



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

2. *The Fall of Humankind*

The Fall is completed with the expulsion of our first parents from Paradise: “He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life” (*Gn* 3:24) as a consequence of the Fall, that is, of the sin of the first parents (original sin), humankind lost Paradise. We cannot return to the tree of life in any way except through God’s power, and so, we are in need of God’s salvation. (#148)