

Christ is Born – Glorify Him!

How can we not rejoice and glorify this great and glorious day? After all, Christmas is the watershed of human history.

The life of men before and after the birth of the God-child was completely changed. Consequently, it is appropriate and correct to count the events of history as those that took place before and those after the Nativity of Christ, and not, as is customary to say now - before, or after, the “common” era.

Man fell on account of his pride, by falling to the temptations of the devil, who promised that man himself could become a god. Our forefathers were bitterly deceived. The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil brought only suffering and death.

But God, in His love, did not want the destruction of His creation, and Adam and Eve were promised when they were expelled from Paradise that the woman’s seed would crush the head of the serpent. (Genesis 3:15)

After the fall, people began to live according to their limited mind and their fallen feelings. They experimented with anything and everything, bowed to all things, and finally fell to the bottom of paganism and reached an impasse. Only a handful of the Old Testament righteous lived by faith in the one, true God, and awaited the coming of the Messiah.

However, the best of the pagans, such as the great philosopher of antiquity Socrates, understood that this could not go on; man must live only according to the truth, yet the philosophers could not answer, what is truth. Recall Pilate's question asked of Christ: “What is truth?” (John 18:38)

The state of a pagan is very well described in the book of Heinrich Sinkevich: Quo Vadis?

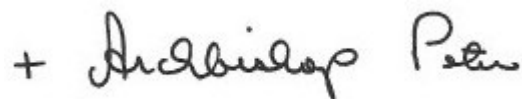
Christ the Messiah brought man out of this impasse, by teaching us how we should live, and showed Himself to us in everything as an example. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Let us thank the Lord for His love for us, and begin to live according to His teachings, according to His commandments. Without this we are as pagans.

I cordially greet all our clergy and faithful with the great and joyful feast of the Nativity of Christ - the feast of God's love for the fallen human race.

When celebrating Christmas, do not forget the sick and lonely.

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