

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

*Great and Holy Pascha 2021*

*O Thy divine and beloved and most sweet voice! Thou hast promised that Thou wouldst be with us unto the end of the world, O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope.*

*Ninth Ode of the Paschal Canon*

*Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Parish Council Members, and beloved faithful:*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

*Pascha is the joyful revelation that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Although the world and the devil, sin and death, threw everything they had against Christ, God is still with us. His resurrection gives us boldness to face every difficulty with unflinching trust in God.*

*During this past year, we have needed this “anchor of hope,” as the winds and waves of crisis have beat against the ship of the Church. We still do. Let us rejoice that, in a world of uncertainty, Pascha’s promise is sure and true!*

*Praying that Paschal joy will blaze forth in your hearts, I remain,*

*Yours in the Risen Lord,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large blue cross symbol.

**+JOSEPH**

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

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