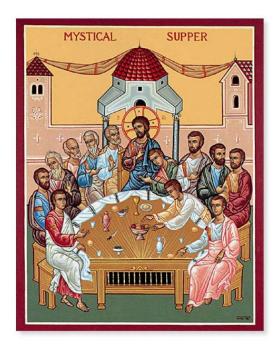
O ΜΥΣΤΙΚΟΣ ΔΕΙΠΝΟΣ THE LAST SUPPER.



Christ along with His disciples had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. These were the last hours that they would be together, before Christ's sacrifice on the cross. They had gathered quietly for a last meal together on the evening before Christ was to be crucified. This was going to be The Last Supper they would have in common, altogether, including Judas. Christ, after they had finished eating, took the cup and said the following words: "Kai λαβών το ποτήριον, ευχαρίστησε και είπε, Λάβετε τούτο και διαμοιράσατε εις αλλήλους, διότι σας λέγω, ότι ου μη πίω από του γεννήματος της αμπέλου, εως ότου έλθη η βασιλεία του Θεού". (Λουκ' κβ:17,18) "Then He took the cup and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Luke 22' 17,18). Christ then continued to divide the bread amongst them, instructing them on how to perform the Holy Eucharist: "Και λαβών άρτον, ευχαριστήσας έκοψε, και έδωκεν εις αυτούς, λέγων, Τούτο είναι το σώμα μου,

το υπέρ υμών διδόμενον, τούτο κάμνετε εις την ιδικήν μου ανάμνησιν. Ωσαύτως και το ποτήριον, αφού εδείπνησαν, λέγων, Τούτο το ποτήριον είναι η καινή διαθήκη εν τω αίματί μου, το υπέρ υμών εκχυνόμενον". (Λουκ κβ:19-20) "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." Ο Κύριος ο Ίδιος έκαμε τη Μεγάλη Πέμπτη τη Θεία Ευχαριστία για πρώτη φορά. This was the first time Holy Eucharist was performed and it was by Christ Himself.

Δίδαγμα και Ρητό:

«Ο τρώγων μου την σάρκα και πίνων μου το αίμα, εν εμοί μένει, καγώ εν αυτώ» (Iωav. στ' 56) "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me and I in him" (John 6, 56)

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