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### Message

on the All-Glorious Resurrection of Christ our Saviour, 2019

## From Death to Life! From the Fall to the Resurrection!

Glory to Thee, Christ our God, O Lord, glory to Thee!  
Holy Trinity, glory to Thee!

“Great art Thou, O Lord, and wondrous are Thy works, and no word sufficeth to praise Thy wonders”.

Yea, O our Lord, God and Saviour, for by the All-Holy Economy of Thine Incarnation, by Thy Crucifixion and Thy Resurrection, Thou refashioned our corrupted nature, restoring it to its Original Beauty, its Primordial Glory, and to communion with Thyself!

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*Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

**Our primordial** nature was *Spirit-bearing* and *God-bearing*. It was a *royal nature*. Man was *king* of the visible world, which he had received as his *kingdom*, as a divine *blessing*, in order to offer it once again in gratitude to God.

But alas, what a tragedy! The fall drove away the Grace of the Holy Trinity, breaking off *communion with the Holy Spirit*.

Thus, the *king* became a slave, impoverished and naked, since through his disobedience he squandered the divine riches of Grace and was expelled from Paradise.

Saint Symeon the New Theologian very tellingly says in this regard that “all creation, which had been created by God from nothing,

upon seeing Adam outside of Paradise, no longer wanted to submit to the transgressor...”; it did not want to be servant to the disobedient man, its former *king*.

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*Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

**L**et us give glory to our Saviour, Who loves Mankind!

He, the true King and Lord of all, is so humble and has deigned to condescend to such an extent...

He is, as the Saints say, the “unproud God”, Who deigned to become man in order not only to restore us to our Primordial Honour, our original *royal dignity*, and to grant us once again *communion with the Holy Spirit*, but, what is more, to raise us up to the “right hand of the Father”!



The purpose of the Incarnate Economy was the descent of the Holy Spirit, in order that man may once again become *Spirit-bearing*.

“For this reason the Son and Word of God was incarnate and became man”, the Saints say, “so that those who believe in Him might receive into their souls, *as another soul*, the Grace of the Holy Spirit”.

We, then, ought continually to turn to the *soul of our soul*, to the Divine Comforter, with diligent repentance.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave Blood so that we would receive the Spirit. We are thus called to give *blood* daily, the *blood* of our Repentance, that our soul, which is full of passions, might be given life.

“Give blood and receive the Spirit”!

Life in Christ has as its aim the union of God with man, that is, that God may abide in man's heart and man in God.

Saint John the Evangelist says: “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God” (1 St. John 4:15).

This preternatural indwelling and abiding of God in us and us in God, according to the teaching of the Neptic Fathers, is granted as a gift to a Christian when he constantly meditates upon the Name of our Lord and prays without ceasing with the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me”.

This unceasing *prayer of the heart* constitutes a continual Confes-

sion of the divinity of our Christ, which consequently, in a mystical fashion, brings about the *indwelling and abiding* of God in us, and the reverse - us in God.

Then we will be able to say: “We and Christ are one”, through the Love of the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit.

May our Most Holy Mother, the Theotokos, strengthen us in this effort of ours to participate in the Eucharistic and Hesychastic Life of the Church, under the guidance and with the support of our spiritual Fathers, for She is the Bridge “leading from earth to Heaven”.

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By the God-pleasing prayers of our ever-memorable Elder and Father, Metropolitan Cyprian (†2013), by the Grace of the Cross and of the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, may we be deemed worthy to live in accordance with the Royal Nobility of our nature, amidst the light poured forth by the Glory of the Cross and of the Resurrection. Amen!

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

† Holy Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, 2019

Your humble intercessor before our Risen Lord,  
† Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle