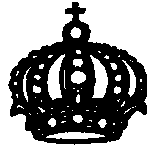


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*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.*

*We celebrate the abolition of death,  
the destruction of Hades and the first fruit of everlasting life.  
And as we leap with joy, we praise the Cause of these good gifts,  
the God of our fathers who is alone blessed and mostly gloried.*

Beloved of God,

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! El Messih Kahm! Hakkæn Kahm!  
Khristos Voskræsz! Voistinu Voskræsz! Let us embrace one another and  
forgive all things for the sake of Christ's Holy Resurrection. May Christ's  
Holy Resurrection strengthen us for a life of purity and Holiness. Let us  
say with St. Paul *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who  
live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by  
faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* (Gal. 2:  
20) Let us guard this gift of eternal life so freely bestowed! Forgiving as  
Christ forgives. Let us love as Christ loves. Christos Anæsti! Alithos  
Anæsti! Cristos Vaskræsz! Vaistinu Vaskræsz! Cristos a Inviat! Adævarat a Inviat!

Yours in Christ,

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