

TAINA ÎNNOIRII VIEȚII OMULUI, ÎN SCRIERILE SFÂNTULUI IOAN GURĂ DE AUR

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Abstract

The mystery of the Resurrection of the Lord is the cornerstone of the Church, without which its existence and its mission in the world would have been impossible. That is why St. Apostle Paul says: "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Cor 15, 14). Having a special faith in the triple mission of the Savior, crowned with His Resurrection from the dead, and only through the Holy Spirit received at Pentecost, the Apostles work miracles, healing people (Acts 3, 6) and preach the mystery of the renewal of man through Christ to the ends of the earth. Without the Resurrection, Christianity would not have been born, the Church would not have come to life, because we all who "were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him" (Rm 6, 4, Acts 2, 37-38, Col 2, 12). Resurrection is the ontological and soteriological crown of Christian theology. Moreover, the Resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of our renewal and resurrection, the certainty of the transformation of our biopsychic being into a theological, dialogical being through the prayer with God. Even the Savior, during His activity among the chosen people, revealed Himself not as God of the dead, but of the living (Matt 22, 32, Mk 12, 25-27, Lk 20, 38) and of those who, believing in Him, renewed their lives for eternity.

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Introducere

„Viața” și „moartea” au fost conceptele cele mai disputate și problematizate în istoria umanității. Nu există filosof antic sau modern, scriitor bisericesc sau Sfânt Părinte, care să nu pună în discuție aceste două tematici fundamentale pentru existența omului. Concluzia unanimă a tuturor celor ce au abordat filosofic sau teologic cele două concepte a fost că moartea și viața coabitează tainic, în mod paradoxal, în trupul omului; sunt două realități inseparabile, ce nu pot fi înțelese una fără cealaltă. Însă Olivier Clément