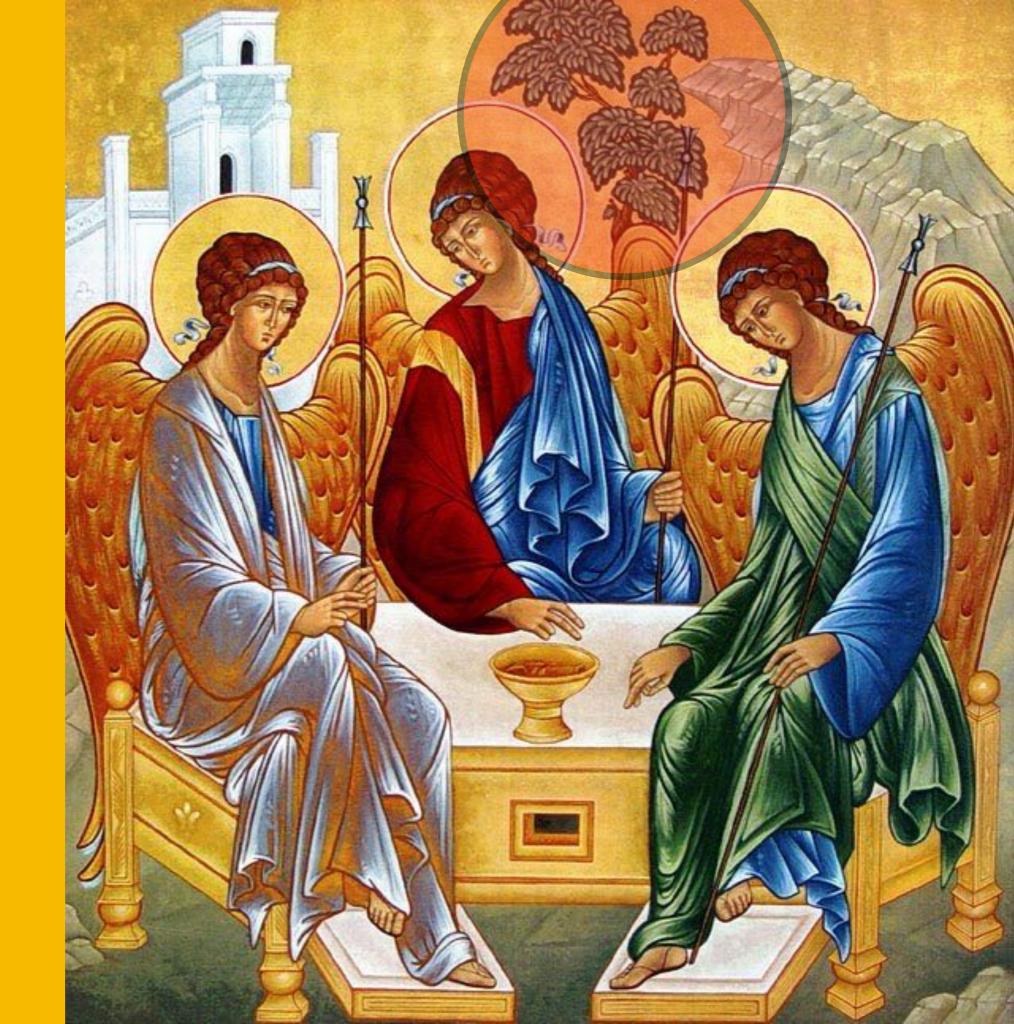


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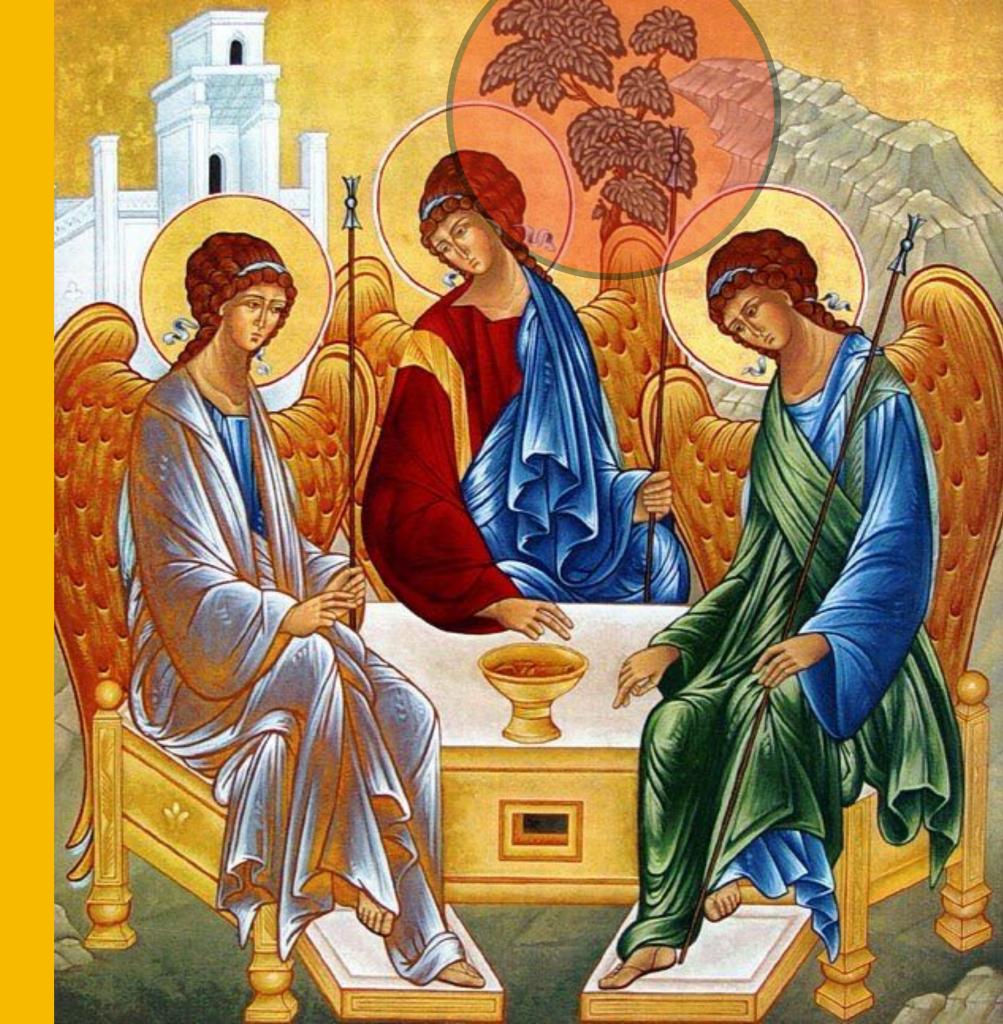
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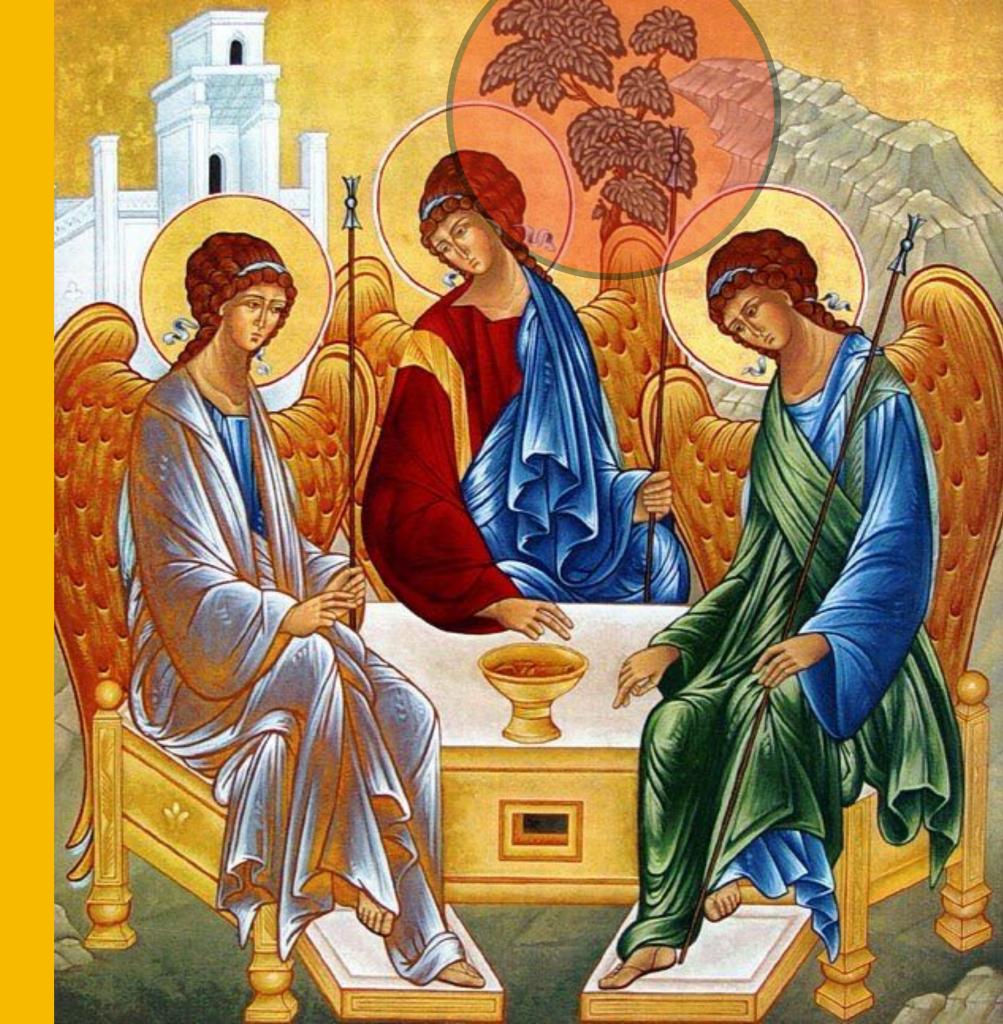
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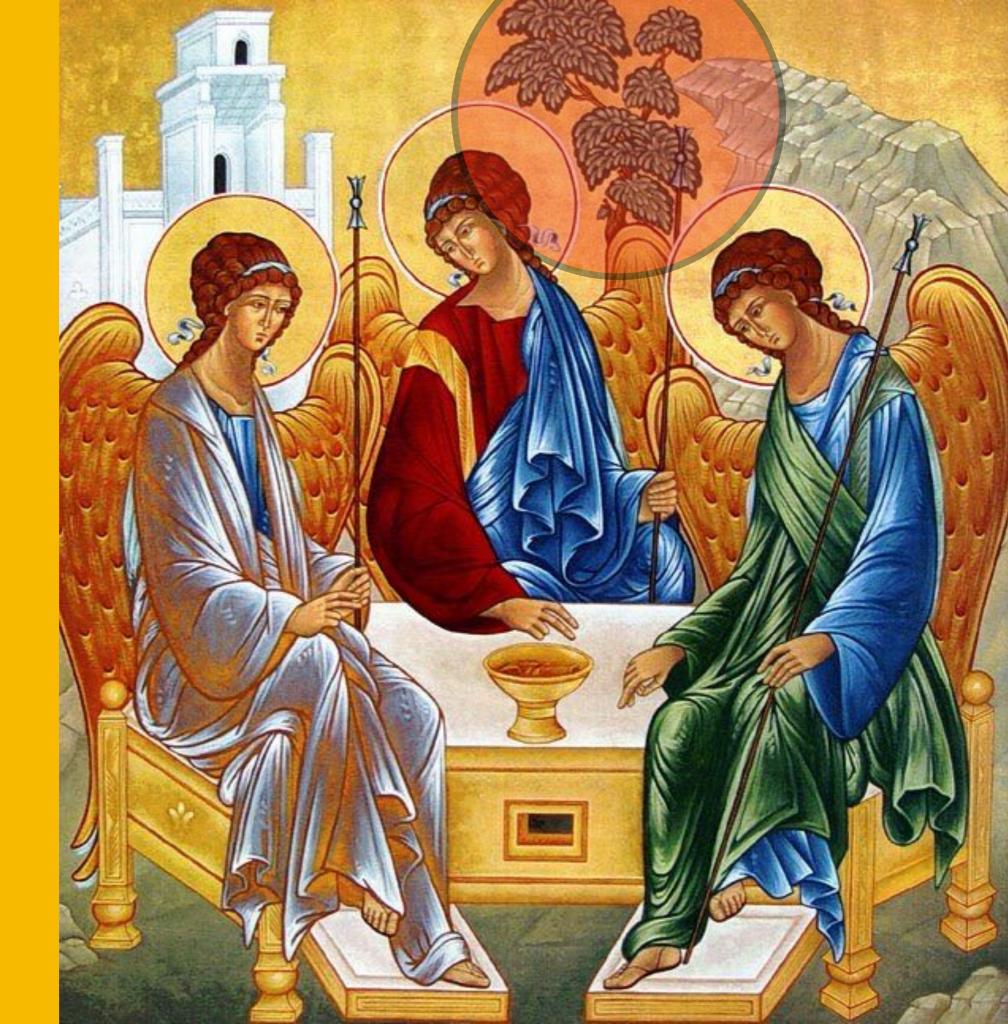


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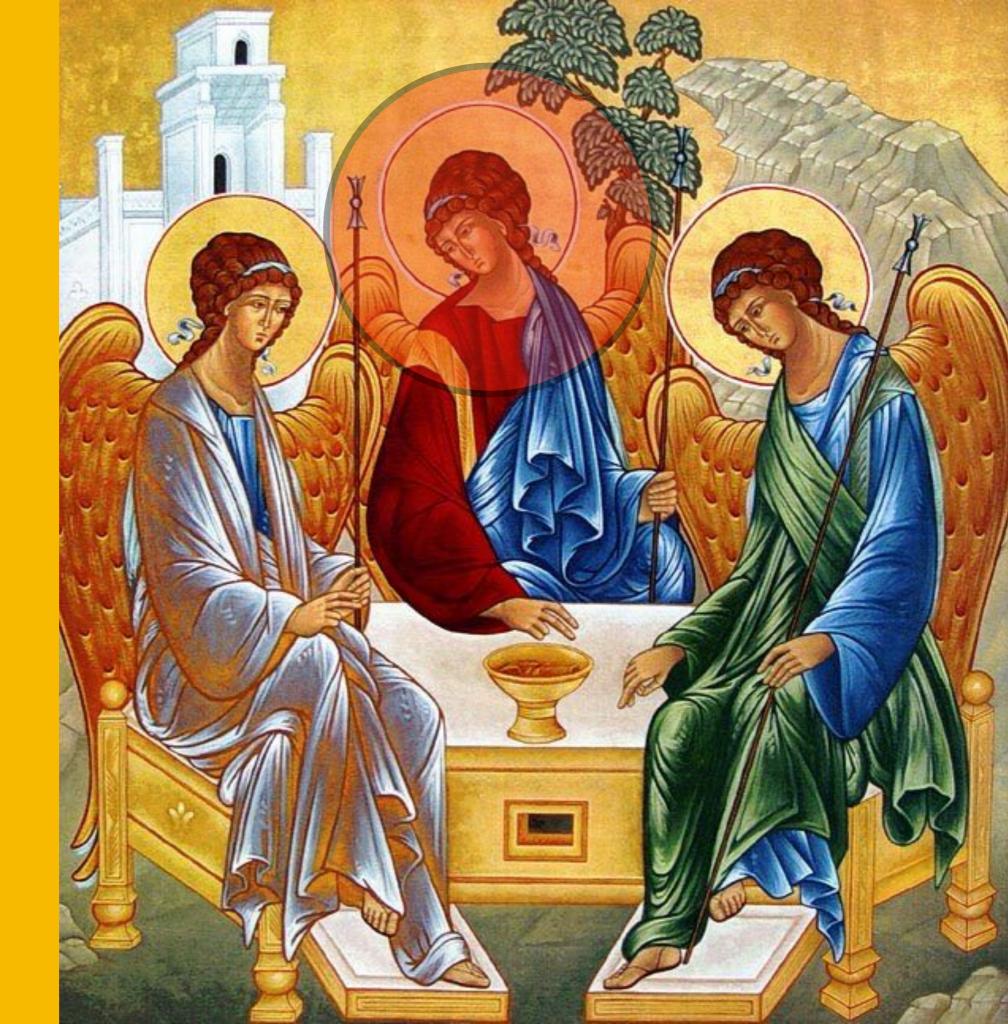


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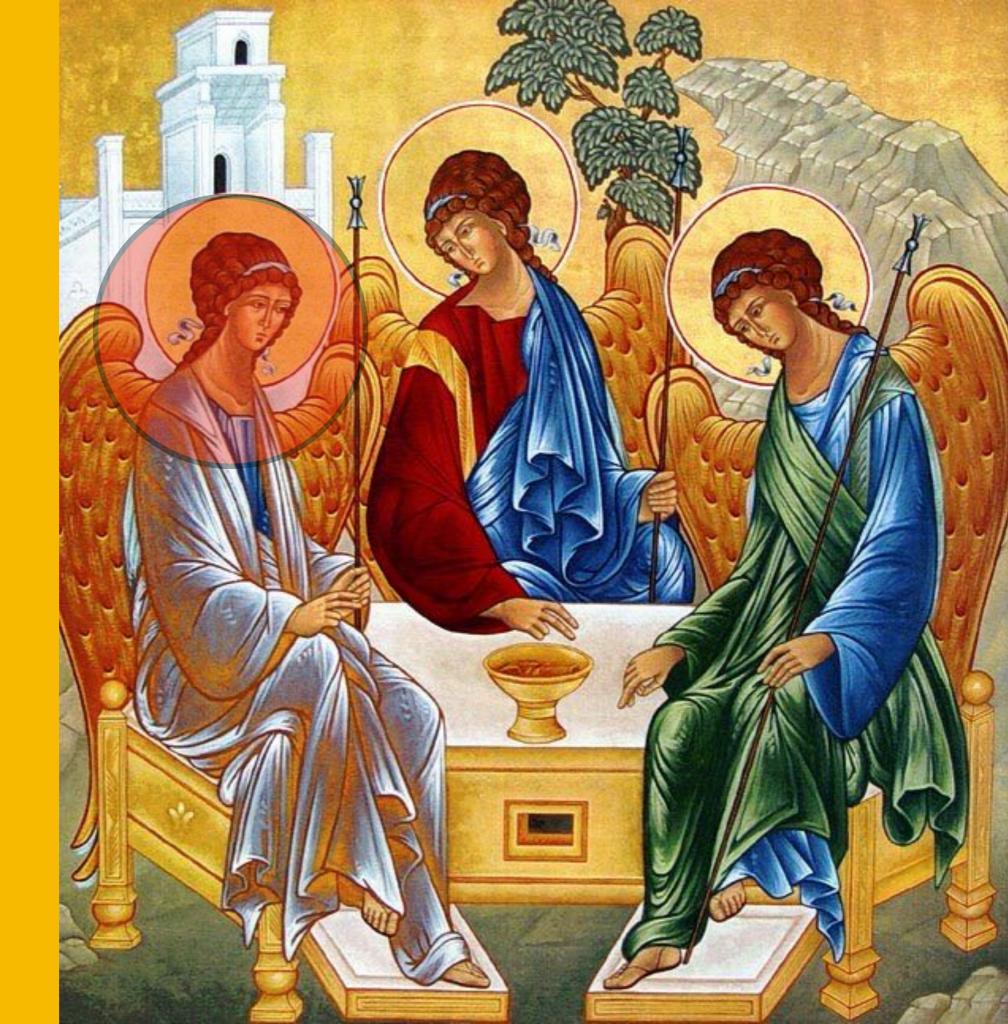


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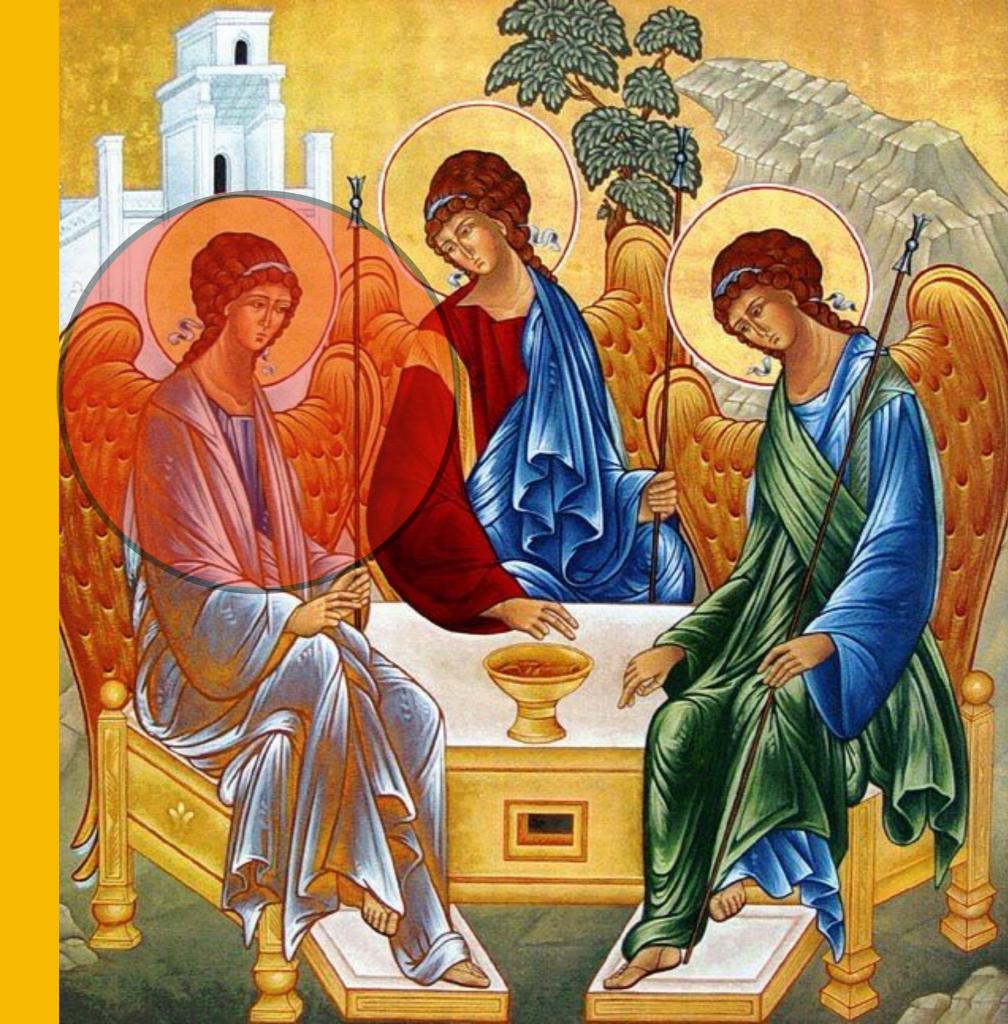




