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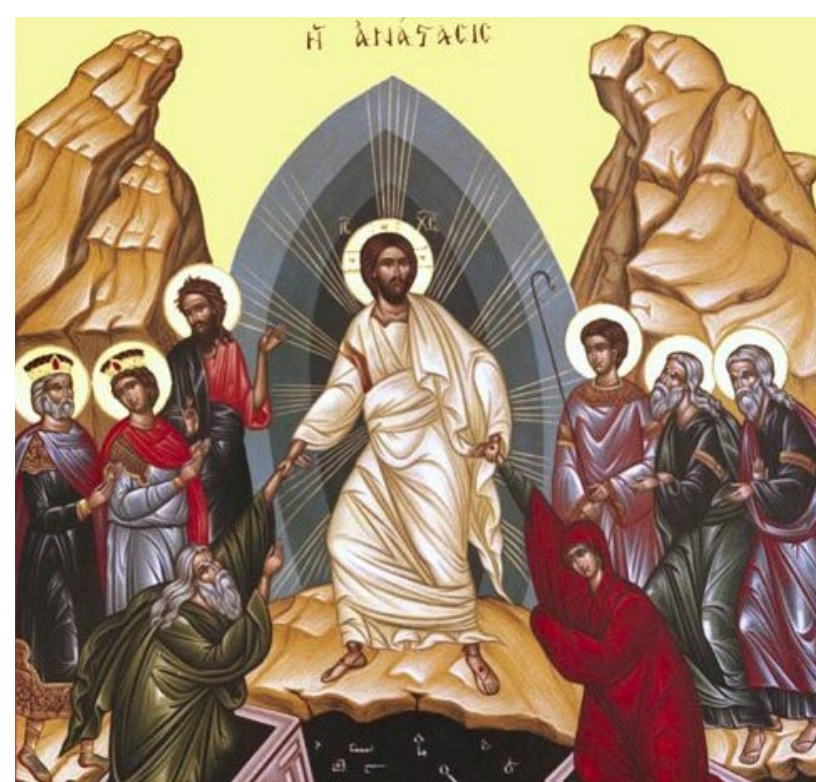
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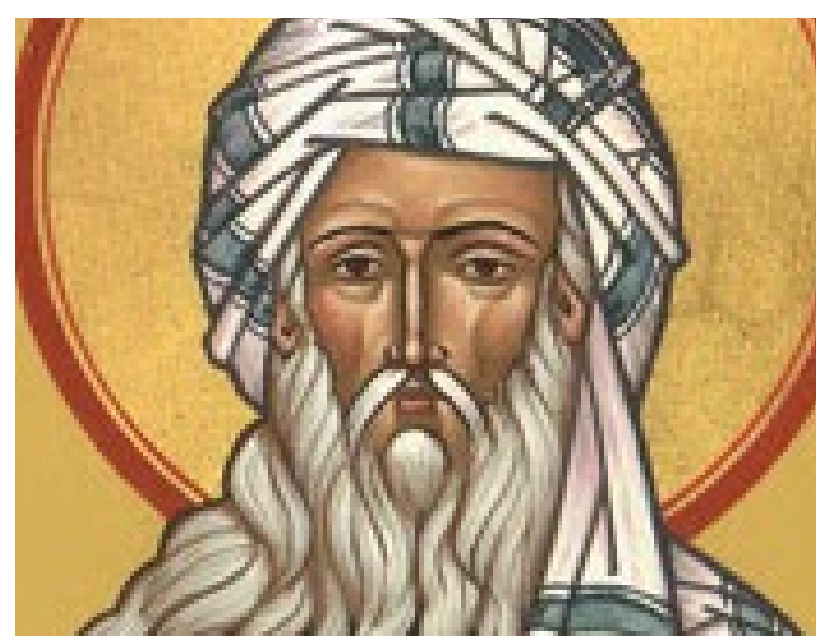
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# ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH: PATRIARCH GREGORY V HIGHLIGHTS VALUE OF CONSISTENCY, DUTY FOR ORTHODOX



On the 200th anniversary of the martyrdom of Hieromartyr Gregory V, Patriarch of Constantinople, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presided over the Divine Liturgy at the Patriarchal Church of Saint Georgios in the Phanar today, April 10, 2021.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Ecumenical Patriarch went to the Closed Gate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, where the Patriarch was hanged, accompanied by Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, Metropolitan Andrew of Saranda Ekklesies, and



Metropolitan Ioakeim of Bursa, clergymen of the Patriarchal Court, and faithful.

