

Pascha  
John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (KJV)

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

The Lord's Jesus Christ's Resurrection is Divine action. Believers have reason to rejoice beyond measure. The Resurrection brings heartfelt hope and joy. Life takes on meaning beyond the earthly.

The Resurrection ushers in the hope of unity with loved ones departed this life. Earthly life has meaning in relation to life eternal. Believers have Christ to turn to and be unified with in life, death and life.

The Resurrection challenges believers' minds. The Holy Gospel provides evidence of Christ's power over death. God's Holy Church is where to learn and experience the Resurrection.

Around the world and through the centuries, believers celebrate and experience the Resurrection. The Resurrection is always in the present. God is always present. God is always.

We know God only through God. Not by our own means or efforts do we know God. By God's grace and love, we know God. God wants to be known and is always with us.

God reveals Himself to us. God reassures us with His Presence. We need willing eyes to see. We need open hearts and minds. God changes our souls when love dwells within.

God is love and love is God-Embodied. God is due our gratitude. Believers are to be ever-grateful. God's goodness exceeds our comprehension. God's love reaches beyond our imagination.

God's Holy Church is where best to experience and learn about God. The soul's hunger is addressed in the Church. The Precious Body and Blood of Christ are received in the Church.

God's love is inexhaustible. As the grave could not hold the Crucified Christ, the passing of centuries cannot limit the presence of God's love.

Attentive believers learn of God's love and rejoice in it.

Grateful believers give thanks to God. Serious believers glorify God in their actions. When God is fully embraced and loved, God shines through the believer. Pascha is the Light enlightening the centuries.

The Light of the Resurrection is always. The Resurrection brightens life's darkest moments. The Resurrection embodies hope when hopelessness seeks to triumph.

The Holy Gospel teaches believers about Christ and the Resurrection. The Holy Gospel nourishes and enriches believers. The soul finds meaning in the Holy Gospel.

Life is renewed in the Resurrection. The Resurrected Christ enlightens life's path to follow. The Resurrected Christ provides for the journey on the path to eternity.

Willing believers joyfully and heartily follow the Crucified and Resurrected Christ. The journey to Pascha educates believers for the journey to eternity. Journeying with Christ is voluntary.

Christ enables life's hurdles to be overcome as He overcame death on the Cross. Christ brings goodness out of tragedies as He brought Resurrection from death in the Tomb.

The Resurrected Christ heals hurts penetrating the soul as He overcame death's wounds. The Resurrection challenges the mind. The mind changes when embracing the Resurrection.

The believer changes when embracing the Resurrection. Each life is different due to the Resurrection. God is known in the Resurrection. God's love and goodness abound in the Resurrection.

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