



**NATIVITY GREETING FROM HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION
Bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy
Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral**

Christ is Born!

Your Grace Bishop Andriy, Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As the Bethlehem Star guided the shepherds and wise men to find The Newborn Christ Child, may the Bethlehem Star guide us and lead us personally along the difficult and thorny path that is ahead of us in 2022 so that we, too, can find the Newborn Christ Child and make a place for Him in our hearts.

And moreover, may we, troubled by the coronavirus, with the 24th Sobor on the horizon, faced with hurdles and hardships, find guidance and strength to follow the Bethlehem Star which will shine upon us in Canada and lead us to the Newborn Christ Child who will strengthen us today and into the future.

May all of us receive the gift of patience, perseverance, and hope that our uncertain and troubled life will endure the struggles, individually and collectively, that we will face in this year.

May the Newborn Lord bring good health, prosperity, inner peace, and joy to all of you in the New Year 2022.

God is with us!

With love in Christ,

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