



CHURCH OF THE  
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HOLY METROPOLIS OF OROPOS AND PHYLE



### Message

on the Occasion of the All-Glorious Resurrection of Christ our Savior, 2018

**“I am come a Light into the world.”**  
**“Rejoice, thou who ineffably gavest birth to the Light!”**

**Glory to Thee**, O Christ our God, our Savior; O Lord, glory to Thee! We thank Thee, Who lovest mankind, for the abyss of Thy compassion.

“Unable to prevail is every hymn that striveth to comprehend the multitude of Thy many tender mercies; for if we were to offer unto Thee, O Holy King, odes equal in number to the sands, we will have done nothing worthy of that which Thou hast given unto us, who cry to Thee: Alleluia.”

Yea, O our Lord, God, and Savior Christ, all of our hymns prove to be inadequate and insignificant, however much they attempt to rise to the abundance of Thy boundless compassion. For even if we were to offer to Thy love, O All-Holy King, hymns equal in number to the sand of the sea, we would accomplish nothing commensurate with Thy benefactions toward us sinners, who cry: Praise ye the Lord!

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*My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

**Blessed** is the conjuncture whereby we celebrate together this year the crowning events of history: the Annunciation of the





Theotokos and the Resurrection of Christ our Savior!

Our God is the Light that has come. Through the Theotokos He has clothed Himself with history. He transforms the world through the Church. By His Resurrection He inaugurates the eschatological Feast of the Kingdom of God. He invites us to participate in the Nuptials of the Lamb with His Bride, the Church.

“We honor and magnify in hymns” the All-Blessed “Mother of the Light.” She is the “Lifting-up of men.” She is the “Tabernacle of God the Word.” She is the “Ark made golden by the Spirit.” In her all-venerable person is reflected the true human person amid the Light poured forth by the Holy Trinity.

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*My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

**T**oday, in this twofold Paschal celebration, through the Theotokos and in the light of the Resurrection of our Savior, we have also a twofold revelation: we come to know our genuine personhood, and, moreover, to know it in relation to our brother and our neighbor.

The Tradition of our Holy Fathers is truly a Resurrectional revelation: “You have seen your brother; you have seen your God!” “After God, regard every human being as God!”

Just like every revealed teaching of our Church, so also does this teaching concerning our brother—and our love for him—have a Resurrectional and astounding character.

Through repentance, the only genuine “Rising-Up from Sin,” the Christian is clad in Light. He is united with the Risen Christ; he is initiated into the mystery of love and oneness with his brother; he accepts others through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, Who is present within his heart; he becomes aware of himself and remains awestruck before the heavenly dignity of his neighbor.

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*My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

**T**he shining Light of the Resurrection, through our All-Holy Mother, the joy of a twofold encounter with our Savior and our

brother, ought to be present in every aspect of our lives, even in the most ostensibly insignificant aspect.

**T**hen shall we be a place wherein God is present. Then shall we be a fount of sanctification for the world. Then shall we be a locus of Divine manifestation. Then shall we mystically conceive the Kingdom of God. Then shall we contribute to the transformation and renewal of Creation. Then shall we be truly sons of Light and of the day.



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**May** the prayers, acceptable to God, of our ever-memorable Elder and Father Metropolitan Cyprian († 2013), by the intercessions of the Most Blessed Theotokos and of all the Saints, vouchsafe unto us that our whole life be a continuous celebration of our twofold encounter with Christ, Who is ever coming and is already present, and with our ever-present brother, amid the inundation of the Light of the Resurrection. Amen!

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**† The Holy Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, 2018**

Your humble intercessor before our Risen Lord,  
*† Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle*