



Hierarchs of Local Churches send Pascha greetings to faithful of Ukrainian Orthodox Church



On the eve of the feast of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ, a number of Local Orthodox Churches sent video messages of greetings to His Beatitude Onufriy, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine, to the whole Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian people.

In his message, Bishop Joanikije of Budimlja and Nikšić states in particular, 'On this great feast, I prayerfully wish joy to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and her faithful people so that the shedding of fraternal blood may be stopped and peace and fraternal love may come to reign among all the people of good will in the fraternal Slavic country. Sharing with you, dear brothers and sisters, the joy of the great Paschal feast, I wish that the Lord may grant divine power for the victory over sin, falsehood and division between brothers, so that you could always be co-participants in His Resurrection!'

Metropolitan Gabriel of Lovech, in his greetings, wished prosperity to Ukraine and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. 'May the Lord bless beautiful Orthodox Ukraine and give peace, well-being and salvation to Christians'.

'The Bulgarian Church and the Ukrainian Church are one Body of Christ' Metropolitan Gabriel

continued, 'we live by the Spirit of Christ. Therefore, if one rejoices, other shares this joy, and if one suffers, other suffers together with him... May the resurrected Lord reward you for all your trials with divine joy and grant salvation to all of you'.

Metropolitan Isaiah of Tamassos and Orinis emphasized in his message, 'In these Paschal days, we feel the joy that the Light of Christ has brought to the earth and would like to share it with all the Orthodox people, especially Orthodox Ukrainians, who have been going through strong temptations in recent years. And the local Church has been enduring strong temptations too'.

'In these Paschal days, we are with you', His Eminence Isaiah assured the UOC, 'we are praying for you, for your unity, for peace in the Ukrainian land, so that all the hostilities and all the military actions against Ukraine may be stopped'.

'May the joy of resurrected Christ the Saviour dwell in our hearts', states the message from Archbishop Abel of Lubel-Helm, 'in 2021, we are going through many problems... But let us pin our hope on Christ the Saviour Who has been raised from the dead. The Lord willing and He will triumph in both our hearts and in the bosom of our Holy Church of Christ'.

In his message, Archbishop George of Michalovce and Kosice says in particular, "Going through this difficult time, we all around the world confess the path of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. But. having trust in the word of God 'In this sign, you shall conquer' uttered during the appearance of the Honourable Cross of the Lord at the time of St. Constantine the Great Equal-to-the-Apostles, we firmly believe and know that after the cross comes the Resurrection".

The hierarch of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia also says, 'We would like to greet His Beatitude Onufriy, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine - the canonical Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the flock entrusted to his care by God, on the approaching Radiant Feast of the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over death, fear, illness and sin. We rejoice and hope together with you in anticipation of a new meeting to concelebrate with you, Your Beatitude, and to be blessed by your words'.

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