



Celebration from an Orthodox Christian Perspective

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His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in his book *Encountering the Mystery*, says [silence is necessary](#) “to listen to the voice of creation” in order “to reach [a] point of maturity and dignity toward the natural environment.” His All- Holiness continues that “the way we relate to material things directly reflects the way we relate to God.”



Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

- ❖ 1987 - Sofia, Bulgaria
- ❖ 1988 - Patmos, Greece
- ❖ 1989 - Minsk, Russia



Patmos 1988 - 900th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist

September 1, 1989

First Encyclical on the Environment by Patriarch Demetrios



September 1



St. Gregory the Theologian, looking at Adam, the first man, says
“Adam was destined to serve as a royal steward over creation -
royalty, yet at the same time subject to a heavenly king; temporary,
yet at the same time immortal; visible by the virtue of the body, yet at
the same time invisible by virtue of the soul.” His All-Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew adds, “We can be neither prideful
in our authority nor falsely humble in our self-limitations. We are
called to preserve creation by serving its Creator. Preservation and
celebration are intimately connected (*Encountering the Mystery* 97).”



“Thine own from Thine own we offer to Thee, in all and for all”







From the Matins of Holy Theophany

Jordan River, do tell us: What did you see and were amazed?
I saw naked Him whom none can see, and shuddered in fear. And how
was I not to shudder at Him and be frightened?

The Angels, when they saw Him also shuddered in awe.

And heaven was astonished, and astounded was earth.

The sea recoiled along with all things both visible and invisible.
For Christ appeared in the River Jordan, to sanctify the waters.









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