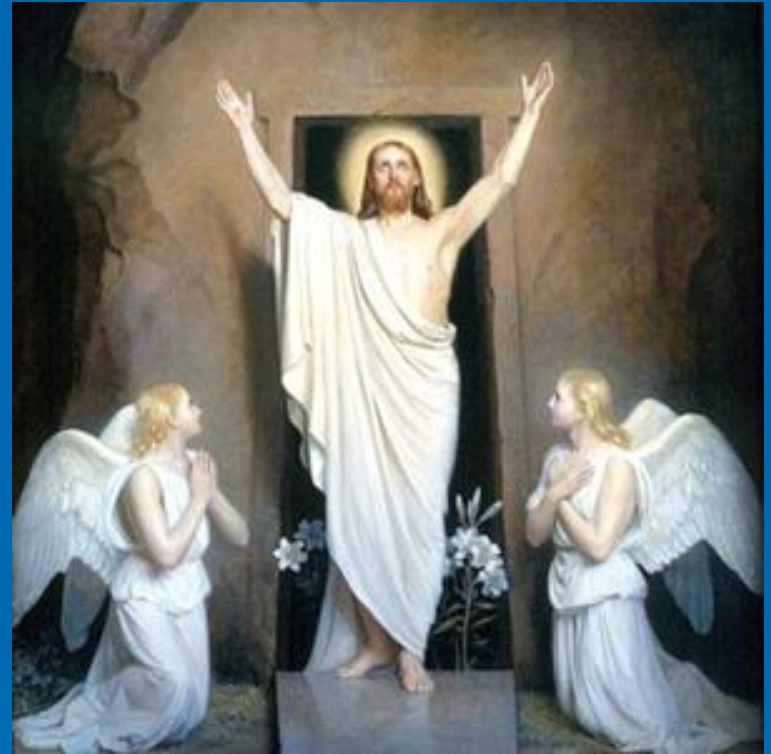


**“Then the
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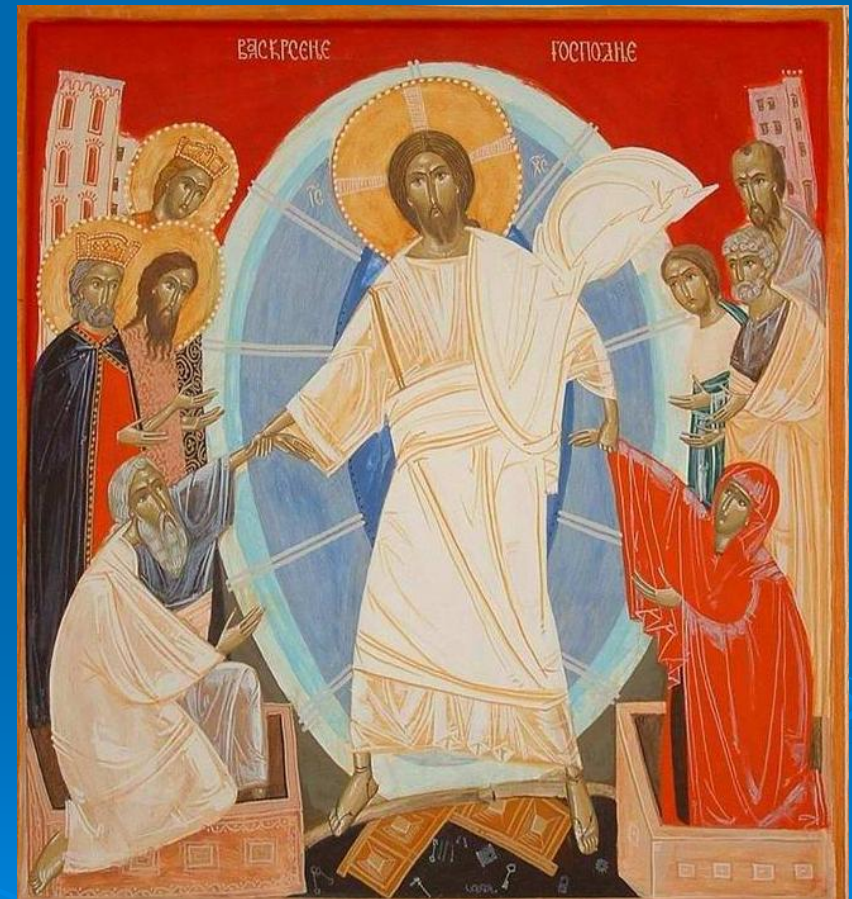
John 20:20

The Resurrection as a personal experience



1. Not to rush in judging the events

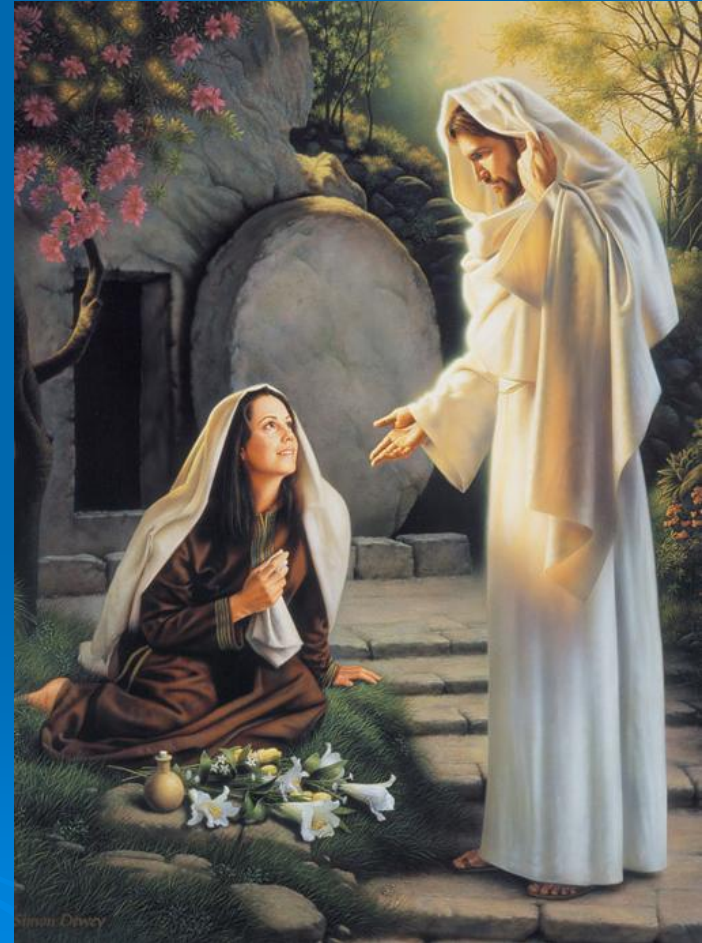
- The event of the Death of the Lord brought doubt and fear in the hearts of the disciples. “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel” *Luke 24:21*
- The Lord’s Death was followed by His Resurrection and the redemption of all mankind



2. The hope of the Resurrection

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”
1 Peter 1:3

- This hope keeps us alive in the battle against Satan



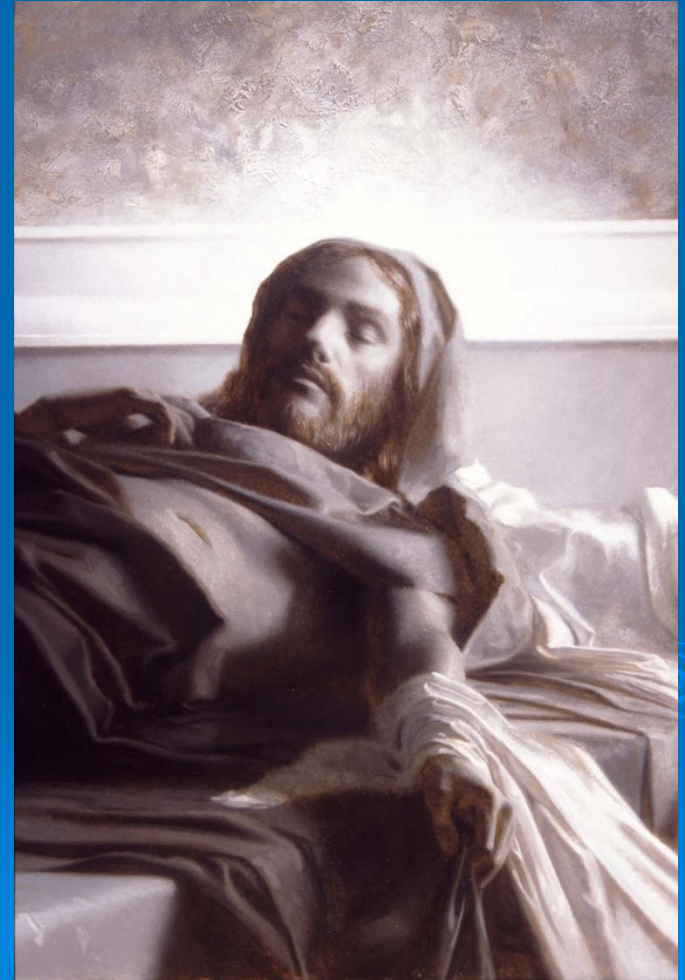
3. The newness of life

- “...for this my son was dead and is alive again”
Luke 15:24
- “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren”
1 John 3:14



4. The willingness to die with the Lord Christ⁽¹⁾

- “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection” *Romans 6:5*
- Judging the self with sword of the Word of God
- “...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.” *Philippians 3:10*



4. The willingness to die with the Lord Christ⁽²⁾

- The death of the grain of wheat is its way of bringing forth fruits
- This willingness is manifest in the desire to give oneself to help others



5. The capacity to rejoice

- Joy is the exception rather than the rule in our days!!
- Christian joy is aware of the pain and tragedy of life, but it is equally aware of the promise of salvation brought to man and confirmed on this feast

