

## **Theosis in the Biblical and Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Patristic Theology**

Theosis means the transformation of being into true personhood in the person of Christ. The ecclesial existence of man, his hypostasization in a Eucharistic manner, thus constitutes a pledge of the final victory of man over death. This victory will be a victory of the person, and consequently a victory of man in his hypostatic union with God, that is, a victory of Christ as the man of patristic Ecclesiology. The ontology of personhood and communion which emerges from the understanding of the eucharist as a communion event in the Body of Christ forms the basis for the understanding of the God-world relation, and more importantly, the patristic notion of energies. In this context, theosis is trinitarian through unity in the hypostasis of Christ.