

# Archpastoral Letter for the Resurrection of Our Lord 2026

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**To the beloved clergy, religious, and faithful of the True Orthodox Church of the Diaspora--mercy, peace, and love be yours in ever-greater measure.**

On this radiant and saving Feast, when heaven and earth are filled with the triumph of life over death, the Church calls us to behold a mystery that renews the whole creation. The Light of Christ has shattered the darkness, and nothing—not sin, not despair, not the grave—can extinguish it.

This is not merely a historical remembrance. It is a present reality, a living flame placed into our hands and hearts. The Resurrection is not only Christ’s victory, it is the beginning of our own transformation. Today, the Church invites us not only to *see* the light, but to let the light shine through us.

When the myrrh-bearing women approached the tomb “very early in the morning,” they expected to find darkness, silence, and death. Instead, they encountered a brilliance that overturned the world. The stone was rolled away not so that Christ could leave, but so

that we could enter and behold the victory of God.

The Fathers teach that the light of the Resurrection is the same uncreated light that shone on Mount Tabor. It is the light that filled the apostles with courage, the martyrs with strength, the saints with compassion. It is the light that reveals who we truly are, beloved children of the Father, created to shine with His glory.

The Resurrection is not only an event to celebrate, it is a calling to embody. The world is aching for light—gentleness in place of anger, mercy in place of judgment, hope in place of cynicism, courage in place of fear. Christ does not ask us to manufacture this light. He asks us to allow it to pass through us. We let the light shine through when we forgive those who have wounded us, when we speak words that heal rather than harm, when we lift up the weary and stand with the forgotten, when we pray for those who cannot pray for themselves, when we choose truth over convenience, compassion over indifference. Every act of love becomes a window through which the Resurrection shines.

The Church is most itself when it reflects the brightness of Pascha. When we gather in unity, when we bear one another’s burdens, when we worship with reverence and joy, the world sees a glimpse of the Kingdom. Let us therefore guard our unity, cherish our fellowship, and nurture the bonds of peace. A church that lives the light of the Resurrection becomes a beacon for all who seek meaning, healing, and hope.

As we leave the Paschal liturgy and return to our homes, our workplaces, and our daily struggles, we carry with us a flame that can illumine every corner of our lives. Let the joy of this night shape your words, your choices, your relationships, your priorities. Let the light of Christ shine through you so clearly that others may come to know Him through your peace, your kindness, your courage, and your love.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with unshakeable joy. May His light scatter every shadow within you. May His peace guard your mind and soul. And may the brilliance of His Resurrection shine through you, illuminating the lives of all you meet.

With the bestowal of our blessings and prayers for all of you, we remain

Sincerely in Christ,

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