



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

God's Plan

In accordance with his plan, God acts in the world; he sustains the world in existence and leads it to its final fulfillment. This action of God is referred to as the Divine Plan (Providence) of God. Divine Providence consists in his gracious “foresight” and the “counsel from before the ages” of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit; this Providence is God’s will for the world and determines the consummation of the world: “By your power you hold together the creation, and by your providence you govern the world.” This means that in the world and in our lives, there are no coincidences or random occurrences. Faith makes it possible to see the action of Divine Providence in the concrete circumstances of life. (#112)