

Dear Fellow Parishioners:



Once again we rejoice in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Once again we proclaim our hope in God who does not abandon us even when we sin. Once again we celebrate the fulfillment of Christ's promise to be with us forever. Once again we proclaim to you and to all on earth and in heaven: Christ is Risen.... He is truly Risen!

Lent, the great fast is over. We now put aside in a new way our penitential practices and allow ourselves to rejoice in the Lord. After all, our prayers, our fasting, and our good works tend to be forgotten. For they are mere tools, which help us acquire the spirit of God. This and this alone is our goal in life. It is the greatest consolation to live through our trials, difficulties, and fears', knowing the Risen Lord is always at our side.

During the events of Jesus' passion and death on the cross, His closest disciples and apostles were bewildered and frightened. They had forgotten the words of Jesus, their teacher, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body and can do no more... Do not live in fear, little flock,.." Luke 12.4.

Let us keep in mind that Jesus calls everyone of us to intimacy with Himself, His heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. How Divine! How sweet is your voice, O Christ! For You, have faithfully promised to be with us to the end of the world. Having this promise as our anchor of hope, we, the faithful children of God, rejoice.

I embrace you with the kiss of Christ's Peace. I wish you every grace in the radiant light of Christ's Resurrection and invoke upon all of you the blessings of God.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen.

Al-Masih Quam, Haquan Quam...

*Msheeho dqom min bet meeteh. . .
And we are His witnesses. Alleluia !*

With best wishes, I remain,

*Faithfully your Servant,
Abouna Tony*