The Patriarch lit a candle in front of the icon of the Patriarch, laid flowers, and he prayed for the intercession of the Hieromartyr for the Church and the Nation.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sent a message of the 200th anniversary of the martyrdom of his predecessor, Patriarch Gregory V.



As he emphasized, in the long chain of Archbishops of Constantinople, there are figures who lift the cross of duty with joy and deep awareness, and hand it over with awareness, according to what every historical moment dictates.

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary since the martyrdom of such a special historical figure,



Ecumenical Patriarch Gregory V, the value that the Holy Faith of the Orthodox, the consistency, the duty and the constant devotion of all to the truth of the Cross and to the certainty of the Resurrection are stressed,” said the Ecumenical Patriarch.

He added that the Church highlighted clemency, tolerance, respect for the other, and treated everyone as brothers of the Lord Jesus. “The Church defends its traditions and principles, it does not give up the good fight.”

This is what our predecessor, Hieromartyr Gregory V, fought for, whom the Mother of the Church commemorates today. Commemorating him shows the way forward, illuminates the thoughts and gives us strength.”



# HISTORY OF THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST. COSMAS AITOLOS KUPANG NTT



The Orthodox Parish of St. Cosmas Aitolos Kupang Nusa Tenggara Timur, under the Omophorion of His Eminence Konstantinos, Metropolitan of Singapore and South Asia Ecumenical Patriarchate, was founded by assistance of the Foundation of St. Cosmas Aitolos Thessalonica, which requested that



St. Cosmas Aitolos be made the Patron Saint of this Parish



The first Orthodox Church mission in East Indonesia began in Singaraja Bali in 1999, when Mr. Stephanus Nino, a former rector of a Roman Catholic seminary who came to know the Orthodox Church during his study in the United States, was received and ordained as Deacon on June 9th 1998 and as Priest on June 10th 1998 by His Eminence Nikitas, Metropolitan of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia, in Surakarta and sent to begin mission in Bali and East Indonesia.



Orthodox books sent to Mr. Mikhael Nino, a brother of Fr. Stephanos Nino's, were introduced to his close friends, Mr. Petrus Ndolu and Mr. Benediktus Kaha, activists in the Roman Catholic parish in Kelapa Lima, which lead to them desiring to get to know the Orthodox Faith better. An ex Roman Catholic frater also visited the Parish of All Saints in Singaraja Bali dan became the first Timorese to be baptized with the name of Demetrius Oktavianus on April 4th 1999.



Next ex-students of Fr. Stephanos Nino from the Roman Catholic seminary of Lalian came and were baptized in Singaraja, namely Mr. Fransiskus Tan with the name Nicephorus on June 16th 2002, and Mr. Alex Kobesi on September 8th 2002, now Priest of the Russian Orthodox Parish of St. Nicholas Bali.



On April 10th 2004, an ex-frater from Timor, Mr. Philipus Lake, was received with the name of Panteleimon, on April 30th 2005 Mr. Petrus Ndolu with the name of Theophilus, and on June 22th 2005 Mr. Benediktus Kaha with the name of Seraphim of Sarov.

The three gentlemen were sent to Kupang NTT to begin the Orthodox Chapel of St. Nicholas in Kupang, namely Mr. Theophilus Ndolu as chairman, Mr. Seraphim Kaha as secretary, and Mr. Panteleimon Lake as Catechist, at the home of Mr. Seraphim Kaha. Morning and evening prayers as well as Scripture reading were conducted regularly from this Chapel.

Conflicts and misunderstandings occurred with several activists from non-Orthodox churches already existing in NTT. The Lord helped and protected His people in facing these challenges, which culminated in lodging of report to the local authorities.

Brotherly love moved the hearts of the local Roman Catholic pastors, namely Pr. Yustinus Pea and Pr. Remer Ataweale, to advise and encourage the Roman Catholics to welcome the presence of the Orthodox Christian Church in NTT.

By the Mercy of God and through the benefactors of the Church, mainly Mr. Theophilus Ndolu who donated a piece of land on oJl. Gerbang Madya RT/RW 07/03, Kelapa Lima, Kupang, Nusa Tenggara Timur, and the Foundation of St. Cosmas Aitolos



Thessalonica, this Parish was built and completed on 20210, so that the Liturgy previously celebrated in the house of a member of the congregation may be celebrated properly in a Church Temple. Also, Diocese of Aitolokarnania, Greece supported a lot for that project. Aitolia and Akarnania are areas in Greece that St. Cosmas Aitolos lived for many years.

The Orthodox Parish of St. Cosmas Aitolos Kupang also became the starting point for Orthodox mission to Timor Leste, where was founded the Orthodox Community of St. Andrew in Dili. The Parish Clergy, Fr. Stephanos Nino, serves from Singaraja, while Fr. Savas Marcelino serves in Kupang and visits Dili Timor Leste every three months, being assisted by Mr. Theophilus Ndolu as coordinator.

This Parish also provides school education, stationeries, and library, food for garbage collectors and the poor every Sunday morning, and sometimes daily needs in the form of food and clothing to the local people, mostly working as fishermen, where infrastructural condition is limited, in Kupang and Kefamnanu.

In its mission to help the local people in NTT both spiritually through Church life and socially through educational aid, by the Grace of Christ our God the Parish of St. Cosmas Aitolos has helped youths unto higher education, namely, Mr. Theophilus Ndolu, Miss Tatiana Yumince, Mr. Alexander Ximenes, Mr. Dionisius, Mr. Mathias Ndolu, Mr.



John Ximenes, Mr. Savas Carvalho and Miss Marina Da Cruz, now Fr. Savas Carvalho, Orthodox Clergy under the Metropolitanate of Singapore and South Asia Ecumenical Patriarchate serving in Timor, together with Presbitera Marina Da Cruz, Mr. Georgios Tan, Miss Agnes Nino, Mr. Alexy Metan, Mr. Nikon Daniel, Mr. Alexander Markus, Mr. Stephan Ruas, Mr. Gregorios Fransisco, Mr. Demetrius Rasno, Mr. Achas Obe, Mr. Andronikus Mau, Miss Paula Nitty, Miss Kyriaki Alve, Mr. Philotheos Riki, Mr. Markus Nino, Miss Philothea Mertasari, Mr. Nikitas Abi, Mr. Nikitas Nyoman, Mr. Clement Darius, Mr. Evangelos Maxi, Mr. Gabriel Elvina, Mr. John Gutteres.

On Monday April 5th 2021 01:00 in the morning, the people of Kupang NTT experienced a powerful storm and flood, the Seroja Cyclone, which dam-





aged hundreds of thousands of homes and buildings, caused mortalities, and has affected the local people's livelihood. The building of the Orthodox Parish of St. Cosmas Aitolos, where the Eucharist is celebrated, was also damaged, as well as the homes of several of our brothers and sisters in Christ the parishioners.

May Christ our God and the Theotokos and all the Saints, and our brothers and sisters in Christ reach out their hand of mercy to the Orthodox Parish of St. Cosmas Aitolos Kupang NTT and our brothers and sisters in Christ the parishioners.



Aid may be channeled through the Paypal account of the Parish Clergy, Fr. Savas Carvalho, at [marcelinodecarvalho@yahoo.com](mailto:marcelinodecarvalho@yahoo.com)



# PASCHAL ENCYCLICAL OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN KONSTANTINOS OF SINGAPORE AND SOUTH ASIA



To the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Members of the Parishes of the Orthodox Metropolitanate of Singapore and South Asia and the entire Orthodox Family in South Asia

HOLY PASCHA 2021

Beloved brothers and sisters,

The word Pascha is a Hebrew word meaning Passover. In the Old Testament, the word was used



to signify the crossing of the Red Sea by the Jews and their miraculous salvation from their persecutor Pharaoh. In the New Testament, Pascha, is the name for the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and His victorious passage from death unto life.

Christian Pascha, the Resurrection of Christ, has a particular importance for all people, and this is why it is the central message of the church and a cause for joy and celebration.