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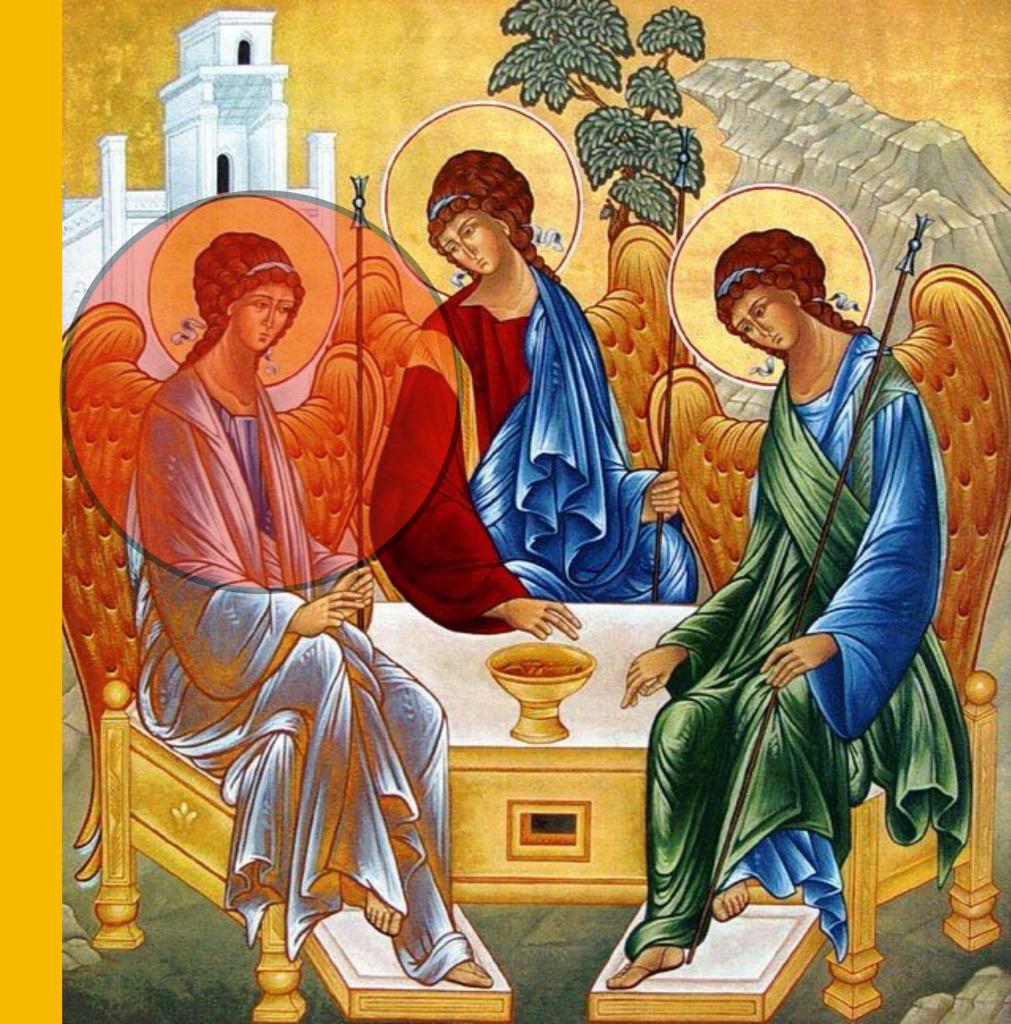


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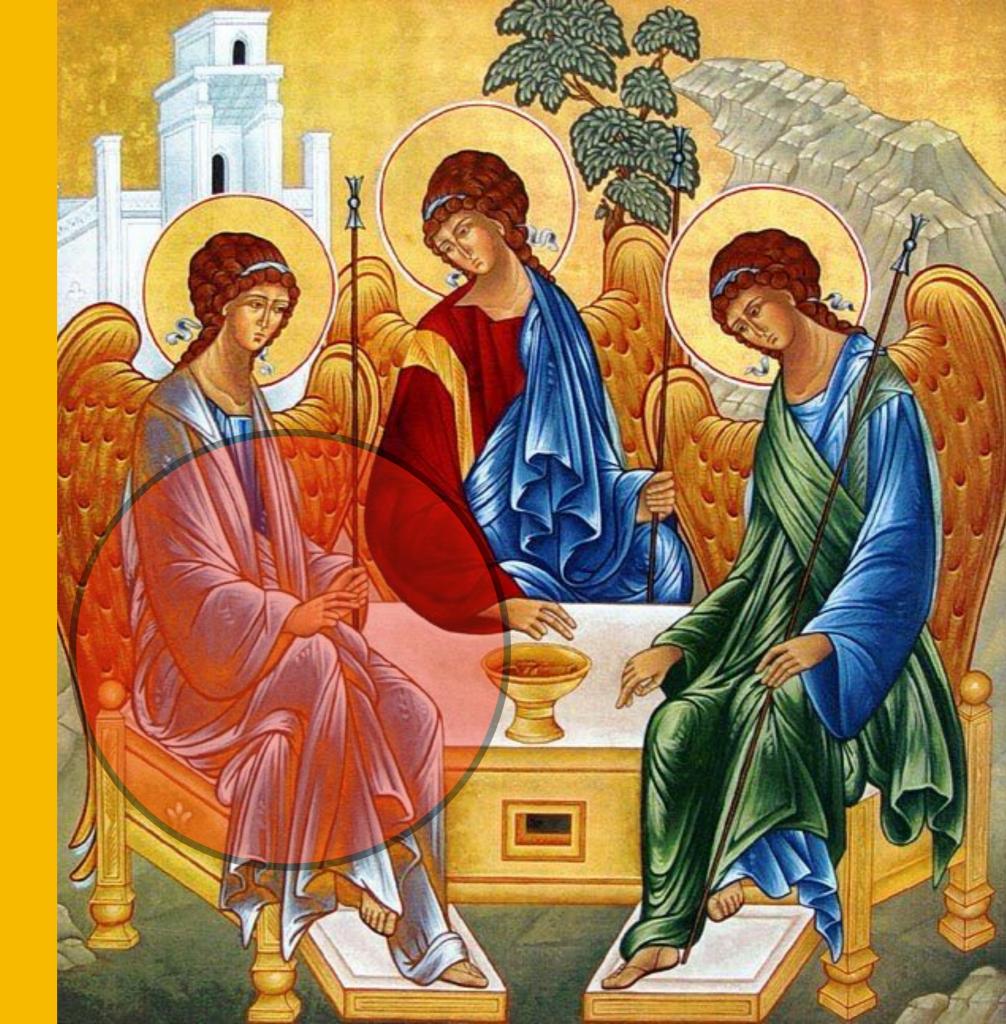
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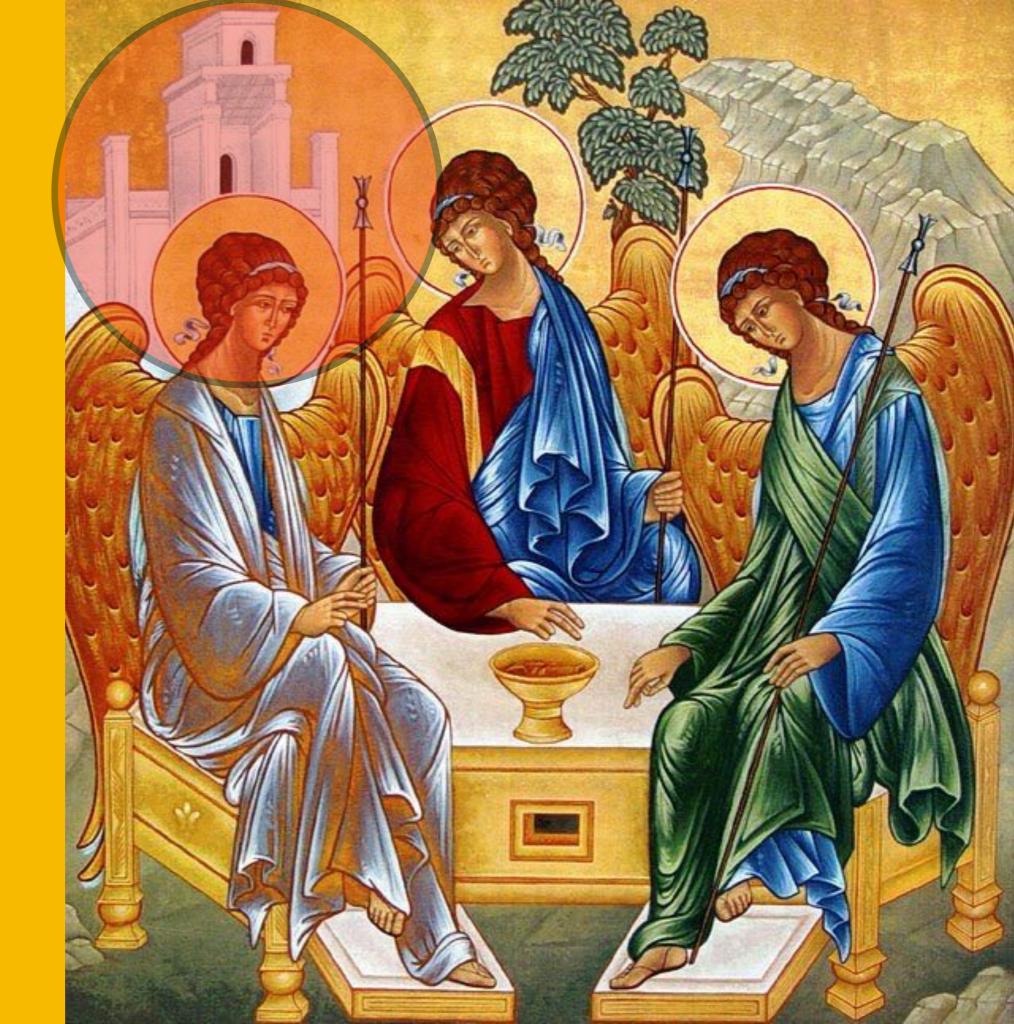




