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To the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Chanters and Church Choir Directors and Members.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With great joy we anticipate this year the celebration of the Holy Pascha. Our Holy Eparchial Synod at the request of our Church musicians and faithful has approved the attached translation of the Paschal hymn “Χριστός Ανέστη” (Christ is Risen) in English, accompanied by the Byzantine and European musical notations. It is the prayer and wish of the Holy Synod, that beginning this year the confusion that existed among the parishes in the chanting variations of this central hymn of our Church, will give place to the proclamation of the good news of the Resurrection of our Lord with the same words and music, as we chant it “with one voice and one heart”.

On behalf of the Most Reverend Hierarchs of our Holy Eparchial Synod, I wish you a blessed remainder of Lent and a joyous Pascha,

With Paternal Love in Christ,

Archbishop Demetrios of America

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