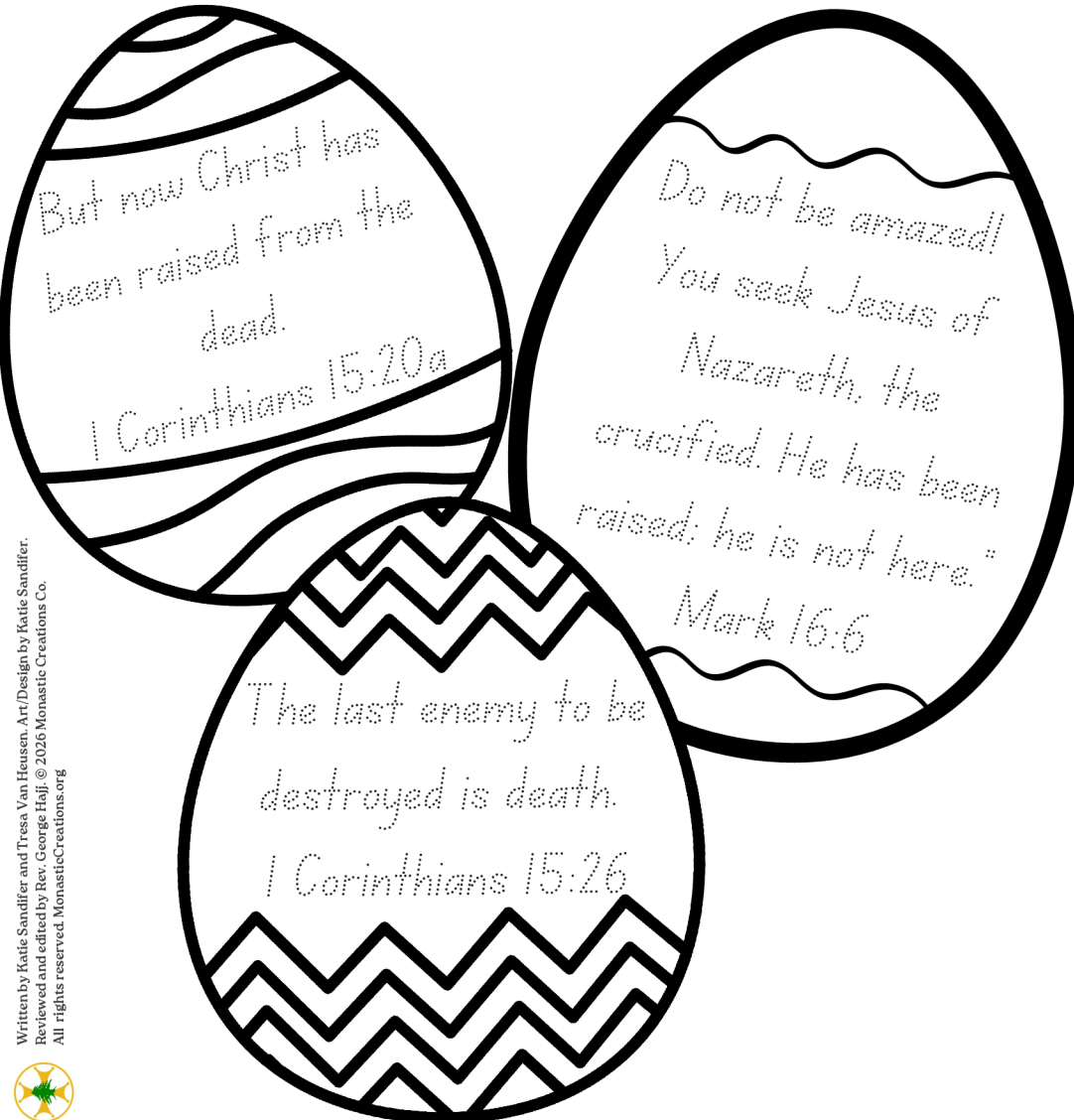


Resurrection of the Dead

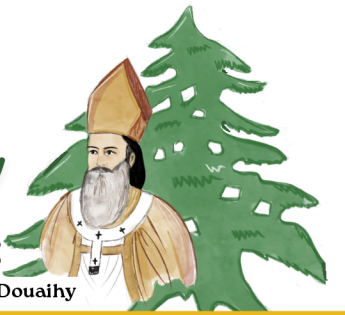
1 Corinthians 15:12-26

New
Testament
Reading

Throughout Great Lent, we have been learning different Bible verses from the New Testament each week. Today we have three different verses below from today's New Testament and Gospel readings that celebrate the Resurrection. Trace the verses and color the eggs and consider committing these verses to memory because they are so full of Good News!

