

PASCHA NEW SKETE 2020

Dear Friends,

Unlike in years past, in addition to preparing for the arrival of Pascha, Passover, Easter or even the birds of Spring, chances are you are preparing for more serious happenings. Minimally, many emotions including fear and sadness may be weighing on your mind.

The Corona Virus Pandemic is affecting the entire world in various ways and in varying degrees. During times of crisis it usually helps to gather and gain strength from one another, work and pray together. We strive for unity. This time it's different. The immediate and future safety of yourself and others seems to depend on spending time alone.

Today you may be isolated. You may be quarantined, but you are not alone.

Though the very nature of being a monastic calls to mind solitude, we are not alone. While we go about our day we pray for friends, community, country and those in need around the world. This mindfulness brings a sense of calm as we are drawn closer to nature and God. We pray that during this time of isolation you will gain comfort from quiet reflection. We pray that your mind, body and spirit will remain healthy. We pray that your compassion for others never waivers and we pray you know you are not alone.

Christ is Risen! Truly Risen!

In celebration of Pascha or other religious observances, in memory or in honor of loved ones, friends and causes, as always, we welcome you to send us your requests for prayers. Let us lighten your burden by knowing we are praying with and for you. We are here for you.

In Christ's love,



Brother Christopher
Prior, Monks of New Skete



Sister Cecelia
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete