



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,

It is with profound joy and spiritual affection that we greet you in the name of our Risen Lord. On this Feast of Feasts, we proclaim the mystery that lies at the heart of our faith: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.”

In these uncertain times, marked by global unrest, moral confusion, and a world often indifferent to the Gospel, we find ourselves called anew to witness boldly to the light of the Resurrection as Saint Athanasius teaches, “By His death, salvation has come to all, and by His rising, death is destroyed.”

We are reminded by Saint Paul: “If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him” (II Timothy 2:11-12). The trials we face, are not without purpose, for they conform us more fully to the image of the Crucified and Risen Lord. The Lord has not promised comfort in this age, but communion with Him in suffering and in glory.

May the flame of the Paschal light renew in each of us a fervent desire to witness as God’s people with humility, courage, and unwavering faith. May our unity in Christ shine as a beacon in a fragmented world.

May the hope of the Risen Christ be with you – our dear clergy, and our beloved faithful.

Yours in our Lord,

Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos