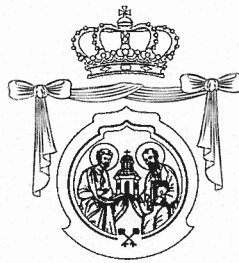


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Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York:

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

Those to whom Christ has given light as He has risen, to them He has appeared spiritually, He has been shown to their spiritual eyes. When this happens to us through the Spirit, He raises us up from the dead and gives us life. He grants us to see Him, who is immortal and indestructible. More than that, He grants clearly to know Him who raises us up (Eph. 2:6) and glorifies us (Rom. 8:17) with Himself, as all the divine Scripture testifies. These, then, are the divine mysteries of Christians. This is the hidden power of our faith, which unbelievers, or those who believe with difficulty, or rather believe in part, do not see nor are able at all to see.

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!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Pascha filled with the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection. May the miracle of this holy season remind us of God's endless love and grace and may the risen Lord guide us, strengthen us and surround us with His light today and always.

Happy Easter!

In the risen Christ,

Bishop ALEXANDER

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