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8 Bible verses to remind you what Easter is all about

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Romans 6:9

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

I Corinthians 15:20

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Acts 3:14-15

Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'

Luke 24: 5-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

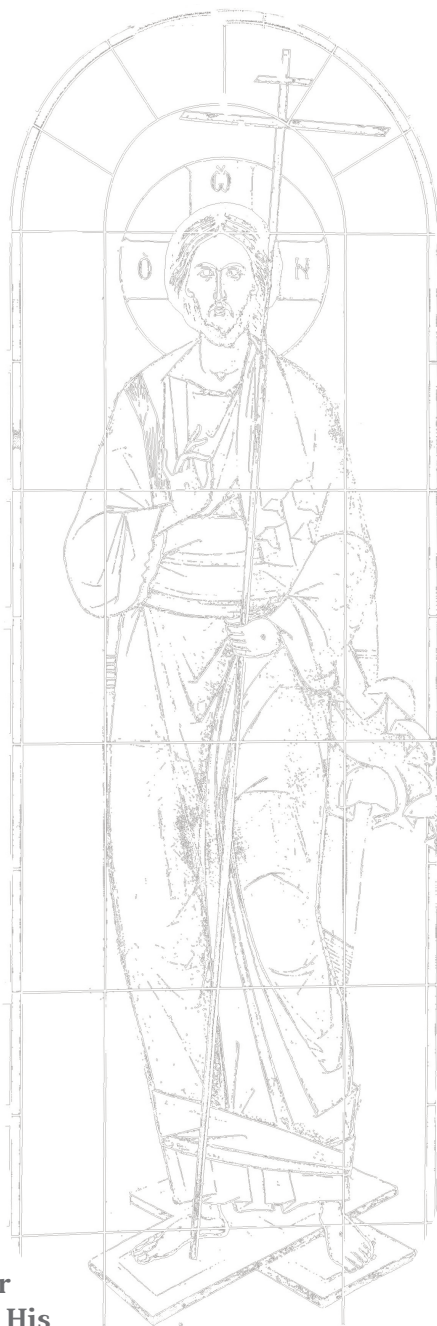
I Peter 1:3-5

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

I Thessalonians 4:14

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:3-4



TRINITAS RADIO STATION

celebrates 21st anniversary

On Wednesday, April 17, the Romanian Patriarchate's official Radio station celebrated its 21st anniversary, remembering their first radio broadcast on Good Friday in 1998.

92,7 FM frequency became Trinitas Radio in 1998 with their first radio studio being located at the 17th-century Golia Monastery in Iasi.

Today, Trinitas Radio broadcasts throughout Romania on analogue with 53 frequencies, and online.

Shows are recorded in radio studios located in Bucharest, Iasi, Sibiu, and Craiova.

The Radio station's name Trinitas is the Latin for Trinity.



As a department, the Radio station was established in 1996 at the initiative of His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel, who served at that time as Metropolitan of Moldavia and Bukovina.

The Trinitas Radio daily schedule includes divine services, religious programs, news briefings, Orthodox Christian music, talk programming covering religious, social, psychological topics.

Patriarch Daniel:

EASTER IS THE FEAST OF FORGIVENESS

At the Easter Vigil celebrated Saturday night, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel stressed that the Resurrection of Christ is a feast of forgiveness, recalling that before Christ breathed his last on the Cross He prayed for His enemies, for those who sentenced Him to death and for those who crucified Him.

'This humble, crucified love became victorious through the Resurrection. The love of the crucified and risen Christ is stronger than human sin, is stronger than the work of the devil, stronger than the power of hell, and stronger than death.'

'The love of the crucified and risen Christ is stronger than hatred and envy, because he was crucified out of envy and hatred,' the Romanian Patriarch said at the Easter midnight office.



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How to live in a hostile world

His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel went on to explain why 'we live in an increasingly hostile world, in a world where individualism and selfishness grow and love diminishes in the family, among people and among nations.'

He said that we face this world context 'because we are moving away from Christ, the source of the humble and merciful love'. The Patriarch came with a solution to this problem saying that 'through repentance,

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Meaning of Paschal troparion

The Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church spoke about the Paschal troparion noting that 'the first part – Christ is risen from the dead – is a profession of faith, the second part – trampling down death by death – is an interpretation, and the third part – and to those in the tombs bestowing life – is a prophecy.'

Proclaiming Christ's Resurrection

Patriarch Daniel pointed to the reason why the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

is proclaimed outside the church.

'Because Christ's Resurrection does not only concern Christians, but all human beings, as Saint Paul tells us, for as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.'

