



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Prayer of the Church

Chapter 2, “The Time and Space of the Church’s Prayer,” explains how the prayer of the Church, closely bound to the rhythms of nature, fills the daily, weekly, and yearly cycles with the celebration of the feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God, as well as memorials of the saints. As they pray, God enters into the *time* of people’s lives. He places them within salvation history, the heart of which is the mystery of Christ’s Pascha. The Church building, sacred places, and the homes of Christians are the *space* designated for the prayer of the Church community. The furnishings of the church, iconography, Church vessels, liturgical chance, and the domestic icon - corner - all of these are arranged so as to reveal the presence and the acts of God among his people. Within this sacred time and space Christians offer God spiritual sacrifice. (#329)