

Easter Basket Blessing For 2020

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life. (thrice alternating languages)

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, look down upon this fleshmeat, and sanctify it, as Thou didst sanctify the ram which the faithful Abraham brought unto Thee, and as the lamb which Able offered unto Thee as a whole-burnt offering; likewise also as the fatted calf which Thou didst command to be slain for Thy prodigal son when he returned again unto Thee, that as he was counted worthy to delight in Thy good things, so may we also delight in those things that are sanctified and blessed by Thee for the nourishment of us all. For Thou art the true Nourishment, and the Giver of good things, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father Who is without beginning, and Thy Most-Holy, Good, and Lifegiving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Author and Creator of all things: Bless Thou the cheese and with this also the eggs, and preserve us in Thy goodness, that, as we partake of them, we may be filled with Thy gifts, ungrudgingly bestowed, and with Thine ineffable goodness. For Thine is the might, and Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen

All - as we sprinkle our baskets with Holy Water: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life. (thrice alternating languages)

