

A scenic photograph of a bridge spanning a body of water during a golden hour sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the left, creating a bright lens flare and reflecting on the water. The bridge features a long trestle section and two prominent arches. The foreground shows a dark, pebbly shoreline. The word "WELCOME" is superimposed in large, bold, yellow capital letters with a slight drop shadow.

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A class on 'Faith and Order' of the Syrian Orthodox Church.

Venue: St. Thomas Knanaya Church,
Dallas.

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FatherJJ

1. Simon (later renamed Peter)

2. Andrew,

3. James,

4. John,

5. Philip,

6. Thomas,


7. Matthew (also known as Levi),

8. James the son of Alphaeus,

9. Thaddeus),

10. Simon,

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Judas Iscariot. 

12. Bartholomew

1. How the Christian movement/church did begin its journey in the history in the history?



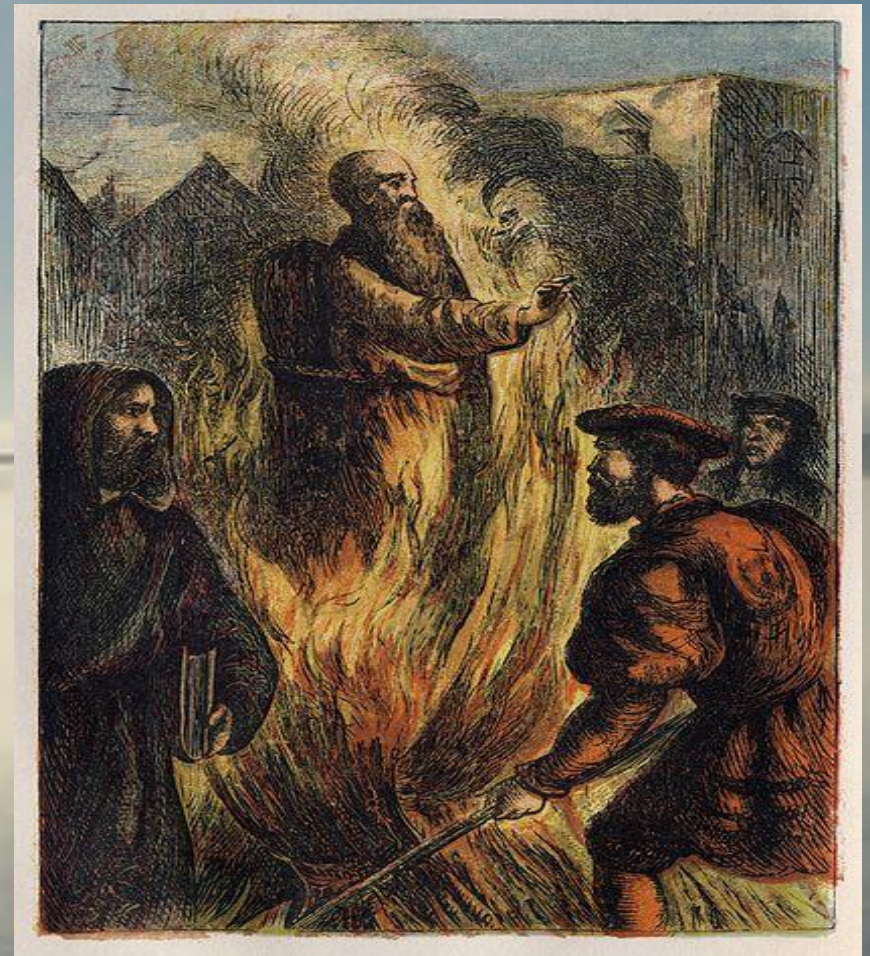
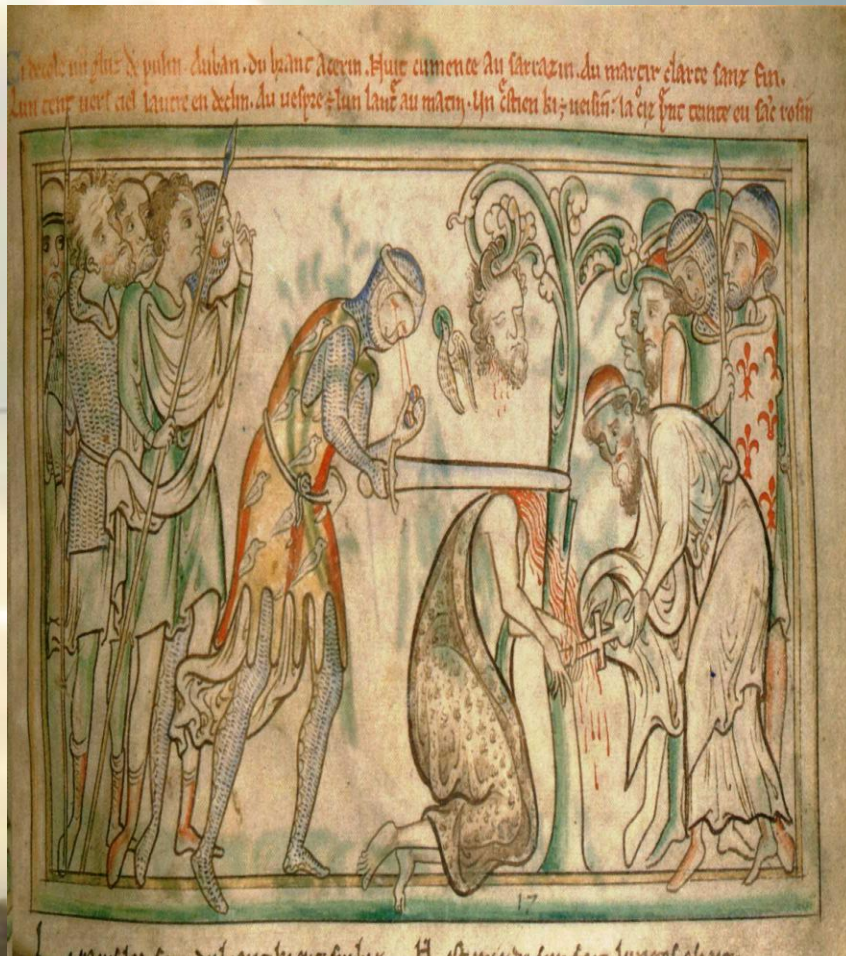
Roman Coliseum.

