



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Holy Scriptures

The Old Testament contains the Revelation which God gave to humankind from the beginning of the world to the coming of the Savior. The Old Testament includes: the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy); the Historical Books (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, two books of Samuel, two books of Kings, two books of Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, and two books of Maccabees); the Poetic Books (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach); and the Prophetic Books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations of Jeremiah, Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah, and Malachi). The Psalms of David are used in all the divine services of the Church, while selected texts of other books are used as readings at Vespers and at the Hours. (#39)