



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

4. The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind

When Adam and Eve transgressed the commandment, they severed their bond with God. Their choice became the cause of death, and the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” became its instrument. The cross was also such an instrument of death, prepared on Golgotha for the Son of God, Jesus Christ. However, by accepting death on the cross, He transformed the instrument of death, the cross, into a “tree of life.” “Truly, O Christ, the tree of life has blossomed. For the cross, planted in the earth, fed with blood and water from your pure side, has put forth life for us.” It has become a *life-giving cross*. (#139)