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To the Reverend Clergy & Monastics, Esteemed Parish Council Members, Beloved Sisters of Philoptochos, Brother Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and our treasured Youth & Young Adults:

Beloved in Christ,

I greet you with paternal love and joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I know that you join me in giving thanks to Almighty God for having been made worthy to celebrate once more His victory over death and the powers of sin.

We live in a world where the message of Christ's loving sacrifice and His Resurrection from the dead is needed now more than ever. Through His saving Passion, we understand—as imperfect human beings—what it means to offer boundless love and mercy to our fellow men; and by His salvific Resurrection, we are now given the opportunity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as prodigal children returning home to our loving Father. Truly, we worship our Lord's Passion & Resurrection, not as a simple historical commemoration, but as a miraculous event, which every year renews our world to the possibility of the heavenly spirit in which it was created.

My beloved children, I pray that this glorious season strengthens your minds and hearts in a spirit of radiance and joy, and that you and your spiritual family will carry the unceasing Paschal flame forever.

Pleased to offer you that greatest of greetings,

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Truly He is Risen!

I remain, with blessings and joy in our Resurrected Savior,

+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta