



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill greets heads of foreign states with Easter

On the occasion of the feast of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent greetings to the heads of states with Orthodox tradition. His Holiness congratulated President Rosen Plevneliev of Bulgaria, President Prokopis Pavlopoulos of Greece, President Nicos Anastasiades of Cyprus, President Gjorge Ivanov of Macedonia, President Klaus Iohannis of Romania, President Tomislav Nikolić of Serbia, and President Filip Vujanović of Montenegro. The text of the message is given below.

Christ is Risen!

Please accept my congratulations on the great and salutary feast of Easter!

On these radiant days we recall and glorify the event that has for ever changed human history. The Resurrection of Christ marks the intransient victory of good over evil and life over death 'for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' (Jn 3:16).

We are called to remain faithful to the Gospel ideals, treating our neighbours and those who are far with love and trying to establish traditional moral values and ethical guides in society thus contributing to the maintenance of peace and harmony among countries and nations.

I wish you good health, God's help and success in your noble ministry.

Respectfully,

+KIRILL

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia