

## **Easter Message 2022**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate this Easter Season we are reminded of the call to hope. People who are sad are often without hope; to be a true Christian disciple there is never room for sadness. Christ proves to us through His suffering, death and resurrection that life is filled with many ups and downs. Although the Christian experiences sorrowfulness it is not without hope i.e. Jesus Himself. It is not good enough to simply be positive; we have to be hope-filled, which means putting our trust in God's strength and not our own.

In the midst of our troubled lives an announcement arises in the liturgy:

"I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person."

*- from an ancient homily for Holy Saturday*

God descends to the depths of our sin in order to destroy our sin on the cross, and arises to make us an heir of God, pouring His Spirit in us, transforming us by His Grace, & making everything reflect His Love. "God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17).

This is the day when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. We have sung: "O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"

Let us bring this Good News into the dark places of this world, of our families and of our lives. Let us not worry about what people will say to us as a result of our hope in the Lord. Let us be as the disciples of Christ who full of joy and zeal brought this Good News to the entire world unabashedly.

On behalf of our parish staff, we wish our parish family the best of this Easter season.

With prayers, we remain



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