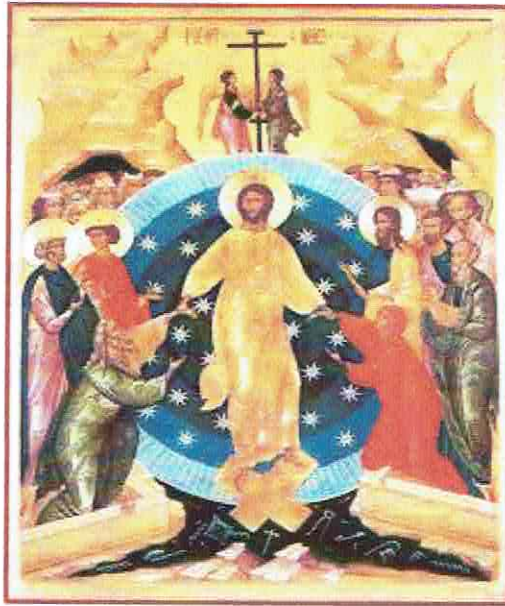




Pascha 2016



Beloved Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christ is Risen!

Once more, we have been blessed to celebrate the Great and Holy Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we proclaim to the whole world this joyous message of hope, we are reminded by the hymns of the Feast that forgiveness has been freely given to us through His Love. We must also follow Him by forgiving those who have offended us and embrace them in the joy of the Resurrection of Christ.

The truth of the Feast which is proclaimed of this day is that we have been redeemed and reunited with God through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, the life giving Cross, the tomb and His glorious Resurrection. The Gates of Paradise are once more open to us and all are invited to enter through Christ, the Pascha that sanctifies all the Faithful.

Saint John Chrysostome, in his paschal homily, invites all to enter the banquet and to partake of the Eucharistic meal. We have all been called from the ends of the world. Let us answer the summons and share with all the people around us the joyful news and proclaim to all : Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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