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My dear spiritual children,

Christ is Risen! Daily, we notice the suffering world around us breaking out into quarrels, disputes, wars and, with baseless disobedience, they bring on sudden wars. The fear of death blackens the skies of our life, tightens our hearts and fills our souls with stress. However, behold, in the middle of the night of the passions of this world, the brave myrrh bearing women arise, early in the morning, and they announce to those in darkness and the shadow of death that Christ is Risen and Hades is destroyed. Death no longer governs us. Through the Cross, joy came to all of the world. No one can take away the joy of the Resurrection of Christ the Savior from the hearts of the faithful Orthodox Christians.

From my heart, I pray that the light of the Resurrection of our Lord shine in our hearts and may it transform our existence, in Christ, constantly. May it enlighten our darkened minds, so that our thoughts, our words and our actions be full of grace and truth, so that hope returns to the hearts of mankind and that the never-setting light of the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, enlighten all of the world. Amen.

With paternal love and blessings in the Risen Lord,

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