

# PASCHA 2022

Dear Friends,

*“Piety, piety, but where is the love that moves mountains?”*

Mother Maria Skobtsova

The horrendous violence, indifference and tragedies that continue to occur in this world can make us feel helpless, worn down and question our faith, mankind and our own purpose. After all, the majority of us will not invent the cure for a deadly disease; we won't single handedly solve racial relations, eradicate homelessness, eliminate pollution, abolish loneliness or bring peace to the entire world anytime soon.

The people of Ukraine live in their faith perhaps more than most in this world. How do they continue to hold on to their strong belief in Christ as their country and future continues to be in grave danger? During this unimaginable suffering and loss some may believe they are being tested. “For all their loyalty God's still letting this horror happen.” Or perhaps they question, “God, why us?” Yet might they be drawing strength from their faith, confident that God has allowed this devastation as part of their journey to ultimately create a better world? There is no doubt that through this tragedy Christ is working through many people to make a difference in the many lives all over the world.

*“... give from the heart since each person is the very icon of God incarnate in the world.”*

-Mother Maria Skobtsova

We are all connected and we don't need to look far to make a world of difference- or a difference in the world. Imagine; we put forth our own best humanitarian efforts in all the ways we are able. Holding a door, giving a smile, sharing kind words, your time, a meal, talents or resources, can cause a ripple of kindness you may never know of. Even the moments you pause to hold judgement on others demonstrates grace which influence others.

*“If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another.”*

-Mother Teresa

## **Christ is Risen! Truly Risen!**

We ask, with a heart full of hope and wishes for peace in our world, please consider making a gift to New Skete at this time. It could be in celebration of Pascha or other religious observances or in Honor or Memory of loved ones, friends or causes. Please go to <https://newskete.org/support-us> to make a secure, online donation. In addition, we continue to welcome your requests for prayers. Please know we are praying with and for you, always.

In Christ's love,



Brother Christopher  
Prior, Monks of New Skete



Sister Cecelia  
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete