



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

4. The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind

The Church witnesses liturgically to this in the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (September 14/27), when we contemplate the Life-Giving Cross in the light of Holy Pascha: “To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify your holy Resurrection.” The Lord voluntarily took upon himself the sin of the world and transfigured the cross of death into a sign of the Resurrection, having trampled down death by death, and granted us eternal life. (#140)