



Alleluia! Christ is Risen



Here is a portion of the famous Easter Homily given by St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople in the early 5th C. As Patriarch and Archbishop of Constantinople, he was one of Five “Patriarchs” of the early Church [also known as “Popes” in: Jerusalem, Alexandria, Antioch, Constantinople, and Rome]

Even today, this is perhaps the most preached homily on Easter Day for it is not only filled with the joy of the Resurrection, but also the Christian hope of God’s Kingdom and our salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Easter Homily of Saint John Chrysostom *c. 404*

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Is there anyone who is a grateful servant?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

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For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.

He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour,
as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one He gives, and upon another, He bestows.

He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.

The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike receive your reward;

rich and poor, rejoice together!

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it,.... Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the cup of faith.

Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!