**Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia**

In the Old Testament one deals with the resurrection of the Messiah of the Lord in an explicit way in the Psalm 16: *“Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.” Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.* (Psal 16,1-11). Elsewhere it is written in an implicit way. Thus the Psalm 22, that is the prayer said by Jesus on the cross: *“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!* (Psal 22 (21) 28-32). Thus the Song of the Suffering Servant of Isaiah ends: *“If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.”* (Is 53,10-12). In the New Testament, Jesus prophesies his glorious resurrection three times: *“He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* (Mk 8, 31-33). *“They left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.”* (Mk 9,30-32). *“They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise."* (Mk 10,32-34)

The Virgin Mary must rejoice. The Word of Her Son is fulfilled. What He said has been accomplished. He is truly risen. He has overcome death. The entire creation is put under his feet now. He reigns supreme over it. The slavery of the man is over. The creature made in image and likeness of God can live with true freedom. History immediately has a new hope. The victory over sin is fulfilled by virtue of the fruits that the resurrection of Jesus has ripened. Those who project the hope in the eternal future are mistaken. This is not the Christian hope. The Christian hope is victory, today, over the sin and over all its slavery. It is victory, today, over all the forces of evil that infest the man’s heart. It is victory, today, over all selfishness, overpowering, transgression of the Commandments, forgetfulness of the Beatitudes. Today Jesus gives us his resurrection and today He calls us to live as new men, turned by the might of his Holy Spirit. The Christian, in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, is the builder of this hope. Today, on earth, in this time, through our new humanity, the new world arises, made of truth in charity and of charity in the truth of Christ Jesus. However, those who announce the victory of Christ over sin and over death, regardless of the faith in Him, are mistaken. Sin and death are overcome with the obedience to the Gospel. They are overcome with the most pure faith in his name. They are overcome in proclaiming the Gospel to every creature. They are overcome with the perseverance of the one who has believed in Christ for all the days of his life. Those who proclaim the victory of Christ Jesus over our sins without our faith in Him, faith in his Gospel, obedience to his Word, deceive the man. They make him believe that Christ will overcome his sin as well, when he remains defeated by the evil that he still commits. It is true. Jesus has come to fulfil a new creation. However, He fulfils it in the one who believes in Him and the one who believes in Hi mis he who obeys his Word and makes the Gospel his sole and unique Law of life. One will always speak about Jesus the Lord in a false way, when one omits to proclaim that the new life arises from the most pure faith in his Word. The Holy Spirit reveals it through the Apostle John: *“This is the victory that overcomes the world: our faith.” “Through my obedience to my Father in each of his Word, I, Jesus, have overcome the world. I have overcome it through my life. I give you my victory through your faith in my Word.”* The victory of Christ Jesus will be ours through our faith in Him and through our obedience until the end of his Word; *“The one who perseveres to the end will enter the eternal kingdom of his Father.”* Here is why the proclamation that resounds among the disciples of Jesus today is false: *“He has overcome and we are all victorious.”* Either faith must be proclaimed in fullness of truth, or its proclamation is the greatest deceit perpetrated against the entire humanity. Virgin Mary, Mother of Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us builders of the true faith, from which the true hope and the true charity arises.