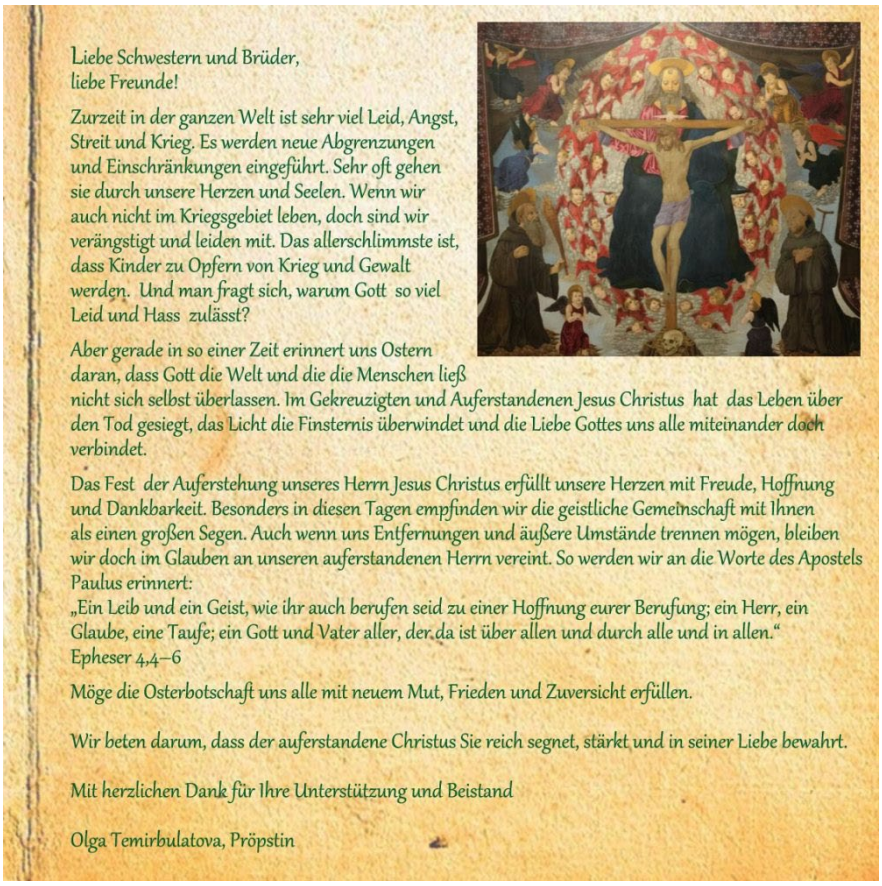
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Dear Friends!

At present, there is much suffering all over the world, fear, strife and war. New boundaries and restrictions are being introduced. Very often they pass through our hearts and souls. Even if we do not live in a war zone, still we are afraid and suffer along with others. The worst thing of all is that children become victims of war and violence. And one asks oneself, why does God allow so much suffering and hatred?

But especially in such a time Easter reminds us that God did not leave the world and people to themselves. In the crucified and risen Jesus Christ, life has triumphed over death, light overcomes darkness, and God's love connects us all together.



The feast of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ fills our hearts with joy, hope and gratitude. Especially in these days we feel the spiritual fellowship with you as a great blessing. Even though distances and external circumstances may separate us, we remain united in faith in our risen Lord. Thus we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul:

“One body and one spirit , as you are also called to one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” - Ephesians 4:4 - 6

May the Easter message fill us all with new courage, peace and confidence.

We pray that the risen Christ blesses you abundantly, strengthens and keeps you in his love.

With heartfelt thanks for your support and assistance.

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