

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Faithfulness to Tradition

The unbroken continuity of Tradition is realized in the liturgical life of the Church, and in the teaching of the Holy Fathers, whose witness to the Truth is based not on human recollections, but on the living an uninterrupted experience of the Holy Spirit. The constancy of this experience within the Christian community is the safeguard of our faithfulness to the apostles' teaching, to the heritage of the Holy Fathers, and to the teaching of the Church, which strengthens our hope in the promise of the coming age. Faithfulness to Tradition is faithfulness to new life in Christ, which has been transmitted by the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and from them to the bishops, the presbyters, the deacons, and all the faithful. (#35)