



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

Holy Tradition and Holy Scripture

The Church believes and teaches:

There exists a close connection and communication between Holy Tradition and Holy Scripture. For both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring...tend toward the same end. For Holy Scripture is the word of God in as much as it is consigned to writing under the inspiration of the Divine Spirit, while Holy Tradition takes the word of God entrusted by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and hands it on to their successors in its full purity, so that led by the light of the Spirit of truth, they may in proclaiming it preserve this word of God faithfully, explain it, and make it more widely known.

On the basis of the Holy Scriptures, the Church establishes the truth of oral Tradition, which in turn interprets and explains the Holy Scriptures. The oral tradition is expressed through the teaching of the *Holy Fathers*, especially at ecumenical and local *Councils*. For this reason, the Church teaches us to receive with faith and to respect both the Holy Scriptures and the oral Tradition. (#37)