

PEACE BE WITH YOU...

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL:

We have arrived at the great day, the culmination of our faith, the very reason for our being as Christians: CHRIST IS RISEN!

And as the Apostle St Paul said, if Christ had not been raised, our faith would be in vain.

Today, as a Catholic Christian family, we celebrate Easter; the passage of Our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, from darkness to light.

To take the Lord's Easter seriously is to know that it is a source of joy and hope. He lives! The tomb is empty.

Just as the Gospel mentions that when the Lord rose from the dead, a great earthquake occurred, which filled those present with surprise and astonishment; so too, the Lord wants to move each of us from our realities, to turn our expectations upside down.

His radiant face, a symbol of new life, fills the whole Church with light, which joyfully exclaims, "He is risen!"

This mystery of the Resurrection is linked to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Being God, He became man, thus elevating our human nature to the divine. And now that He has risen, His resurrection makes us sharers in His victory.

We can affirm that in Christ we have died to sin and live for God. Through the merits of His precious blood, we have been purified from our sins. It is passing from our former slavery to sin to the glorious freedom of the children of God; it is an invitation to live as risen beings.

As the Easter Proclamation sings, happy is the fault that has given us so great a Redeemer.

On this holy night, the whole Church is clothed in joy, light, and hope. Death does not have the last word; Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and we are called to proclaim Him, to be witnesses of His truth, to be witnesses of hope. Let us not settle for just any lifestyle. Christ invites us to reach that fullness, that joy which we already experience here and now, but which will reach its fullness in the eternal Easter.

We continue our celebration with this joy, uniting our voices and our hearts in one voice, saying: Christ lives! Christ is risen!