

Common Festal Salutations

These salutations are commonly used to greet and bless one another during feast periods up through the Feast's *apodosis* (Each feast is not merely one day but a period of time):

Nativity: "Christ is Born!" Response: "Glorify Him!"

Theophany: "Christ is Baptized!" Response: "In the waters of the Jordan!"

PĀSCHĀ: "Christ is Risen!" Response: "In Truth [or, "In Deed" or "Truly"] He is Risen!"

Ascension: "Christ is Ascended!" Response: "From *Earth* to *Heaven*!"

Pentecost: "The Holy Spirit is descended!" Response: "From *Heaven* to *Earth*!"

Transfiguration: "Christ is Transfigured!" Response: "On Mt. Tabor!"

Greeting and Taking Leave of Clergy

For addressing and greeting clergy, read this helpful article, "Clergy Etiquette" by Fr. David Cownie & Presbytera Juliana Cownie: http://orthodoxinfo.com/praxis/clergy_etiquette.aspx

Note that we always ask for a blessing from a bishop or priest when we first see him and then later when we take our leave of him. Because blessings come from Christ, in humility we ask for blessings from His bishops and *presbyters*; we do not bless them.