

# PASCHA 2026

Dear Friends,

*"...My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God..."*

Ps 84:2

Recalling traditional Orthodox cities, imagine thousands of bells ringing out simultaneously....a sound many describe as a "stirring clamor." That is the sound of the Orthodox church at numerous times throughout the year but none more joyful than on Pascha!

On this holiest of days in Christianity, the peals of the bells is announcing the Resurrection of Christ. Our faith is once again confirmed that Jesus overcame death and rose and that death as not final but a transition to the next chapter of life not yet seen. These chimes of celebration signify both an end to the forty days of Lent which includes fasting, prayers and penance as well as a fresh new beginning to living our life as followers of Christ.

What better time to begin again? In body we are rested from the wintry season behind us. Our spirit, is freshly replenished by our continued trust in God's work. In mind, we are drawn in by the hopeful signs of Spring about to burst all around us! Led by inspiration and purpose, let this season carry us forward with positive words and actions. It's within all of us to contribute and create a reverberating message of patience, understanding and peace within ourselves and each other. Let's strive to generously infuse openmindedness, inclusivity and love into every part of our world...

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Colossians 3:12

In joyous celebration of Pascha or with solemn intention. With an enthusiastic anticipation of Spring or with a heart in need of lifiting - we ask you to please consider making a gift to New Skete today. During this most holy time of year, your donation may be in Honor or in Memory of loved ones, friends or causes you are passionate about. We continue to welcome your requests for prayers. Please know we are praying with and for you, always.

**Christ is Risen! Truly Risen!**

In Christ's love,



Brother Christopher  
Prior, Monks of New Skete



Sister Cecelia  
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete