



Your Eminence Metropolitan Yurij of Winnipeg, our beloved brother and concelebrant in the Holy Spirit: Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес!

It is with sentiments of joy and gladness that we communicate with you in order to express our personal greetings and wholehearted best wishes during this spiritually uplifting Paschal Season.

Furthermore, on the occasion of the feast day of your patron Saint, George the Great Martyr and Trophy-bearer, we hasten to convey our personal prayers and regards to you, beseeching the Almighty to multiply unto you His rich and heavenly blessings, so that your days may be blessed with an abundance of health, peace and prosperity. May your archpastoral service always be bountiful in benevolence, plentiful in good works and fruitful in all that is spiritual, and may you enjoy many more worthy years filled with unceasing vitality and vigour!

May Christ the Saviour, who in trampling down upon death abolished the bonds of Hades and vanquished the sting of Death henceforth and forevermore, strengthen you always. And may the blinding light of His glorious Resurrection continually serve as a shining beacon that illumines all things and brings everlasting life and peace into the world.

Conveying to Your Eminence our heartfelt prayers for a blessed and festive Paschaltide, we invoke upon you and yours the endless grace and mercy of the Risen Lord, embrace you with a "holy kiss" and remain with much love and honour.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, 6 May 2020

Your Eminence's beloved
brother in the Risen Lord,

✠ BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch