



Nowyj Yarychiv, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Friends of the Parish in Nowyj Yarichiv!

This year's Easter is different for us than before - the war in Ukraine that we are experiencing completely changes the image of the celebration. The joy is overshadowed by the pain and suffering of the innocent, especially of children; what we see in the TV or social media are shocking images, which also often do not reflect the scale of suffering...

However, this tragedy is read by us in the spiritual sphere: Did not Christ also suffer because of unjust judgment and the will to retain power? Were there traitors and other people around Him who added suffering? It was all on the Way of the Cross. We know, however, that this is not the end. The upcoming Easter is hope for us. After all, after these terrible moments in the Olive Garden, on the way to Golgotha and on the cross, the morning of the Resurrection comes - Christ's victory over evil, Satan and death. Something that was great evil has contributed to the salvation of mankind. And in this context, by uniting ourselves with the suffering and at the same time risen Christ, we wish to experience these holidays. We hope that this difficult experience will become for us in the future something that will result in the victory of good over evil, of God over Satan. This ray of hope of the Resurrection gives us strength!

At this point, I would also like to thank all of you for your material and spiritual support; for every kind gesture, every prayer and every sacrifice. It is just such a ray of hope because we are not alone in this difficult time and we know there are people we can count on. Thank you for being for us the heralds of the Resurrection while we are still walking along the way of the cross!

We wish you that the joyful Feasts of the Lord's Resurrection may be for all of us a time of spiritual growth and building Christ's Kingdom of love and peace wherever God's Providence places us. May they strengthen our hope and revive our faith that Love never dies, that the Risen Christ has opened the way for us to enter a completely new life in eternity.

With all: the elderly and the sick, parents, children from kindergartens and young people, sisters and all parishioners, I share the joy of Christ's Resurrection and I wish you all blessed Easter. God bless you all!



Z pamięcią w modlitwie

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