

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Apostolic Tradition

The apostles have entrusted us with "all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning" (Acts 1:1). The holy apostle Paul testifies to this when he writes to the faithful in Thessalonica: "So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught by us, either by word-of-mouth or by letter" (2 Thes 2:15). The Church has always called upon Christians to remain faithful to the teachings of the apostles, and thus, she has preserved in immutability of Holy Tradition, and by this token, her faithfulness to Jesus Christ. The essence of Tradition consists in faithfully following Christ within the church for all generations, until the end of time. Holy tradition is unchangeable because its content is Jesus Christ, Who is the same yesterday and today and forever_(see Heb 13:8). (#34)