

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
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All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Christ is born, glorify Him!

Christ is from heaven, go to meet Him!

Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing out with gladness, all ye people. For He is glorified!

(First Ode of the Christmas Canon)



Beloved in Christ,

Today, as the fire from the cave of Christ's birth burns deep within our hearts, we rejoice with all the earth. Anticipation imbues the world as we celebrate the birth of the One who willingly became Man for our salvation. Quiet, meek, guileless and patient, how do we behold and gaze upon the resplendent One who draws us to Himself in pure love?

He comes prepared for victory to prepare us. He comes willingly that we be willing. He comes courageous and strong to give us courage and strength. He comes in humility to humble us. He comes in peace, that all men should live in peace.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Yours in the service of Christ,

Metropolitan Joseph

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

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