Martyrs

- Who confessed the Gospel of Christ.
- Who followed the worship patterns of Disciples
- Who gathered together in caves and other places



Martyrs Cont.



Five patriarchates

- **Antioch**- Spirituality
(Established in Antioch by St. Peter)
- **Alexandria**- Theology
(founded according to the constant tradition of both East and West by St. Mark the Evangelist
Present Coptic Orthodox Church)
- **Rome**-Philosophy
(Catholic church believes – St. Peter established)
- **Jerusalem**-Cradle/tradition
(Place of Last supper, St. Mark's home, St. James as the first bishop)
- **Constantinople** -Politics
(The Church of Constantinople is traditionally regarded as being founded by St. Andrew, the "first-called" of the Apostles.)

**2.What are the special
features of Syrian
Orthodox Church?**

Features of Syrian Orthodox Church

Antioch : St. Peter


Semitic Christianity : a culture; Christ himself experienced

Liturgy: the Syriac language, same as Aramaic spoken by Christ and the Apostles.

Liturgy: most ancient; generation to generation.

Unity of the body of Christ: by the multiethnic nature of its faithful.

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church



**3. What are the major
difference between our church
and other churches?**

Major differences

Our Church

- **Hierarchical**
- **St. Peter- established**
- **Ancient History**
- **Ancient Liturgy**
- **One Spirituality**
- **Based on Christ's events:
Holistically ; Symbols**

Vs

Post Modern Churches

- **May or May not**
- **Authority questioned**
- **Modern History**
- **Modern liturgy**
- **Compartmentalized**
- **Components wise
Symbols less emphasized**

4.What are the methodologies of our Church worship?