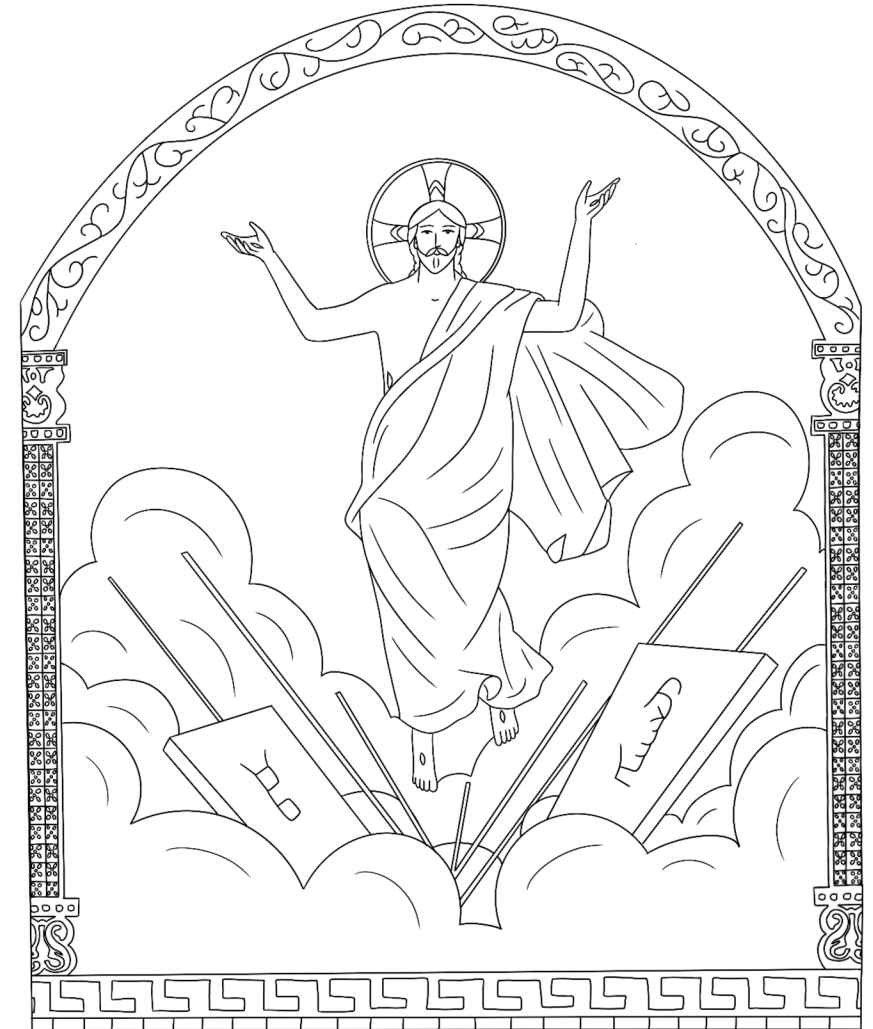


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Now the Church is rejoicing
for her shepherd truly rose.
Christ, who died for his people,
conquered death to give new life.






Gospel Corner

Mark
16:1-8

As Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians, the last enemy to be destroyed by God is death. Every person has a natural fear and aversion to death. Why? Because when God created man in the very beginning, He created them for life. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God for the first time, and sin entered the world, one of the consequences of sin was death. Adam and Eve were cut off from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, and would no longer be able to eat the fruit and live forever.

When God became man in the Person of Jesus Christ, He came to earth to restore what was lost. As Jesus said while preaching to the people, he came so that we might have life and have it in abundance. The Lord God wants us to have an eternal life of happiness with him in heaven. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, the gates of heaven were reopened and we are now able to receive eternal life!



 Jesus also restored our access to the Tree of Life, so we are able to eat the fruit and live forever! What is the new Tree of Life? It is the cross in which Jesus was crucified and died. Jesus himself is the "fruit" from the tree as he gives himself to us - body, blood, soul and divinity - in the Holy Eucharist.



Life is a gift from God! Jesus came to restore that gift, offering us abundant and eternal life. By his cross and resurrection, heaven is opened, and in the Holy Eucharist he becomes the "fruit" that brings us eternal life.

Did you know?

EGGS



Why do we celebrate Easter with eggs? Well, the egg is a symbol of new life and the resurrection from the dead. The hard outer shell of the egg represents the sealed tomb. Just as a baby chick breaks forth from the egg, so Jesus Christ broke forth from the tomb of death in his Resurrection, and brought forth new life!

What you can do

After Divine Liturgy, spend some quiet time in thoughtful prayer contemplating Christ's death and resurrection.

Greet at least one person today with the phrase "Christ is Risen!"

Sometime today read the story of the resurrection for yourself in Mark 16:1-8.

A Letter About the Resurrection

Imagine that you were with Mary Magdalene on Friday and you saw Jesus crucified. Now imagine that you are with her again, on the way to Jesus' tomb when you discover that Jesus has risen from the dead and is not in the tomb! Use the space below to write a letter to a friend explaining what happened, what you would have seen and how you would have felt.

Dear _____

