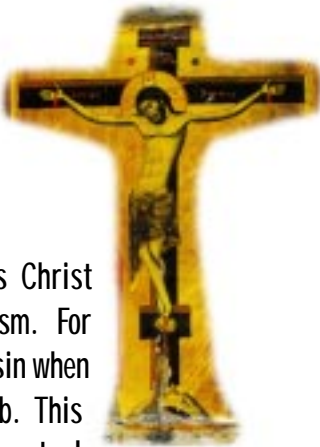


My Beloved Children,

May the joy of the Glorious Resurrection be with you.

In the Holy Book of Romans written by St Paul, we are taught in chapter 6 verse 4: *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."*

What does this mean? If the Lord Jesus Christ was buried for us, how are we buried for Him?



We are buried with the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism. For the Lord Jesus Christ actually buried sin when He was buried and placed into the tomb. This is also what baptism is to all of us, an actual and real burial of sin. When we are baptized we are truly united with the Lord Jesus Christ's death.

When the Lord Jesus Christ died upon the Holy Cross, He died that we sinners might live!

What happened following His death? Darkness came over the City of Jerusalem. The earth shook violently. Solid rocks broke and split in two. Tombs opened and those dead inside them, walked about. The Veil of the Temple between the Holy Place and

the Holy of Holies was torn apart from top to bottom.

The Roman officer in charge of the soldiers standing around the Holy Cross said, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

Joseph of Arimathea and his friends placed the Holy Body of the Lord Jesus Christ in Joseph's new tomb. The body of the Lord Jesus lay in the tomb from the evening of Friday to the dawn of Sunday. On Sunday morning, the Lord raised a glorious Resurrection as He had foretold.

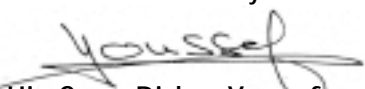


Again the earth quaked, and His Holy Body shone brightly as the sun. The precious wounds of His hands and feet were more endearing than ever. Death was conquered and our faith firmly established.

The whole truth and meaning of our faith rests upon this the greatest of miracles, therefore making this the "greatest of feasts."

Did you know that the Holy Feast of the Glorious Resurrection is actually celebrated every Sunday by participating in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist?

May we all experience the wonder of the risen life in the Lord Jesus Christ this Holy Feast of the Glorious Resurrection.


His Grace Bishop Youssef