

The Grand Master's Easter Message to all members of the Order

"Once more we have commemorated the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and I want to remind you that he announced three times he was going to die, specifying the reason for his death, suffering his passion, condemned by the scribes and the priests, by the elders and the princes, and that on the third day he would rise from the dead. His disciples at that time did not understand what he was saying; they only understood when they saw Christ resurrected, when he appeared and explained to them the Holy Scriptures. That is to say: Jesus was always aware of his sacrifice for mankind, to redeem us from sin and show us the way to be righteous.

I wish, after these days of devotion and reflection, that your prayers to the Almighty be addressed to implore his aid for our brothers in Syria who are suffering all sorts of violence. So that the civil war that is devastating that biblical country ceases at once and peace and harmony born from justice may prevail.

In this way we may follow the appeal of our Spiritual Protector, His Beatitude Gregorius III, to provide material help to those in need whether Christians or Muslims, united now by grief and misfortune. The Order of Saint Lazarus knows that the right way, shown by Christ in his Passion and Death, requires sacrifices and resignations. This will be the best way to contribute in remembering He who died for us in the cross and his glorious resurrection."