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**Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York:**

Greetings and blessings on this Feast of Feasts and Season of Seasons! I share with you an excerpt from the writings of *St. Gregory of Nazianzus* on the Resurrection:

*Many indeed are the wondrous happenings of that time: God hanging from a Cross, the sun made dark, and again flaming out; for it was fitting that creation should mourn with its Creator. The temple veil rent, blood and water flowing from his side: the one as from a man, the other as from what was above man; the earth was shaken, the rocks shattered because of the Rock; the dead risen to bear witness of the final and universal resurrection of the dead. The happenings at the sepulcher, and after the sepulcher, who can fittingly recount them? Yet not one of them can be compared to the miracle of my salvation. A few drops of blood renew the whole world and do for all men what the rennet does for milk: joining us and binding us together.*

As usual, I embrace you on this glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ and cry out with you:

**Christ is Risen! ! المسيح قام Le Christ est Ressuscité! Christos Anesti! Hristos a Inviat!**

With the continuous turmoil in the world comes the feast of the Resurrection of Christ bringing life and light to a shattered humanity. Let us then pray for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who suffer because of violence, war, disease, or natural disasters that the Risen Lord may relieve them of their difficulties and instill hope in their hearts.

**Have a Blessed Pascha!**

In the risen Christ,

**Bishop ALEXANDER**

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*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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