



PASCHAL ARCHPASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE UKRAINIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA AND DIASPORA



BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

PASCHA - 2025

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

To the beloved clergy, monastics, faithful parishioners and friends of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America and the Diaspora:

With the joy of the unwaning Light that bursts forth from the empty Tomb, we greet you on this Bright and Holy Day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the ancient and powerful words: **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Through you, dear brothers and sisters, we proclaim this message not only to your homes and parishes, but to generations past and those yet to come. This radiant greeting echoes through centuries and into eternity. It resounds over mountaintops and through valleys of sorrow, piercing the silence of fear and despair. It brings life. It brings hope. It brings Christ Himself.

We proclaim it boldly today in the face of war, suffering, and injustice. We proclaim it from ancestral soil in Ukraine, torn and tested, where the faithful hold fast to hope in the Risen Christ even in the darkest hours. We proclaim it in every corner of the world where tears fall silently and suffering weighs heavily. We proclaim it to a world that thirsts not merely for peace but for resurrection - true and eternal.

We proclaim it because death has been conquered, because Christ has trampled down the gates of Hades, and because Light now shines where darkness thought it reigned supreme.

Christ suffered. He carried His Cross to Golgotha. He offered Himself fully and freely - for you, and for all of creation. And in doing so, He revealed the path we too must walk: not one of power and pride, but of service, sacrifice, and self-giving love.

We are called to be His followers - not in word only, but in life and deed. We are called to carry His light into the deepest shadows of our world. In the face of betrayal, blasphemy, bigotry, bullying, and brutality, **we are not to remain silent.** We stand in the radiant strength of the Risen Christ, proclaiming that no tomb can hold Truth, no grave can bury Grace, and no evil can extinguish the eternal Light of God.

Our task today is not merely to remember the Resurrection. It is to live in its reality - to make it relevant in the world of the 21st century.

To do so means to carry the Cross daily and live the Resurrection hourly. **Pascha is not a single day**, nor is it a distant memory. It is the heartbeat of Christian life. Every act of love, every step taken in truth, every tear shared and every burden lifted is an echo of the empty Tomb and a witness to the Living Christ.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, **live Pascha**. Let the light of the Resurrection guide your every thought, word, and action - not just today, but every day. Let the victory of Christ over death be the lens through which you see the world and respond to its needs.

Let the world know - not merely by our words, but by our lives - that **Christ is Risen**, and that His Resurrection changes everything.

With profound love in the Risen Lord, we greet you, we bless you, and we pray for you and your families.

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With prayerful wishes,

**Metropolitan Antony**

Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora

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