Mystical

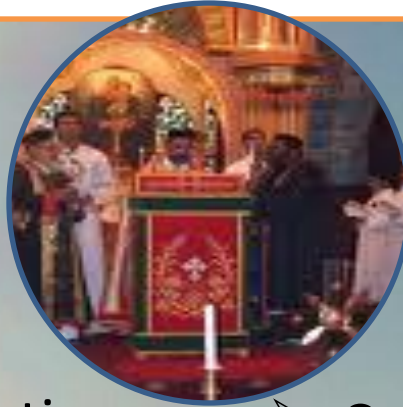
Concentration

Transcendental



**5.Can you
differentiate the
Liturgy and
Sacraments?**

Liturgy & Sacraments



Liturgy

➤ Means of communication

➤ Steps to the Sacraments

➤ Created by the creation

➤ Way of life


Sacraments

➤ Culmination of Liturgy

➤ Steps to Salvation

➤ Created by the creator

➤ Way to Life



6.Explain the
characteristics
of Sacraments?

Definition of Sacrament

“The Holy Sacraments are tangible signs designated by the Lord Christ to proclaim divine grace, which He gave for our sanctification”.

Names of Sacraments

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

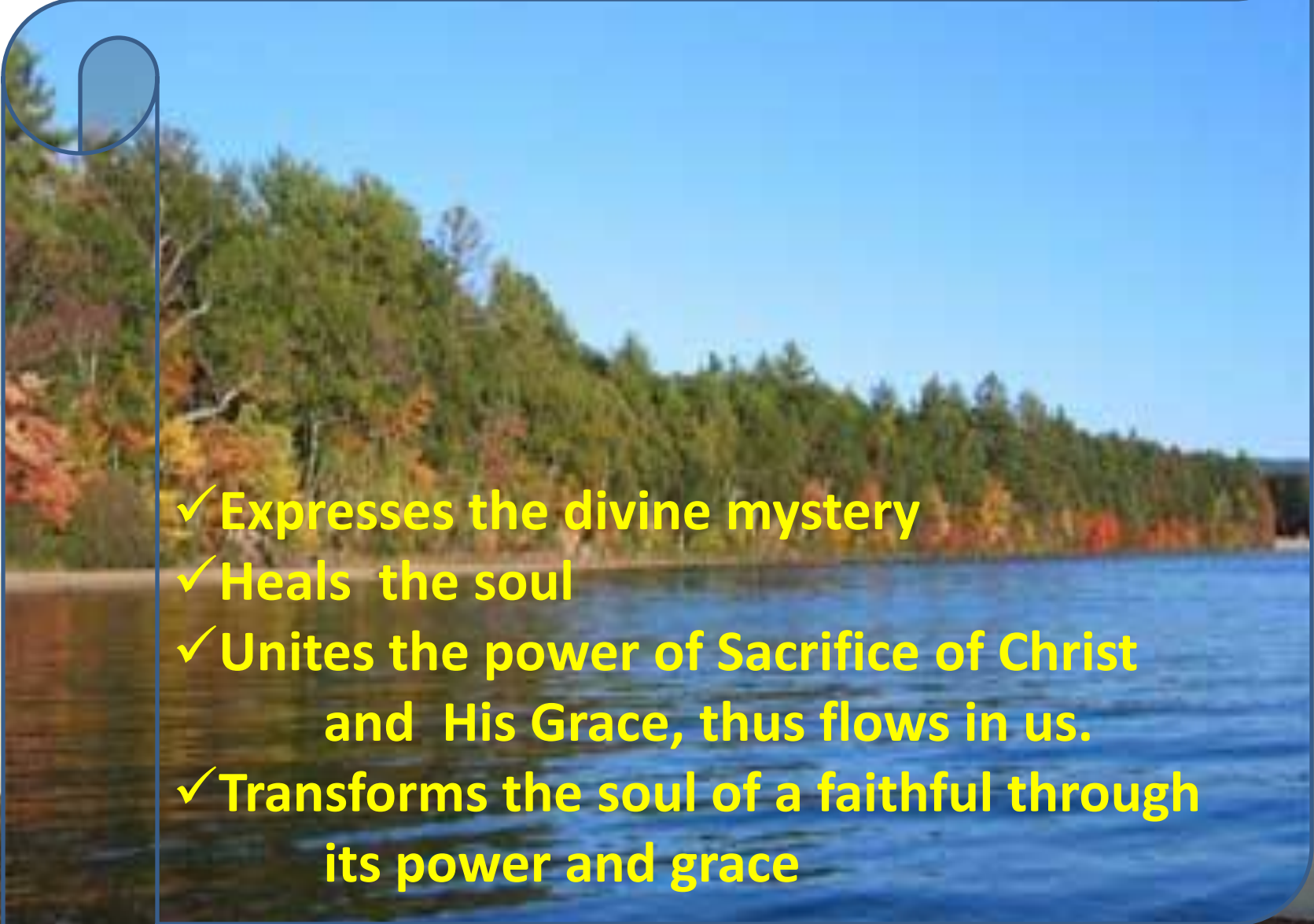
Repentance

The Priesthood

Anointing of the Sick

Marriage

Characteristics of Sacraments

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- A scenic view of a lake with a forested shoreline under a clear blue sky. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the trees. The shoreline is covered with dense green and some autumn-colored trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.
- ✓ Expresses the divine mystery
 - ✓ Heals the soul
 - ✓ Unites the power of Sacrifice of Christ and His Grace, thus flows in us.
 - ✓ Transforms the soul of a faithful through its power and grace



7. Do you know
the Queen of
Sacraments?

Also known as...

- Holy Qurbana
- Holy Eucharist
- Holy Mass
- Holy communion
- Last Supper
- Community Meal
- Lord's Meal
- Lord's Feast