'The universal resurrection,' he said, 'is founded on Christ's raising from the dead. It is a gift of God for all humans of all generations, of all places and times.'

'Therefore,' Patriarch Daniel said concluding his paschal sermon, 'Christ's Resurrection gives meaning to human earthly life.'

'Through His Resurrection we learn that man is not made for the tomb, but for heaven. He was not made to remain in the dust of the earth, but for the resurrection and for eternal life.' ➔

NERA MONASTERY BUYS 3D PRINTER FOR NATURAL PRODUCTS LABS

Nera Monastery in Caras-Severin County has bought a 3D printer for its Natural Products Labs.

The monastery's labs were founded in 2009 'by the desire of the nuns to bring people closer to the healing gifts sowed by God in plants.'

The first Natural Plants Lab is spiritually protected by the Holy Unmercenaries.



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Nun Marina from Nera Monastery spoke in an interview about the reasons that led to the purchase of this electronic equipment: 'We want to produce prototypes/ molds for our new ceramic bottles and jars that we will use as containers for the natural products we manufacture. The fact that this technique makes it possible to customize the finished product at no additional cost and in a relatively short time compared to other processes is of great benefit to us.'

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When you want to give life to an original idea, by checking and developing the design in all its details, 3D printing seems the most appropriate process.

500 BIBLE EDITIONS GO ON DISPLAY IN TIMISOARA

During the month of April, people in Timisoara had the opportunity to glimpse a collection of 500 Bibles in multiple languages and dimensions.

The exhibition titled The Museum of the Bible was opened on Tuesday, April 2, at the Theresian Bastion in Timisoara in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Ioan of Banat.

The 500 bibles belong to Pastor Ionel Tutac, the President of Revival of Family Association, a Christian non-profit organization promoting 'the freely consented marriage between a man and a woman as thought by the Creator, supporting the family from a spiritual, legislative, cultural and humanitarian point of view.'

Attendees included the mayor of Timisoara, Mr. Nicolae Robu, and Calin Dobra, the President of the Timis County



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Council.
'This event has the blessing of heaven,' Metropolitan Ioan said.
'More than 500 Bibles can be seen in different tongues of the earth. We can also observe in how many languages God listens to our prayers uttered here on earth,' His Eminence noted.



ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNEARTH 2,600-YEAR-OLD LINK TO BIBLICAL KING JOSIAH

Archaeologists in Jerusalem have uncovered a 2,600-year-old clay seal they believe belonged to Nathan-Melech, who is mentioned in 2 Kings and was a servant to King Josiah.

The clay seal – called a “bulla” – is about one centimeter (four-tenths of an inch) across and reads in Hebrew, “(belonging) to Nathan-Melech, Servant of the King.”

It is the first archaeological evidence of the biblical name of Nathan-Melech, according to a press release from the City of David.

He is mentioned in 2 Kings 23:11 in the context of King Josiah renewing the covenant with God.

“Since he’s not mentioned with his last name, only [his] first name, we can under

STATEMENT OF CROCEU IN THE VIEW OF THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS IN MAY 2019

In view of the upcoming European elections in May 2019, the Representatives of the Orthodox Churches to the European Union (CROCEU) would like to address all European citizens concerning the future of the European Union.

After having considered the enlarged responsibilities and competencies of the European Parliament and the importance of the participation of European citizens in the upcoming European elections, CROCEU would like to draw attention to the fact that the European Union is not just another institution founded to safeguard individual and collective economic interests.

It is rather the recipient encompassing the aspirations of hundreds of millions of people living in their own countries, who wish at the same time to be part of a larger family of nations that work together for the consolidation of social standards, dignity in life and security in society.

It is in this framework that we urge all Euro



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stand that he was a pretty famous person here in Jerusalem during the mid-7th century [B.C.], the time of King Josiah,” said Anat Mender-Geberovich of The Hebrew University.

Josiah was one of the godly or “good” kings of Judah long after David and Solomon and after the kingdom was divided. ➔



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pean citizens to exercise their civil right to vote so that through their elected representatives, they will play a part in:

- Strengthening the open, transparent and regular dialogue between citizens and European Institutions.

- Policies focusing on a long-term perspective, based on social investment. The economy must serve the common good of the people and we urgently need to take care of the most vulnerable members of our society.

- Human Rights strategies rooted in the dignity of the Human person, for the protection of civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights. ➔

Holy Chrism sanctified on 134th anniversary of autocephaly of ROC

His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel together with the members of the Holy Synod officiated the sanctification of the Holy Chrism at the Patriarchal Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, April 25, 2019, marking the 134th anniversary of autocephaly of the Romanian Orthodox Church. This is the 22nd time when Holy Chrism was sanctified since the bestowal of autocephaly to the ROC in 1885.



