



**By the Grace of God**  
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Blessings to our Very Reverend Chor Episcopoi, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese!

Dearly beloved,

As we approach this feast of great joy and glory of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our warmest Paschal greetings. This season, as we recall the victory of light over darkness and life over death, brings to mind the powerful words of Scripture, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (St. John 1:5).

This passage resonates profoundly within our hearts and in our mission as a church. It is a beacon of hope, illuminating our path and guiding us in our shared journey of faith. It reminds us of the universal call to bear witness to the light of Christ, to embody His love, and to work tirelessly for the Kingdom of God.

In these times, marked by trials and uncertainties, the world looks to us for guidance and solace. Let us, therefore, unite together, seeking to reflect the radiant light of the Resurrection. Let us embody the hope and renewal promised by Christ’s victory over the grave, encouraging and supporting one another in our sacred ministry as a Diocese.

This Easter, let us draw inspiration from the Apostles’ unwavering faith and proclaim, as they did, the Good News of the Resurrection. May we, like St. Paul, be determined “to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified” (I Corinthians 2:2), and risen, as the cornerstone of our faith and ministry.

We pray that the joy of the Resurrection fills your hearts and strengthens each of with compassion, humility, and unity. May we all be granted the wisdom to see Christ in each other and the courage to serve Him in all we do.

Yours in our Lord,

Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos