

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Apostolic Tradition

Christ chooses his apostles and sends them to preach the Word: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (*Mt 28: 19-20*). Having received the commission of Christ's Ascension and then receiving the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the apostles began to preach Christ and witness to him: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses" (Acts 2:32). Following the example of Christ the Teacher, the apostles transmit his Gospel to their disciples through the living word of preaching, calling upon all to preserve it; "Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us (2 Tm 1:14). (#33)