**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being,

 the resurrection of the dead came also

 through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die,

 so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,

 but each one in proper order:

Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming,

 those who belong to Christ.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**