**Syriac
Words**

Knushiyo- Bringing together- oneness

Shouthopooso-Relationship –with HIS Body

Qoorobo- Closeby- with God

Qurbono-Living Sacrifice

Rosse- Mystery

Evukaristiya-Good praise

Gmeerooz Gmirvoso- Fullness of fullness


Queen of Sacrament

a. The Lord Established

**b. Fulfillment of other
sacraments**

**c. Culmination
(fulfillment) the
Salvific event**

**d. Continuation of Lords
presence**



*8. How do we
understand the
Holy Eucharist as
a Sacrament?*

Holy Eucharist –Holy Qurbana

“Qurbana” -means
offering, gift,
oblation, sacrifice,
presents etc. Syriac
word ‘Kurbono’.
Sacrifice (O.T)
Offering (O.T)

Holy Qurbana

1. Holy Qurbana is worship and sacrament

- ❖ Instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ Entrusted to his disciples
- ❖ Food and salvation for our souls
- ❖ Connected to him by his body and blood
- ❖ Melchizedek- foreshadowing this sacrament. Gen:14:18.

2. Visible and invisible acts

- ❖ past , present and the future are combined
- ❖ Priest represent the Lord
- ❖ Sacred act of mercy, peace, sacrifice and thanks giving.
- ❖ Therefore: union of the visible and the invisible

Holy Qurbana Cont.

3. It is Holy Sacrifice itself

- ☐ Remembrance of the Holy Sacrifice on Calvary
- ☐ Rom:12:1 “Living Sacrifices
- ☐ spiritual sacrifice
- ☐ Isaac as sacrifice

4. It is service of thanks giving

- ☐ For establishing it for us
- ☐ Not worthy but made us worthy to receive
- ☐ The Lords visible presence is made available through every Qurbana

