

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)

HRISTOS VOSKRESE! VAISTINU VOSKRESE!
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Joy resounds throughout the world! Joy fills the heart, mind and soul! The Lord Jesus Christ is Risen! All Creation rejoices! Those in the tombs welcome the good news! Those in the villages, hills and cities rejoice over the news!

Christ is Risen exceeds the full comprehension of the human mind. Christ is Risen affects the welcoming heart, mind and soul. Christ is Risen changes believers' lives forever.

God's Holy Church on earth is beyond the earth to the heavens and beneath the earth to those in the tombs. Christ's Holy Church is part of that Great Mystery and is very present.

Paschal joy exceeds all joy! Pascha is the Feast of Feasts! God's Holy Church radiates the Light of Christ! God's Holy Choirs exudes the Love of Christ! God's Holy Church proclaims the Truth of Christ.

Those in despair experience Hope! Those depressed welcome Christ's Joy! Hunger in the soul is satisfied. Hunger in the soul seeks more of Him Who Defeated Death and is no longer in the Tomb.

The Cross pointed to the victory that was to come! The Cross demonstrated the humility that was present from the Divine birth. The Resurrection is the miracle of miracles.

Time is transcended. Time stands still. Believers savor the Resurrection and the Resurrected Christ. Believers see the Resurrected Christ in each other. Believers know of the Resurrection in God's Holy Church.

God reveals to believers the Resurrection as far as the mind can bear it. God assures and reassures believers. God's presence is everywhere for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

The Empty Tomb sets in motion a new time and the time to come. Christ is, was and always will be. The Resurrection opens the mind to life eternal. The general resurrection comes to mind.

Rejoice today! Rejoice in the days ahead! The Church rejoices! Believers rejoicing change the world and change each other. Believers share and verify the truth of the Resurrection.

Love radiates from the Empty Tomb! Love is everywhere in the Church. Love fills believers' homes. Joy is in the air, the heart, mind and soul. Peace encircles and encompasses believers.

Time unites with the centuries. Time reaches into eternity. Only God can help unfold the mystery for believers. Everything is new. Every moment is new. Believers are renewed.

God unfolds the day. Believers know the difference. Believers know the Way, the Truth and Life. Barriers that separate are taken away. Walls that keep believers apart are no more.

The Risen Christ moves through barriers to touch the human heart. The Risen Christ is there for those in prison cells, psychiatric wards and those in intensive care units.

The Risen Christ is on the battle field. The Risen Christ is in the homeless shelter. The Risen Christ is in Kosovo. The Risen Christ is in Jerusalem. The Risen Christ is in hearts open to the Resurrection.

Thank God for the New Day of the Resurrection. Thank God for the love that transcends all love. Thank God for the never-ending light and joy of the Resurrection.

Christ is Risen. Death is defeated. Joy and hope replace depression and despair. Light replaces darkness. Good triumphs over evil. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese!

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