The fact of Christ's Resurrection also provides the answer to the question of why evil, sorrows, pain and death are found in the world.

Evil, death, and everything that wounds us were not created by God. All these things were caused by us, and we are the ones who perpetuate them by making bad use of the freedom that God has given to us.

If today there are children who die from hunger, this is not God's doing. It is our fault, for we do not wish to sacrifice our comfortable lives, and we prefer to bury various kinds of food to prevent prices from falling and to generate higher profits.

If today there are poor and homeless people, this is not God's doing. It is our fault—instead of helping those in need we prefer to gamble our money on the Stock Exchange.

If today there are wars, this is not God's doing.



It is our fault, with our insatiable avarice.

If today people suffer from loneliness and depression, this is not God's doing. It is our fault, for we live egotistical lives and do not wish to open our hearts and draw near to our fellow human beings.

If today the natural environment is being destroyed, this is not God's doing. It is our fault, for we destroy everything thoughtlessly for our own financial interest.

The Resurrection of Christ comes to show us how much evil we have done to ourselves and to the whole of creation by distancing ourselves from God and attaching ourselves to sinful passions. We boast of our achievements, but the tragic truth is that we have ended up slaves to our egoism and avarice. What we call life is in fact a kind of death. We want to escape from this dark reality that we have created, but we cannot find a way out. Christ offers us the solution through his Resurrection. The Resurrection is the true life. It is the passing from death, that reigns here in this world, to the life of the love of the Triune God. The Resurrection is not only the continuation of existence after death, but it offers us something more than this: the possibility to partake of the way of life of the Holy Trinity and to have a direct relationship with God. The continuation of a way of life that has death at its heart is a terrible and terrifying prospect, since it does not free us from necessity and suffering. Christ Resur-



rected is a truly free person. And because he is not just a man but the God-man he can offer us a “new life”.

Within the Church, which is the mystical resurrected Body of Christ, we experience daily this passing from death to true life. It is not something that we expect to come in the future, but it is among and with us right now and right here. A countless number of people have entered the Church with their sins and their passions, and have managed through the grace of the Resurrected Christ to become saints. That is, to become truly free people, friends of God. This wondrous fact shows us that Christianity is not a philosophical idea, or an organization, but a way of life. It is the life of the Resurrection. It is the life of love and freedom.

Beloved brothers and sisters,

On the night of the Resurrection, we will receive reverently the blessed light from the priest. We will light our candles and hold them joyfully until the end of the Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection. This blessed light symbolizes our own journey, our own passing from the death of our sinful lives to the true life of the love of the Resurrected Christ. This blessed light reminds us that it is not possible for us to ally ourselves with the evil and injustice that dominate in this world. We must make our lives full of light through the keeping of God's



commandments, and with this light enlighten the world. Let us not be afraid. Christ has already conquered death. And this victory can also become our own victory if we entrust ourselves and our lives to His all- powerful hands.

Receive the light of Christ and place it in your hearts. Do not let it go out. This light will guide you safely on your spiritual journey. This spiritual light will be your comforter, and a powerful spiritual weapon in the face of sorrow, pain, and the tribulations of life.

