



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill sends Paschal greetings to the Primates of the Local Orthodox Churches

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent Paschal greetings to the Primates of the Local Orthodox Churches: His Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople; His Beatitude Pope and Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria; His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch; His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem; His Holiness and Beatitude Catholicos-Patriarch Iliya II of All Georgia; His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia; His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel of Romania; His Holiness Patriarch Neofit of Bulgaria; His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Cyprus; His Beatitude Archbishop Hieronymos II of Athens and All Greece; His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and All Albania; His Beatitude Metropolitan Savva of Warsaw and All Poland; His Beatitude Metropolitan Rastislav of the Czech Lands and Slovakia; and His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada. The text reads as follows:

I wholeheartedly greet You, sending fraternal kiss, and congratulate You on the Holy Passover:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today we glorify the miraculous Resurrection of the Lord from the tomb, which “reconciles the whole world” (St. Gregory the Theologian, Homily on Holy Pascha), and bring witness to people of the great victory of Jesus the Giver of Life who “gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Tim 2:6) and has opened the gates of his kingdom to us. Like the apostles, who brought the name of the Lord before the people (*cf.* Acts 9:15) and forgiveness of sins through him (*cf.* Acts 13:38), we share with those near and those far away the radiant Paschal joy, which abides in our hearts and strengthens our hope for life eternal.

On this Feast of feasts I wish You strong health and spirit and the inexhaustible aid from the Redeemer of the human race in Your primatial ministry, peace and prosperity to Your flock saved by God.

With brotherly love in the Risen Christ,

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