



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

2) ***The Fall of Humankind***

The deception of the serpent becomes a temptation for Eve: “The woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight for the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise” (*Gn 3:6*). Eve submits to the temptation: “She took off its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate” (*Gn 3: 6*). In this way, our first parents transgressed God’s commandment, and through this, sin and evil entered into the world: “Sin came into the world through one man” (*Rom 5: 12*). With the *eating of the forbidden fruit* the illusion of self-deification vanishes, and instead of expected good, and evil and emptiness emerged: “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked” (*Gn 3:7*). The sin of our first parents resulted in severing humankind from God, - the Source of life – humankind then became mortal. “As the body becomes a corpse when the soul leaves it destitute of its own vital energy, so also does the soul then become a corpse when the Holy Spirit leaves it destitute of spiritual energy.” (#147)