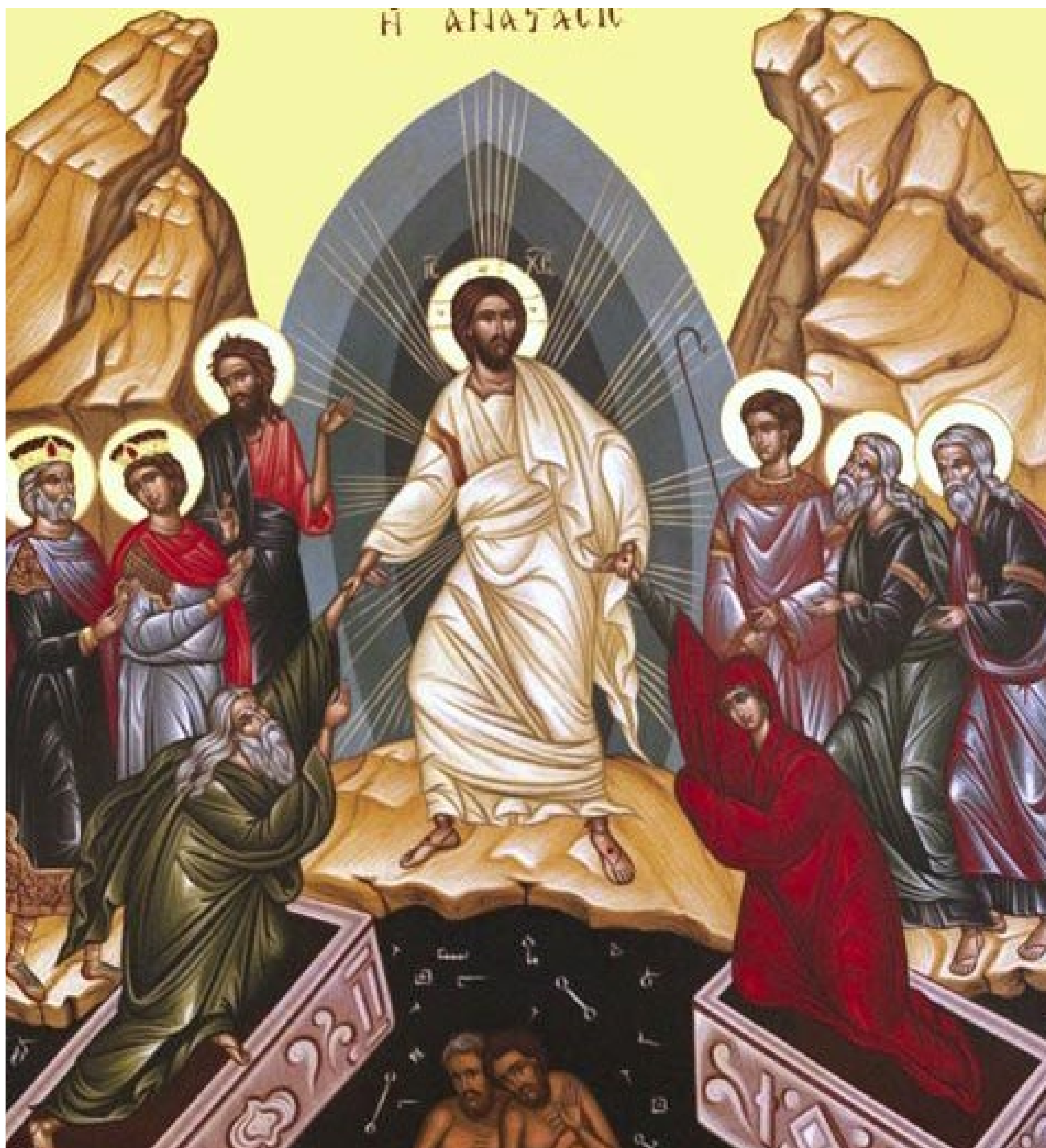
May the Resurrected Christ bless you and your families.

With my warmest Paschal wishes and love in  
the Risen Christ,

+ KONSTANTINOS Metropolitan of Singapore and South Asia



# HOLY AND BRIGHT PASCHA



MARY MAGDALENE, and the other women who were present at the Burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the Body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the Law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the Death of the Life-Giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulcher with the spices to anoint His Body. While they were consid-



ering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulcher, there was a fearful earthquake, and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulcher, but did not find the Lords Body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Savior was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the Disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as Heralds now of the Supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His three days in the grave, observing the Mystical Sabbath, that seventh day in which it is said that the Lord rested from all His Works, He passed all of Saturday in the grave, and He arose while it was yet dark, very early in the morning on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this Joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, there-



by demonstrating our Savior's Victory over death and corruption, and the Destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His Reconciliation toward us, and our Inheritance of Life Everlasting. The Feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means Passover, because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and Blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the Honor of the Lord, in honor and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labor that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law

### **Troparion Tone I**

‘Christ is risen from the dead, by Death, trampling down upon Death, and to those in the tombs He has granted Life’

