

Matters of the Heart

Orthodox reflections on faith and life



18 Our Lord is Present

The many encounters of the risen Lord to His followers must have come as a shock to many of His faithful and yet fearful believers. The New Testament offers several surprise apparitions by the Lord, where He showed Himself to many, making known His presence and then vanishing just as quickly.

This same Lord, the risen Christ, is ever present and always working in our lives and in the lives of many. The Lord is there even when our faith is wavering. He is at work in our lives in times of turmoil and uncertainty. And He is manifesting Himself as the risen Lord in moments where it may seem as though all hope is lost. The Lord is there to offer countless blessings, comfort, and peace. There is not a moment in which God is not present.

+ “...lo, I am with you
+ always, even to the end
+ of the age.”
+ Matthew 28:20

+ See Also:
+ Psalm 138 (139): 7-12

+ *Heavenly Father,
+ open my eyes that I
+ may see You and feel
+ your peaceful
+ presence as I navigate
+ through this life.*