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On April 25, 1885, Ecumenical Patriarch Joachim IV issued the patriarchal tomos by which the Romanian Orthodox Church was recognized as autocephalous and self-governing Church.

The Holy Chrism was sanctified during the Divine Liturgy celebrated on Great and Holy Thursday, after being prepared at the All Romanian Saints Monastery in Bucharest during the first days of the Holy Week.



Every diocese of the Romanian Orthodox Church will receive five liters of Holy Chrism.



The Patriarch said that Holy Chrism is 'the foundation and the source of the sanctification of Church life', noting that Chrism is used to anoint the newly-baptized, to consecrate churches and to consecrate the antimins.



Bishop Ignatie:

Pay more attention to online youth ministry!

‘Let us pay more attention to online youth ministry,’ His Grace Bishop Ignatie of Husi urged the representatives of the Diocesan Youth Departments gathered in Cluj for consultation.

‘Stop being captives to regular strategies for youth mission,’ the bishop said.

‘We need a more relevant online presence on social platforms. Let’s try to be present to change the youth communication paradigm. There is this parallel universe called social media, and many young people are connected there. We must have a message for them.’

His Grace Bishop Ignatie stressed the need to communicate online the Christ-centered lifestyle in an attractive manner ‘to awaken such a great interest, as everything related to secular life does.’

‘Through everything we do we must convey an authentic and beautiful lifestyle in Christ. It is our duty, through our own language, to make young people say: Yes! It is wonderful to live in Christ.’

‘Let us offer an alternative to all pursuits young people have,’ the Bishop of Husi said ending his speech.

Bishop Ignatie is known for his openness to online ministry. He has official Instagram and Twitter accounts.

The consultative meeting of the representatives of the diocesan youth departments of the Metropolis of Cluj, Maramures and Salaj was chaired by His Eminence Metropolitan Andrei Andreicut. The meeting was hosted on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Archdiocesan Centre in Cluj. ➔

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† Bishop Ignatie of Husi

quotes from

Easter Messages 2019



In this year's patriarchal encyclical for Holy Pascha, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew rejected the conception that 'Orthodoxy is introverted, unworldly and indifferent to history and civilization', saying that this is 'a complete misinterpretation of Orthodox self-consciousness as well as of the social and charitable work of the Church'. ➔

Patriarch of Alexandria uses Easter message to stress the need of helping the suffering: 'Respect and the care for those in need express in the most essential way our worship of the risen Christ for our salvation,' Patriarch Theodoros said.



Thirteen Patriarchs and Heads of Christian Churches in Jerusalem have issued an Easter Message praying for lasting peace throughout the world and urging that the multi-religious and multi-cultural status of Jerusalem be maintained. "The Feast of the Resurrection," they stress, "reminds us that human dignity is to be respected and honoured." ➔



In his 2019 paschal message, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow reminds the believers of the Russian Orthodox Church that the adamant foundation of Christianity is the faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through His Resurrection, Jesus Christ 'overcame the abyss that separated the first humans from their Creator from the very dawn of human history,' Patriarch Kirill highlighted. ➔



'The risen Christ creates the new being and calls us to a radically new life; a life estranged from wickedness, vileness, injustice, inequality, violence, wars and aggression; a life of sincerity and truth, a life in the light of the Resurrection.' Christ's Resurrection is the one that 'gives meaning to life and history,' Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens pointed out. ➔



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Orthodox churches on Romanian Football Team 2019/20 kit



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Priest from Bucharest Monastery offers Paschal Light to Romanians living in Dubai ➔



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Fr Jean Boboc was an intelligent voice of today's Orthodoxy, Patriarch says ➔



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National Cathedral consecration attendance statistics

The Chancellery of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church published a report presenting information about the attendance of believers at the consecration of the National Cathedral in Bucharest, giving the exact names of parishes and group attendants.

As estimated by the Romanian Gendarmerie, approximately 150,000 people visited the National Cathedral and venerated the newly consecrated Holy Altar from November 25 to December 2, 2018. Total attendance reported on the day of the consecration, Nov. 25, was 55,000 people, of whom 47,320 were organized in groups. As reported, the believers came from 2,251 parishes, cult units, educational institutions, or other church institutions from home and abroad.

1,837 clergymen or laypersons were reported to lead or attend the organized groups. ➔



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