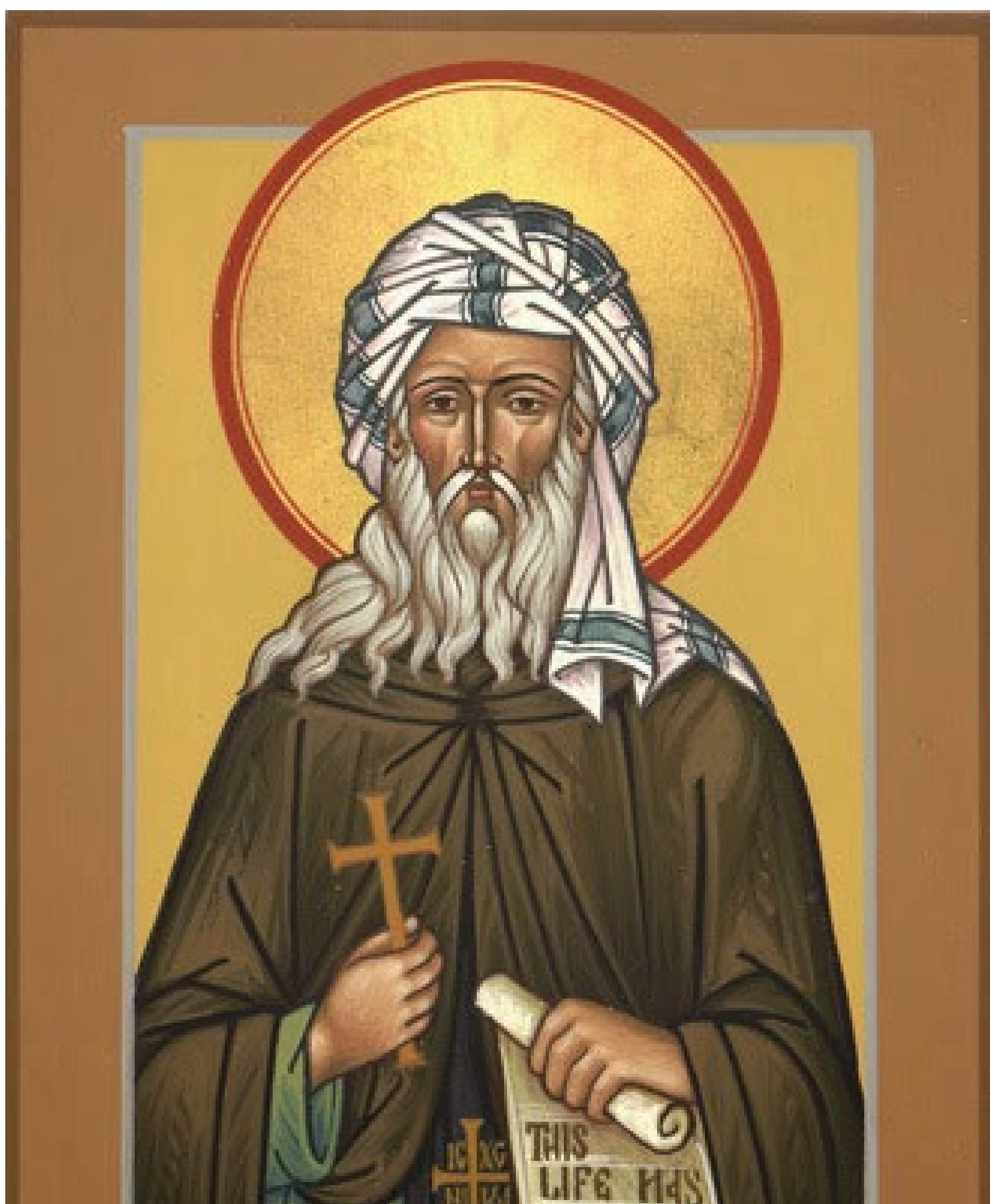
### **Kontakion Tone IV**

‘Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades power, and You rose the Victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, Hail! and granting Peace to Your Disciples, You who raise up the fallen’



# ON REPENTANCE

St. Isaac the Syrian



*Recollect the fall of the strong, that  
you may remain humble under  
thy virtues. And think of the heavy  
sins of those who fell and repented,  
and of the praise and honor they  
received afterwards, so that you  
may acquire courage during  
repentance*

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