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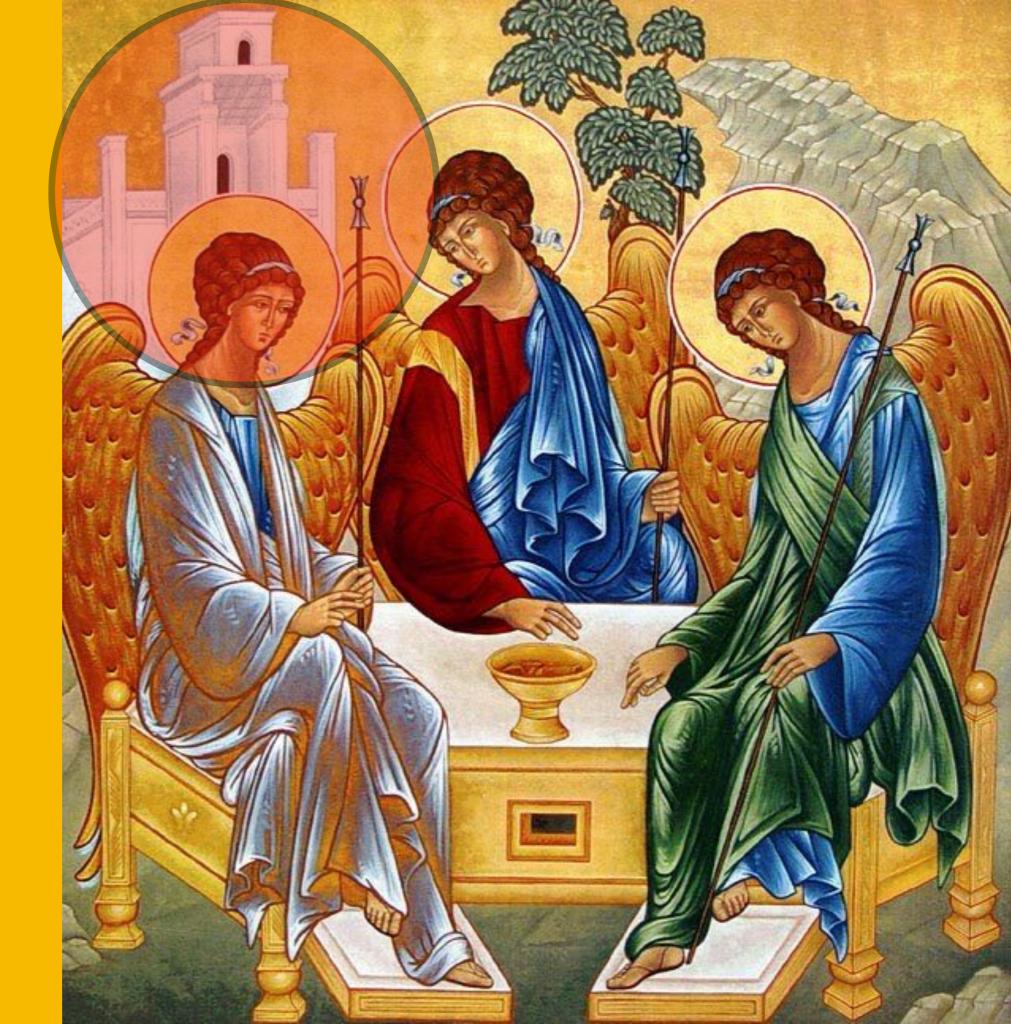


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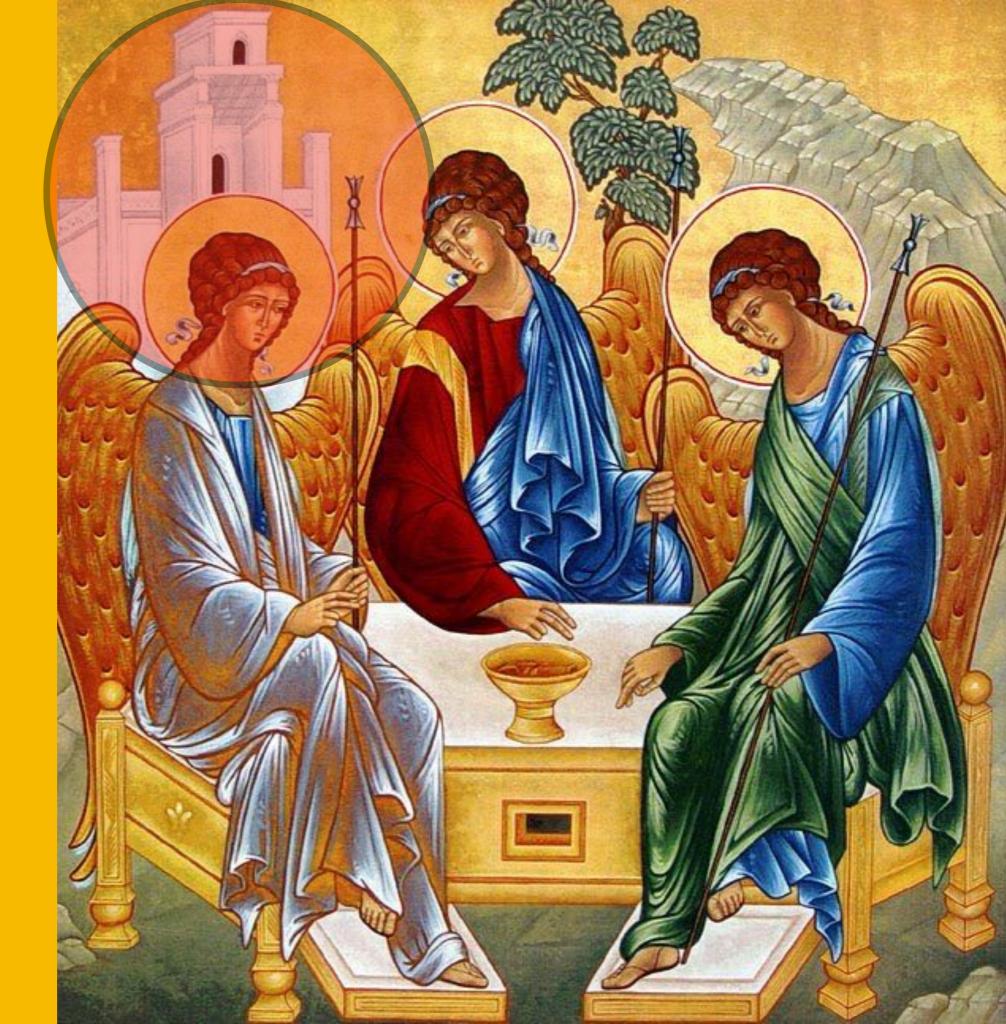


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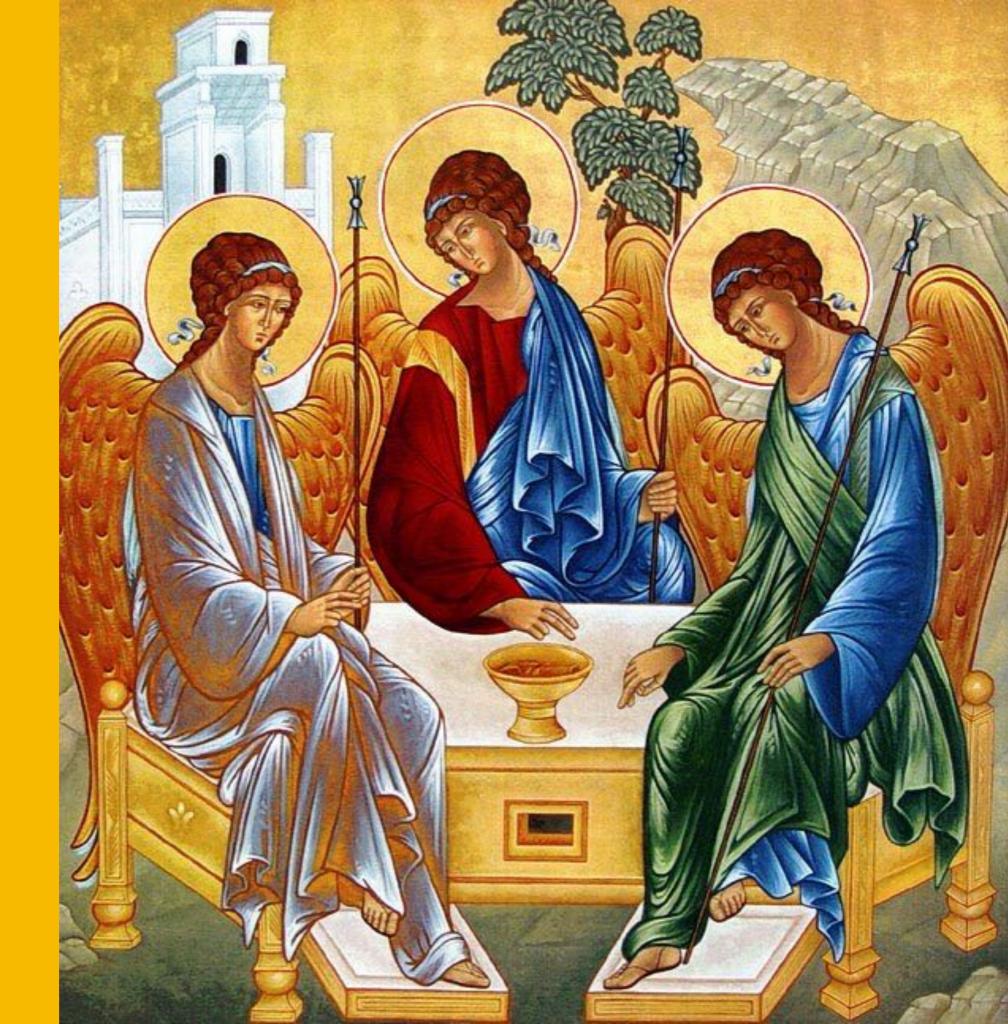
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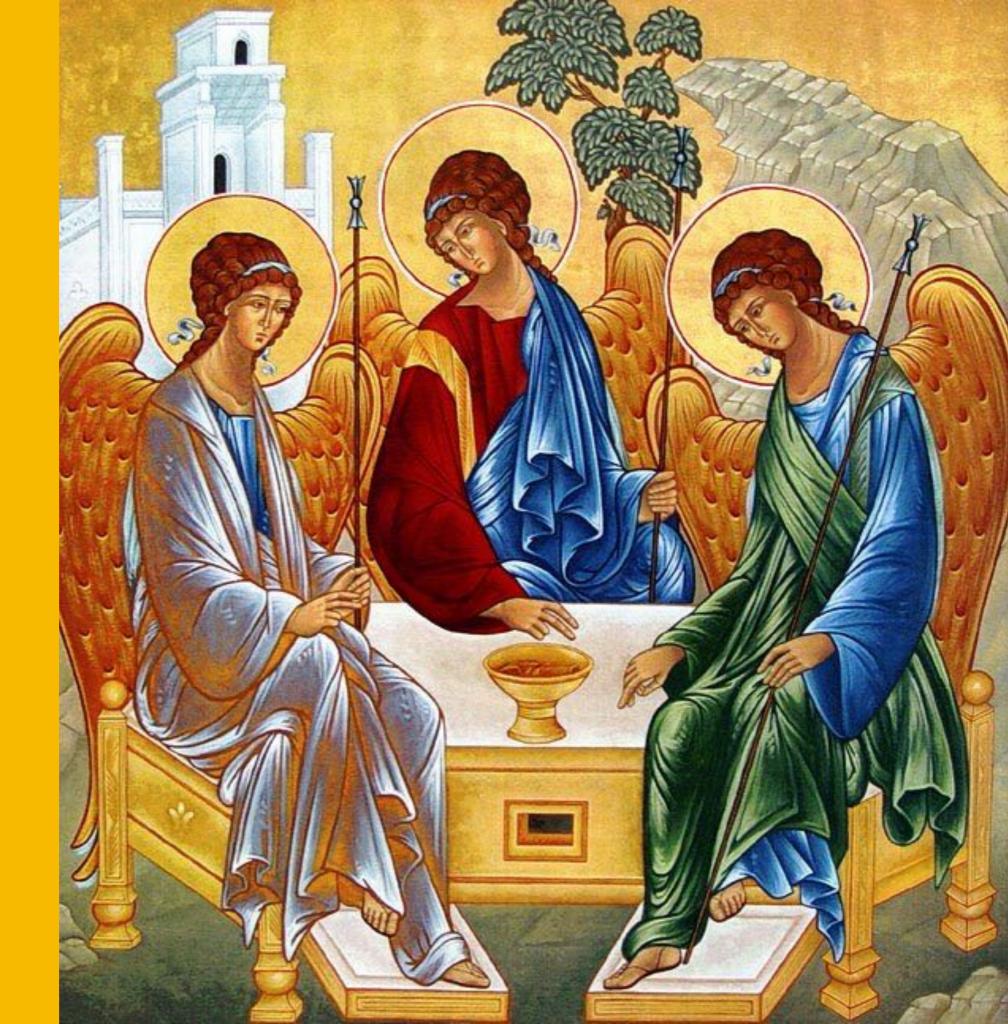
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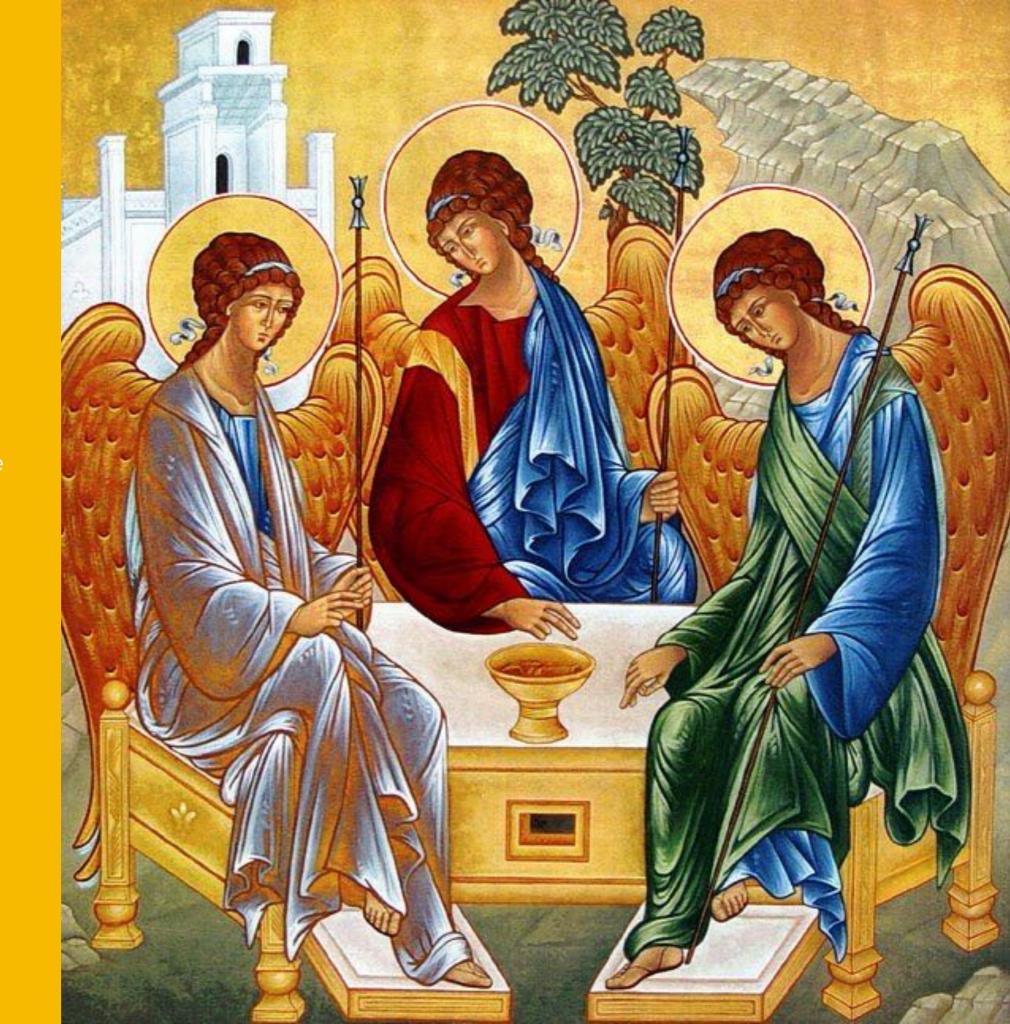


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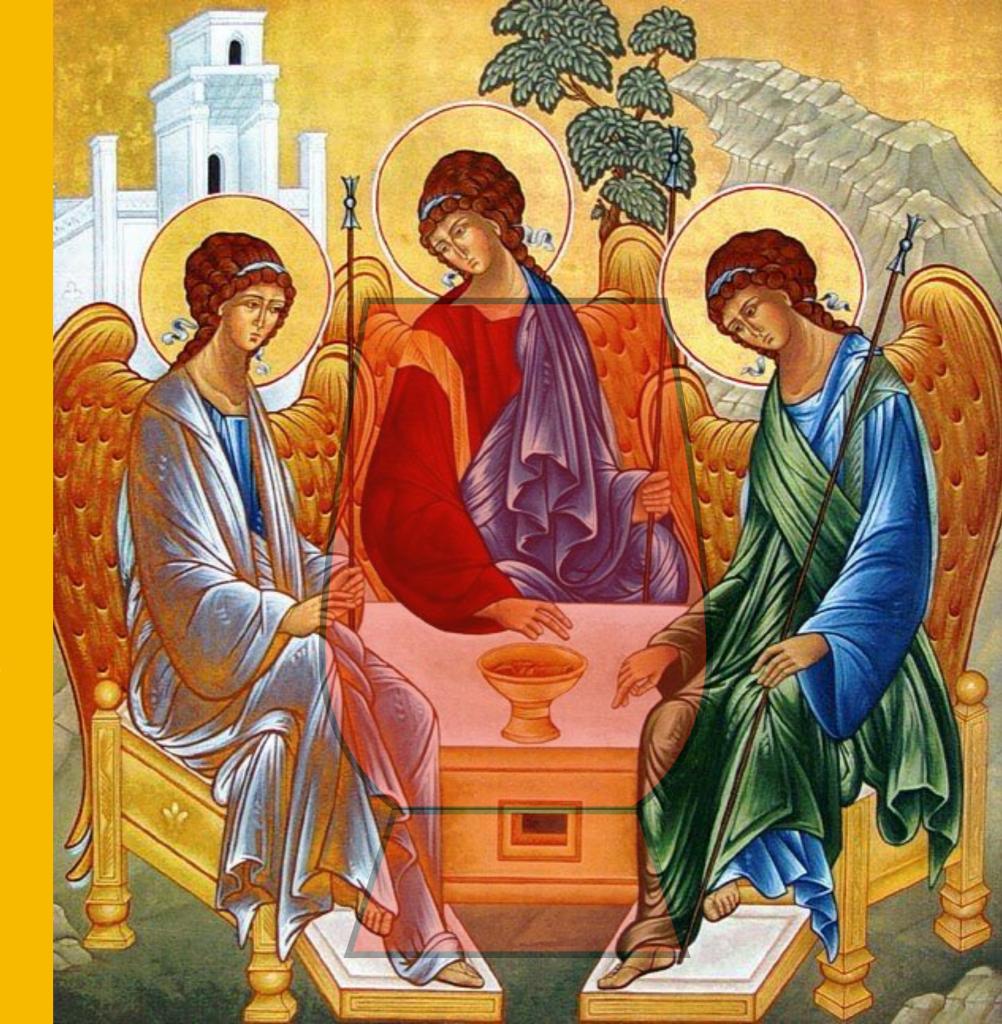
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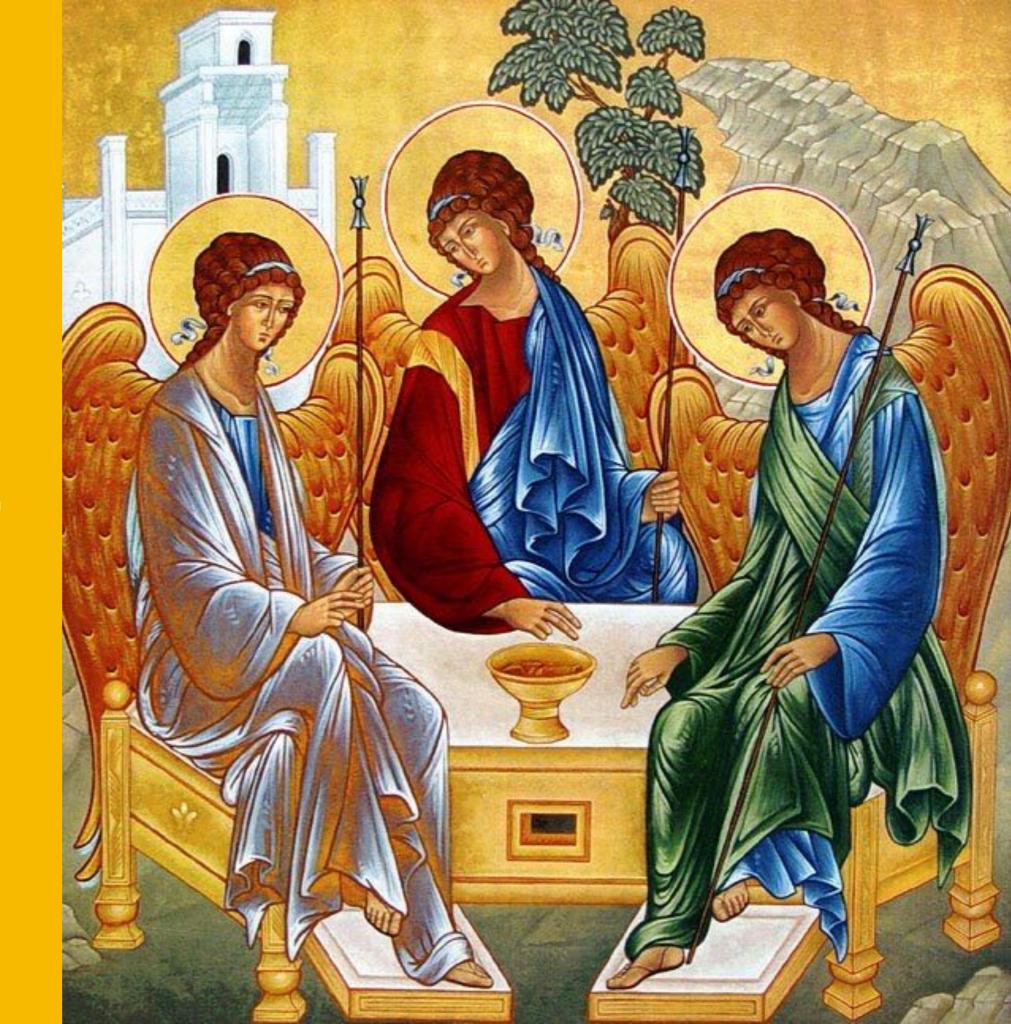


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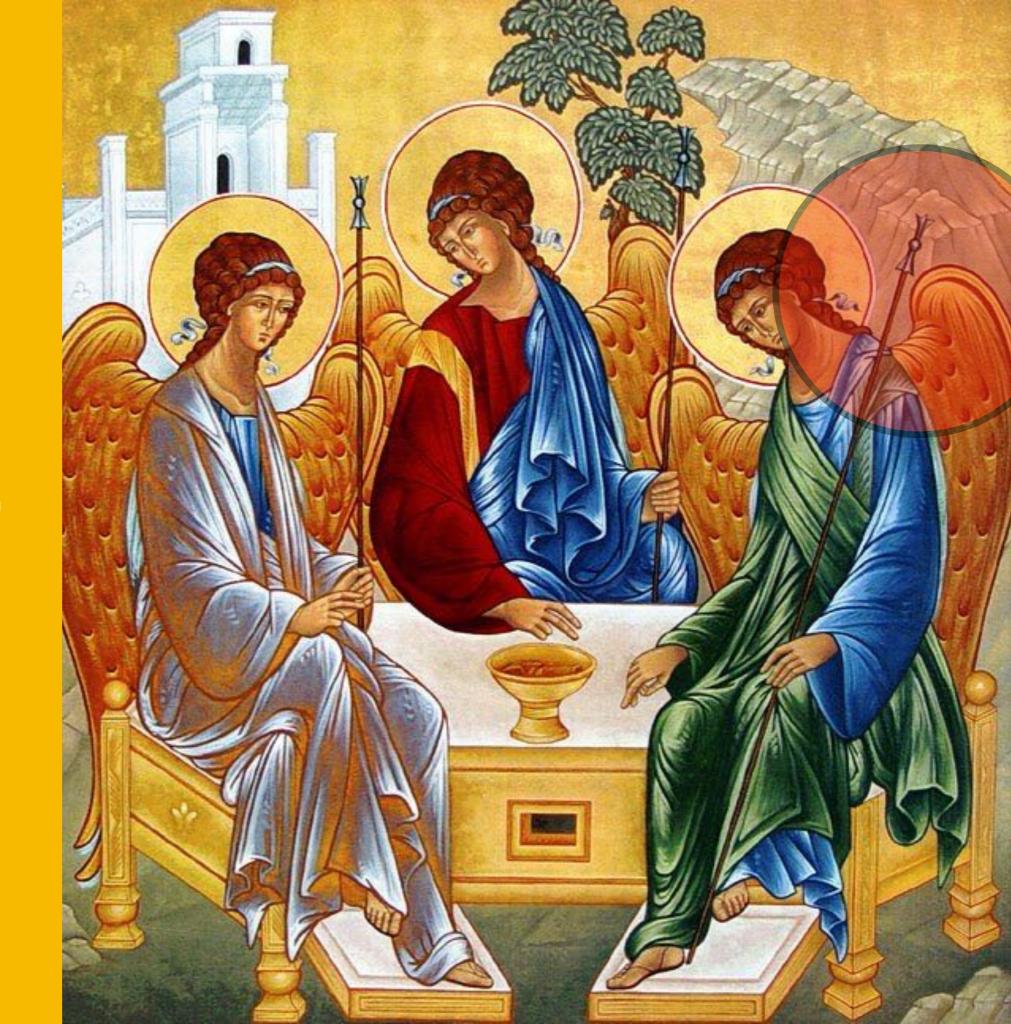
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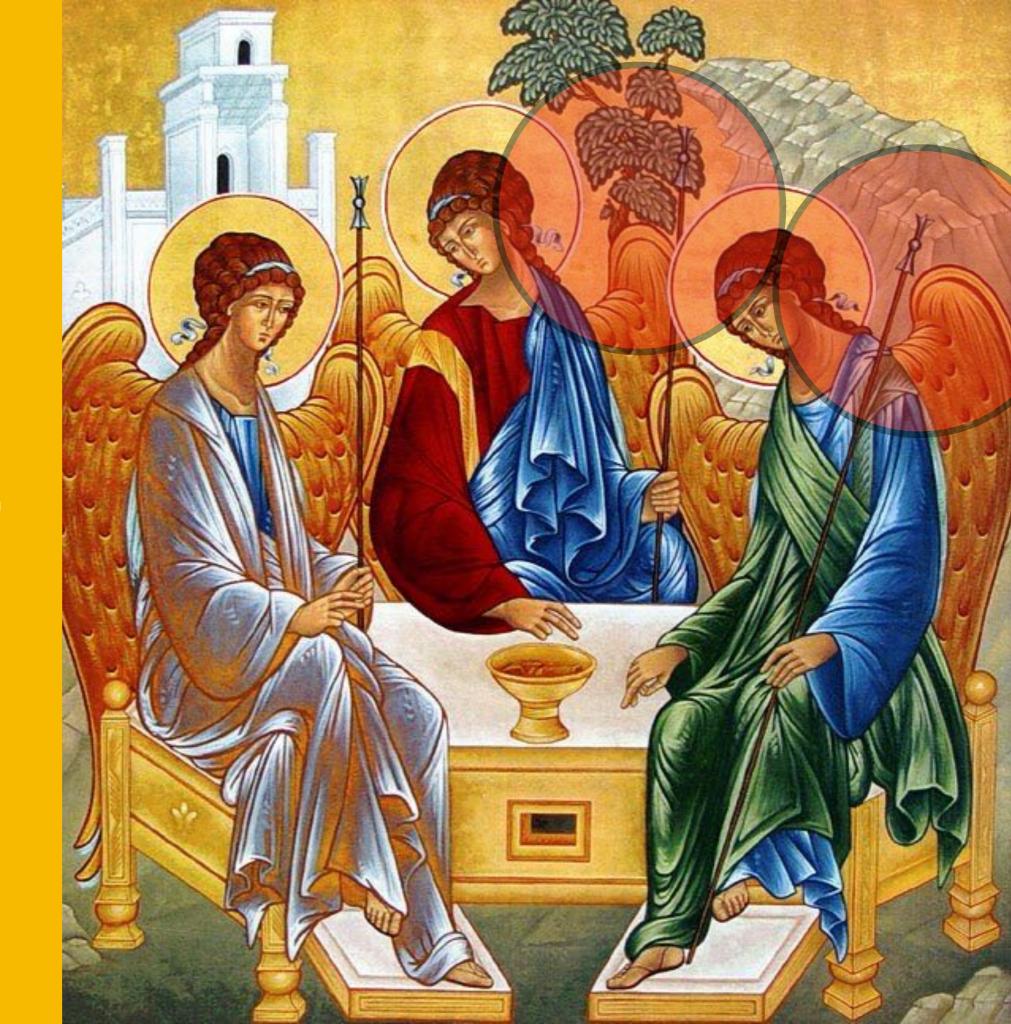
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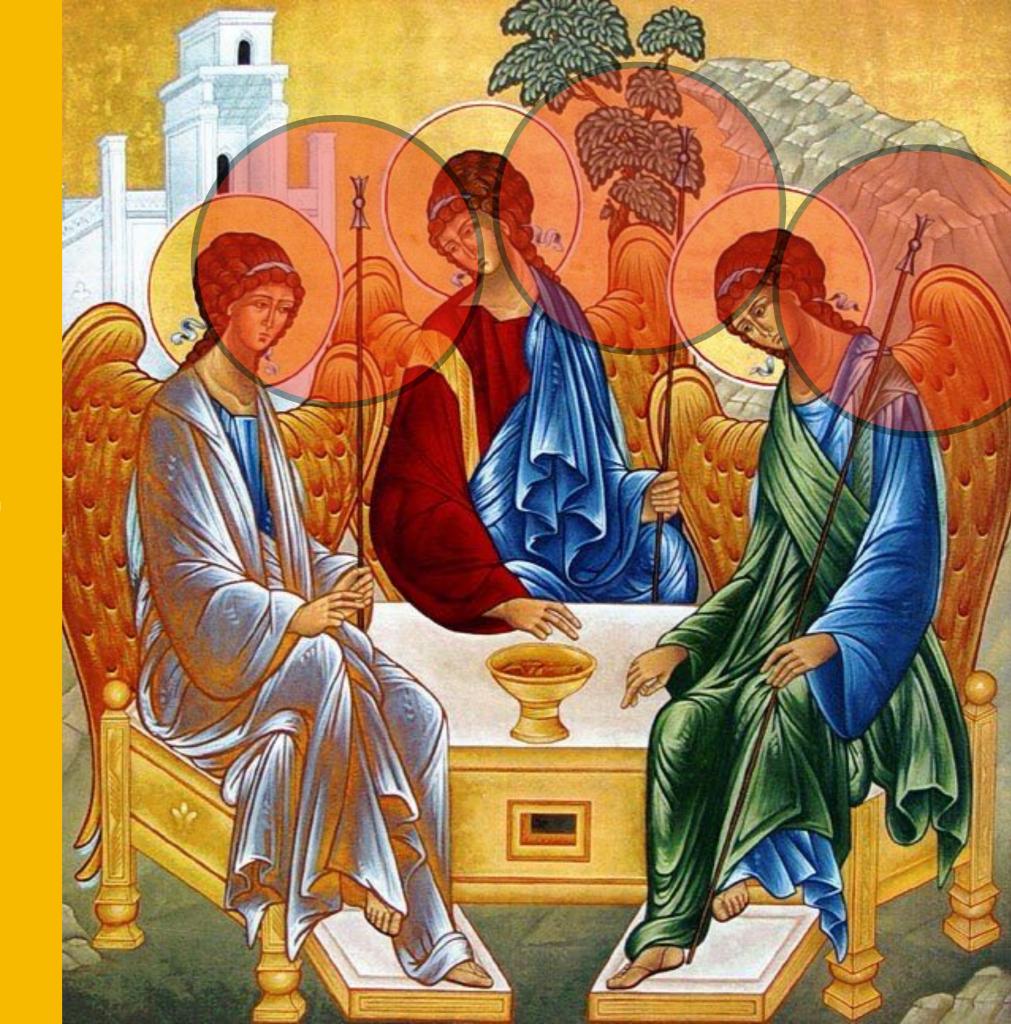
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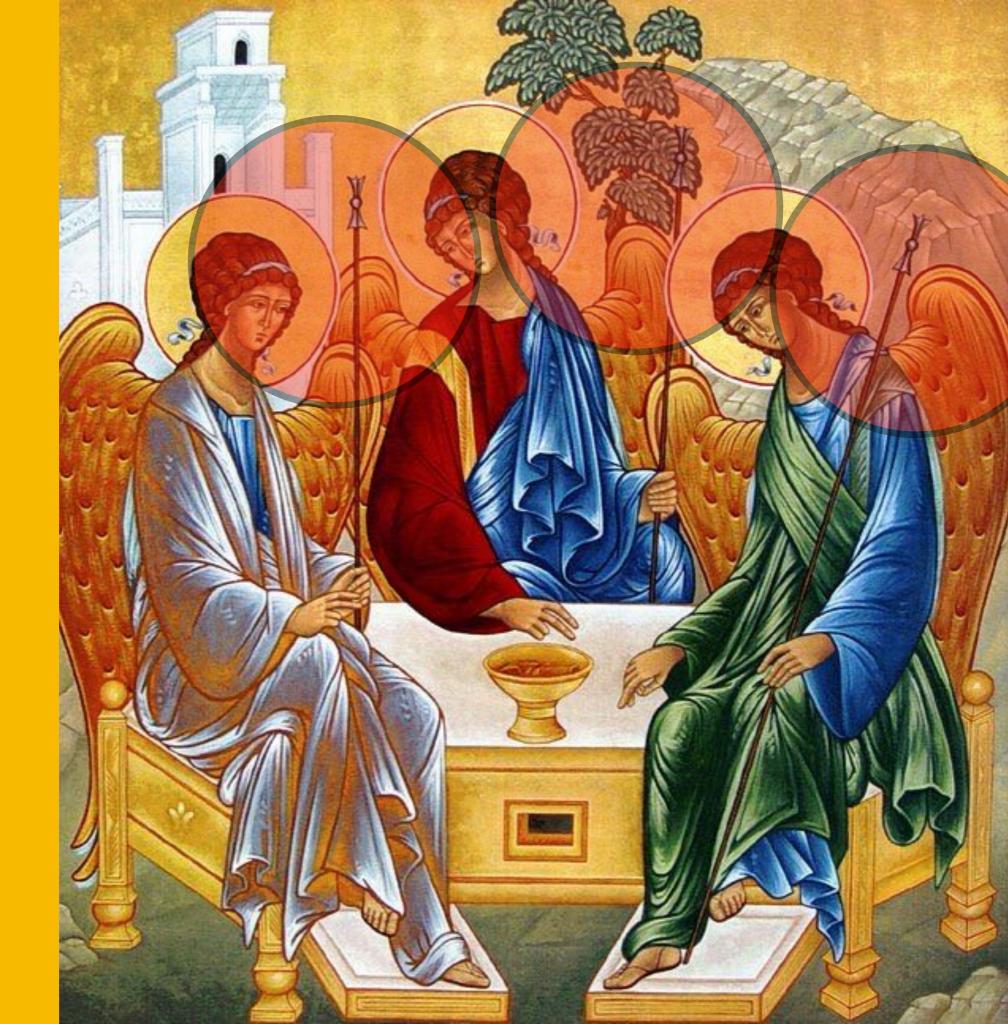
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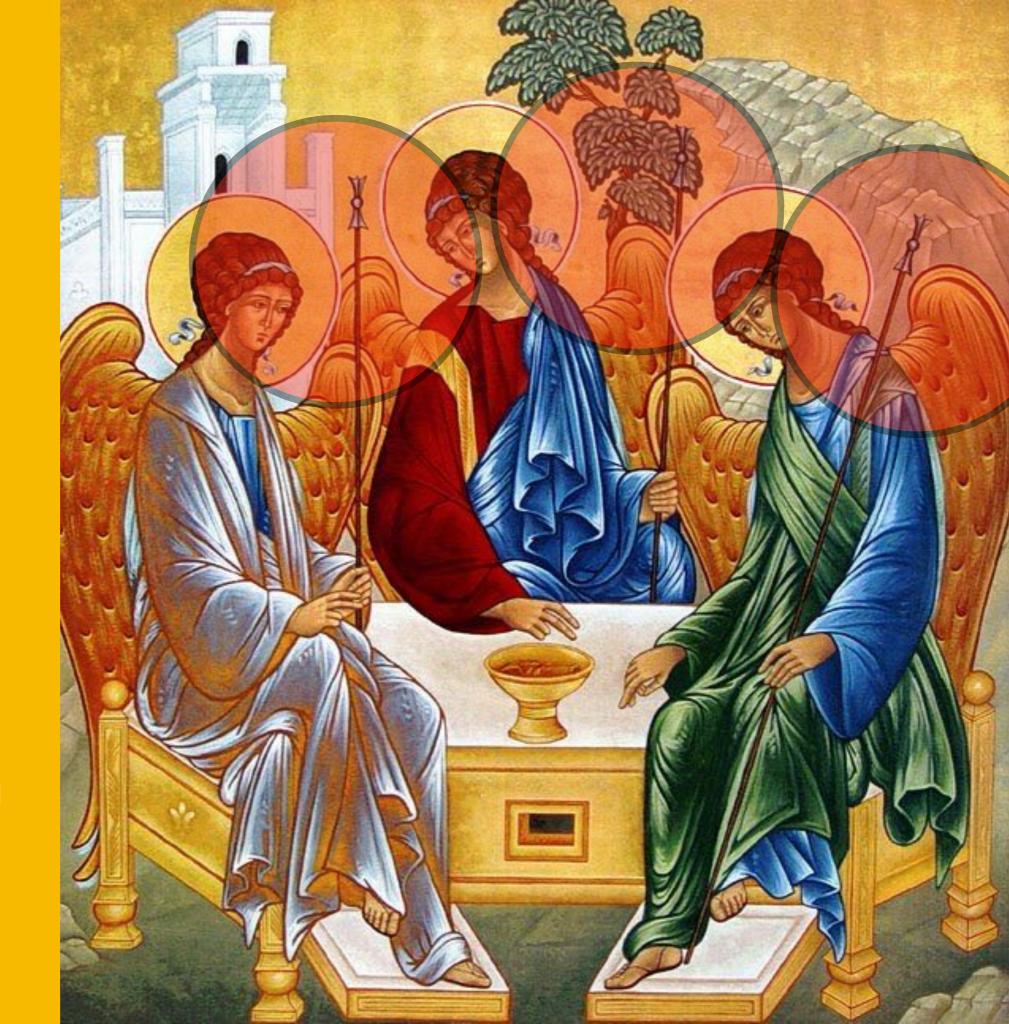
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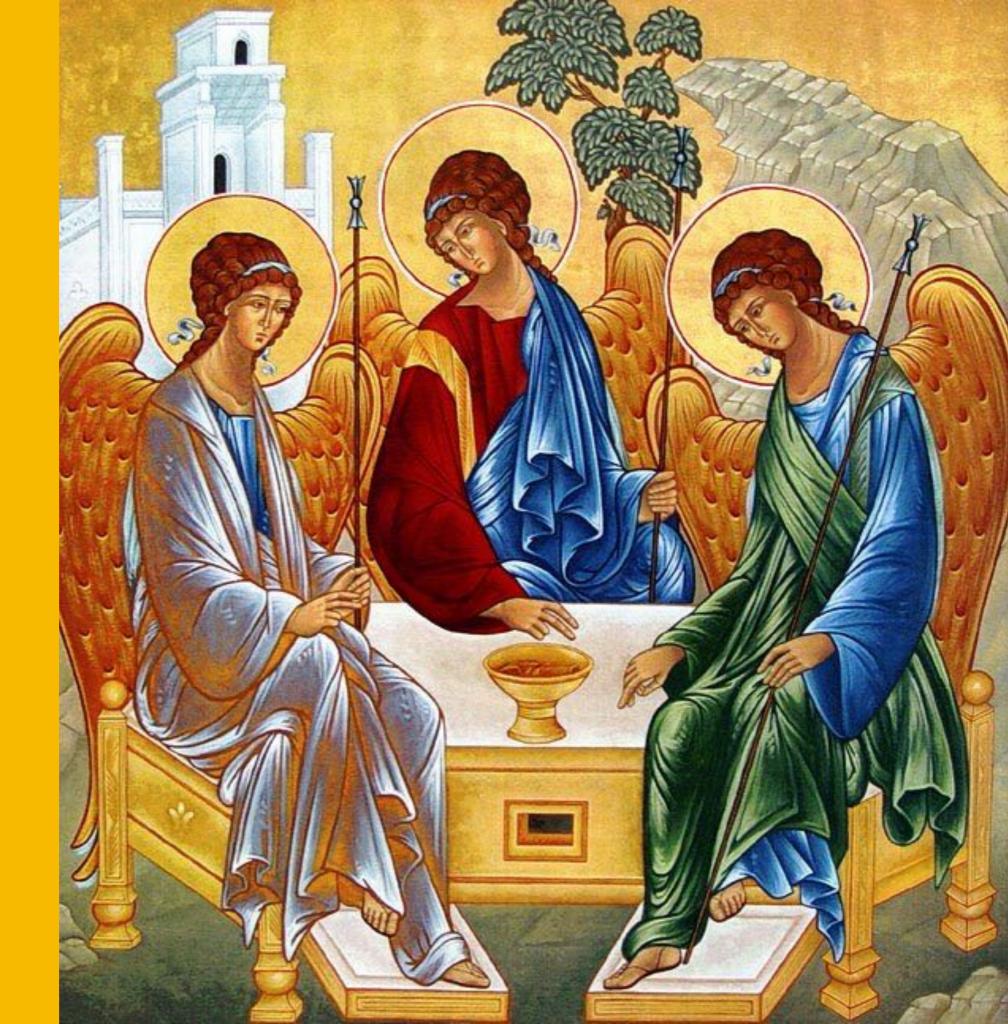