9. Which are the senses
to be alert while we
partake in the Holy
Eucharist?

Cosmic and Human Senses

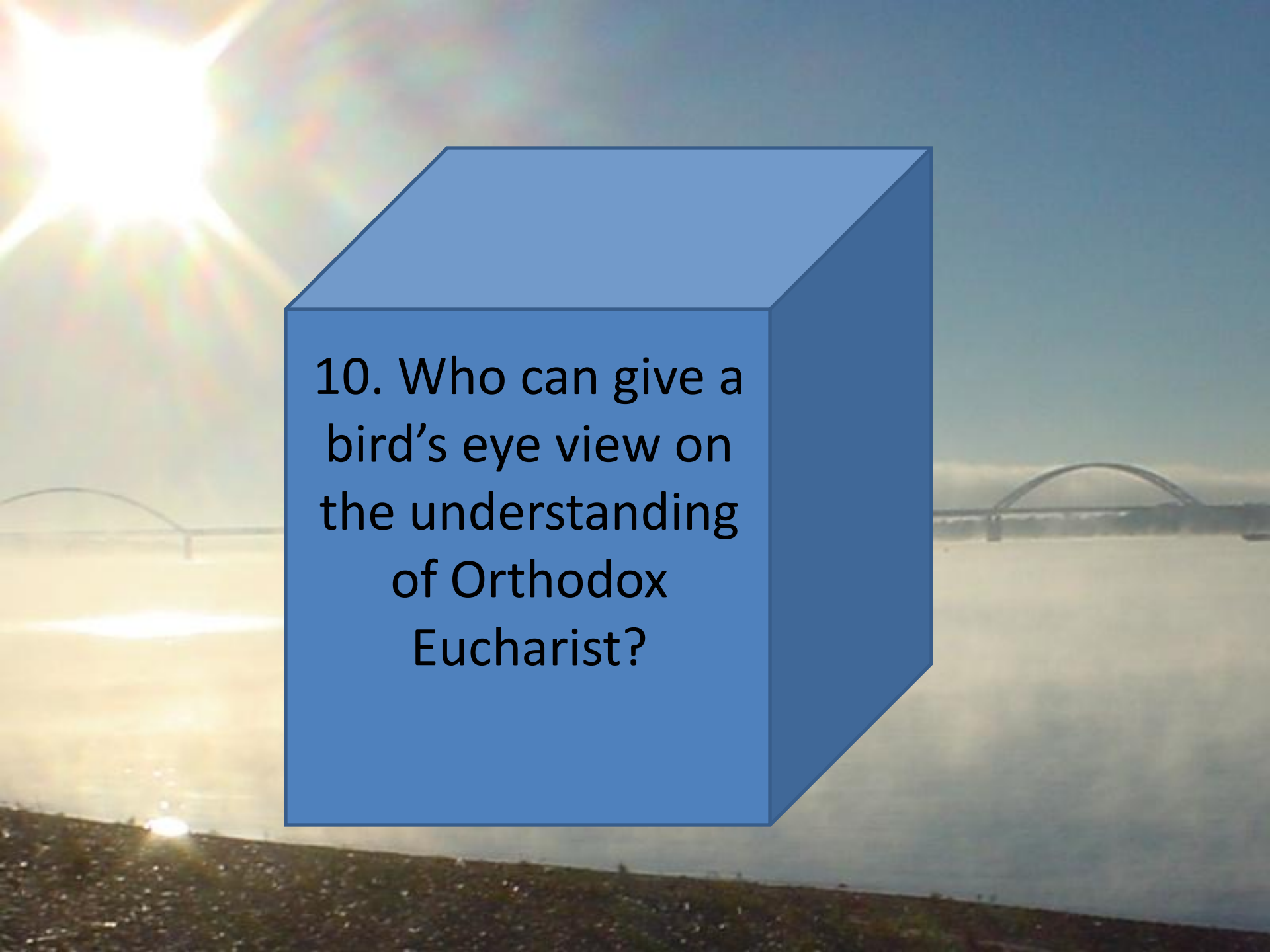
Water - Food - Tongue - Taste - Holy Elements

Earth - Goodness - Eye - Sight - Worship

Air - Hearing - Ears - Sound - Praises/Symbols

Fire - Smell - Nose - Incenses - Fragrance

Space - Touching - Skin - human - Presence



10. Who can give a
bird's eye view on
the understanding
of Orthodox
Eucharist?

Bird's Eye View

- Partake in the Prophecy
- The Life and the Ministry
- Crucifixion and Death
- Resurrection & Ascension
- To be with Second Coming
- Becoming one with God
- Transforms towards the Fruits of the spirit.
- Assurance to the Kingdom of God
- Inherit the Eternal Life



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