



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Reading and Explanation of Holy Scripture

The criterion for understanding the Word of God is the reading and interpretation of the Holy Scriptures by the Church: “First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is the matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Pt 1:20-21). Christ entrusted the Church with the authentic interpretation of Holy Scripture in her teaching ministry to God’s word. “This teaching office [of the Church] is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching only what has been handed on... it draws from this one deposit of faith everything which it presents for belief as divinely revealed.” (#52)