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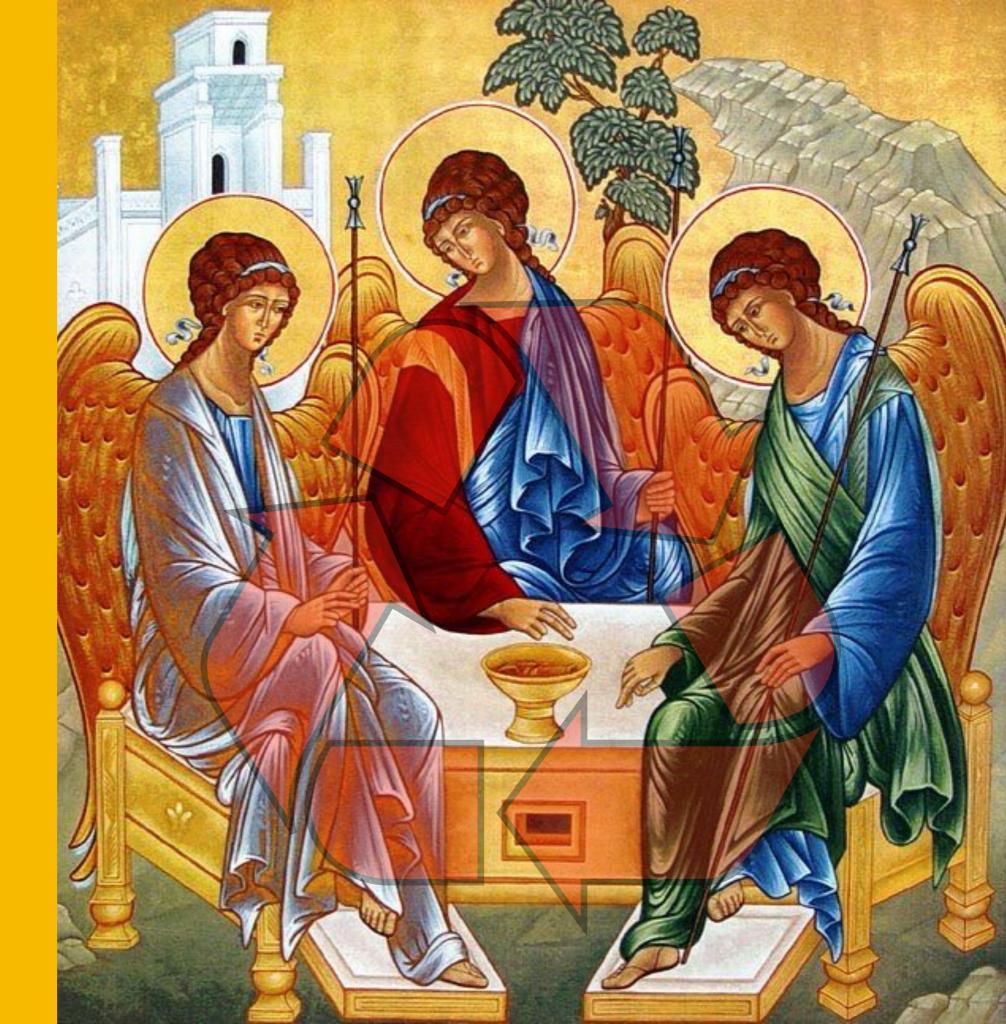
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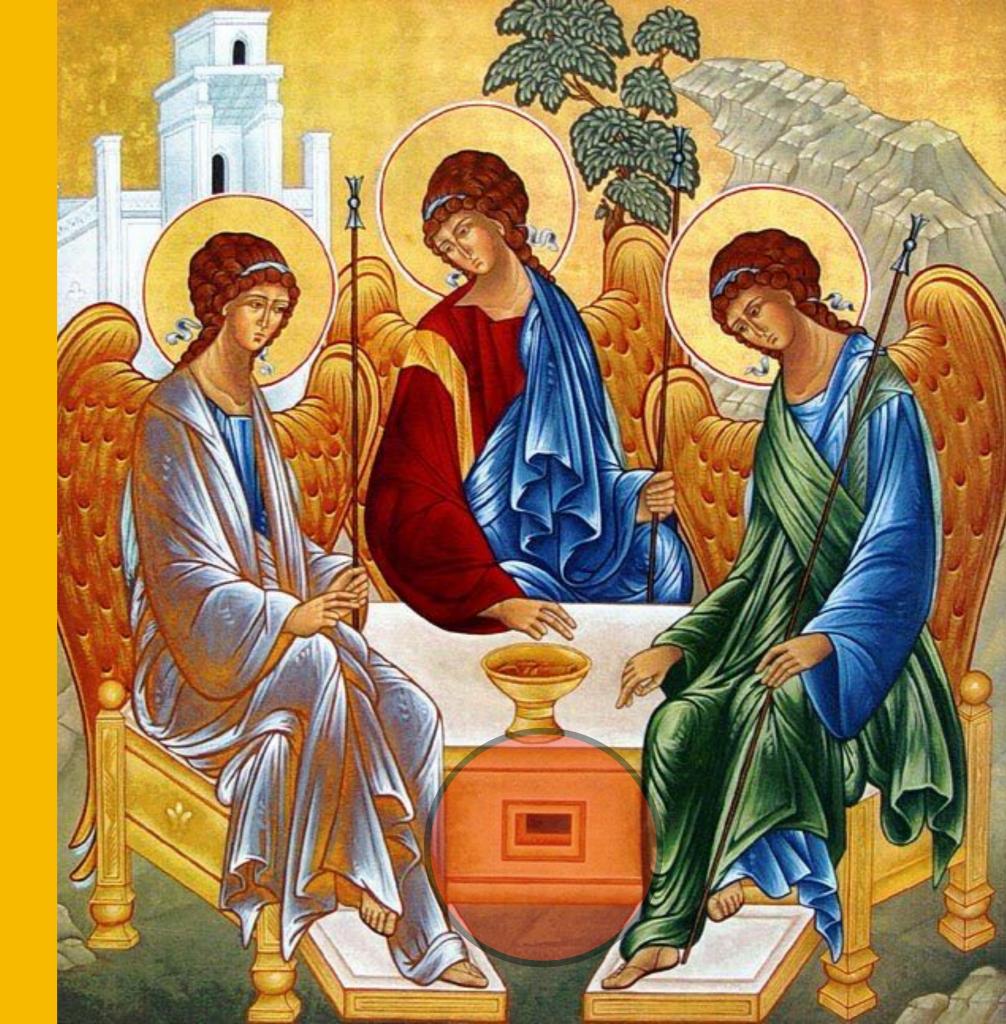
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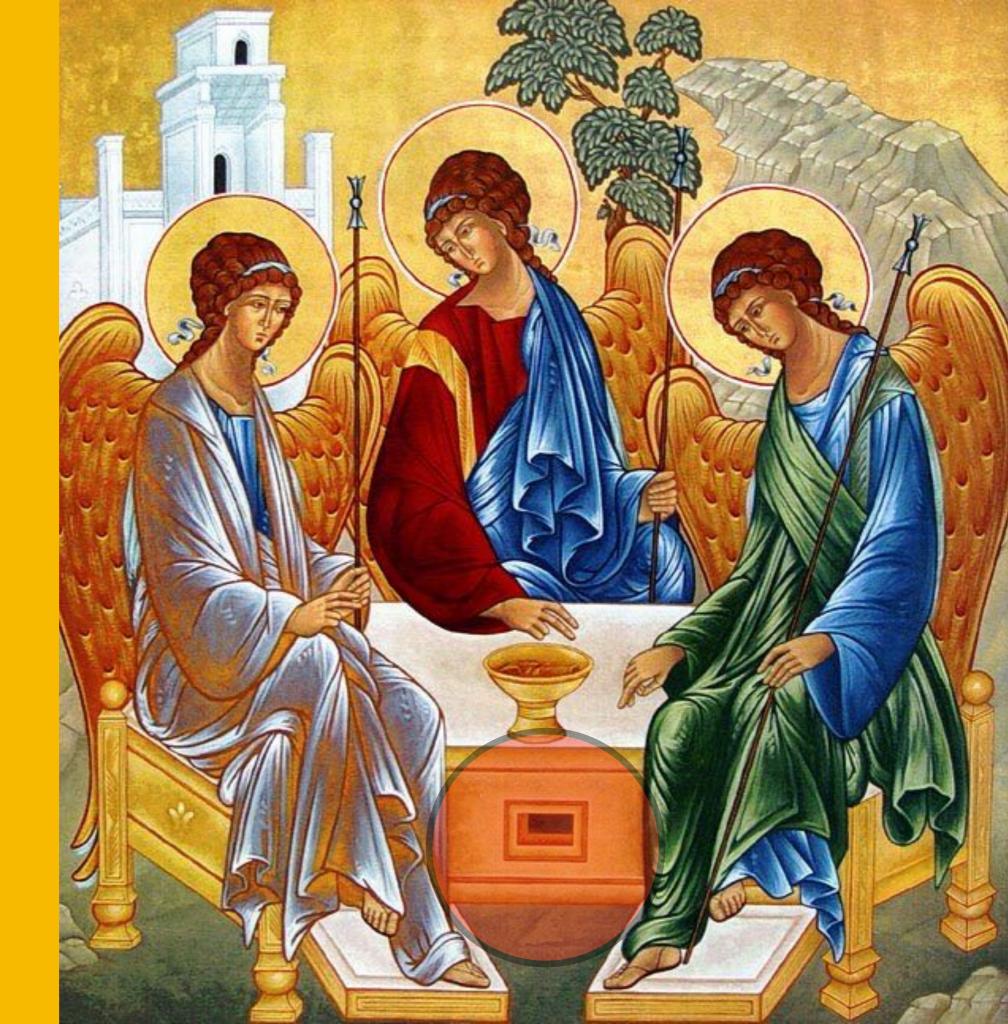
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It is believed that the original icon had a mirror embedded into the table so you could see your own image reflected there in fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.





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The table represents

Creation.

An Altar.

There is a drawer which contains relics from the past - a History of Humanity.





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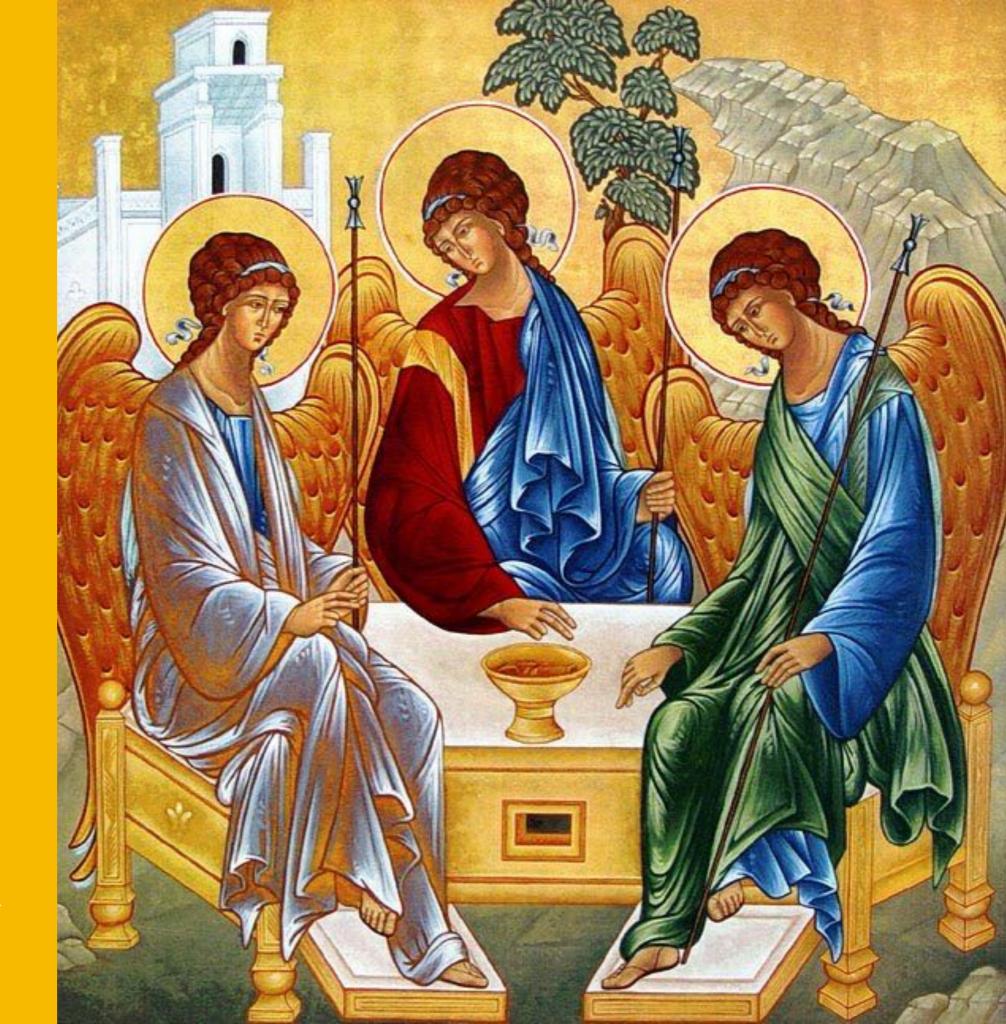


Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

The goal of the Christian life is to live in the presence of God.

To be invited into full Trinitarian Fellowship.

To find our seat at their table in our shared humanity with Christ and to image God out of this ongoing eternal fellowship where we are accepted and loved and welcomed in as a part of this Trinitarian Family.





We are invited into this fellowship, as imagebearers to take our seat at the table in the Fellowship of the Trinity.

For more information:

http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/rublevs_icon/rublev.htm

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hEBSu4Xh1w

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