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“Lo through the Cross has joy come into all of the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection. For by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.”

Beloved in Christ,

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Having traversed the time of the Great Fast with fasting and repentance, and having witnessed the Passion and Burial of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, with fear and awe, we now enter in the radiant joy of the Resurrection!

At a time when humanity appears to be throwing itself into ever more darkness, we rejoice in the fact that Christ destroyed death by the very means of death. In other words, Our Lord has shown Himself to be the faithful Bridegroom who can take our very means of rebellion and transform them into Life-giving means of communion.

Let us with grateful hearts embrace the mystery of the Life and Light pouring forth from the Empty Tomb and, together, take up the evangelical labor of proclaiming to the world that the Lord is indeed risen and will indeed transform our sorrows into joy!

Yours in the Risen Lord,

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

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