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THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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TO ALL CLERGY AND ORDAINED MONASTICS  
OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA

**SUBJECT: ARCHPASTORAL PASCHAL MESSAGE**

Beloved brethren,

We herein forward Our Archpastoral Paschal Message, in both the Serbian and English languages. This year's message is reflective of the painful circumstances in which we find ourselves globally with regard to COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Archpastoral Message is to be read following Paschal Matins, on Saturday, i.e. Sunday, April 19, 2020, *livestreamed* and distributed through all forms of communication as Our first communiqué to the faithful of our Diocese at Pascha.

The Encyclical of His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Kyr Irinej, which will follow, is to be read during or immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Pascha and *livestreamed*, together with the Paschal Liturgy, from all of our parish churches to the homes of our faithful – the *home church*.

Kindly allow Us this opportunity to thank all of you who have kept in touch with Us regularly, and for the many and creative ways in which you have kept your parish families together during this period of self-isolation. We will be judged, before God and history, not only for what we did, even more so, for what we did not do for those put in our charge during this crucial time.

We earnestly pray that you and your families will celebrate the forthcoming radiant feast of Christ's Resurrection in the joy of Christ Crucified and Risen. May He who rose from the dead bring us all closer to the eradication of the Coronavirus.

With Archpastoral blessings and paternal love,

BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA

