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**Christ is born !
Let us glorify Him !**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Patriarch Pavle of Serbia, of blessed memory said: « It is hard to be a human being. To be a human being who spreads human warmth is even harder, but it is a task to which we are suited and which the Lord Himself has entrusted to us – to be human even in inhuman times. »

As we celebrate in joy the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us never cease to remember in our hearts those who are in need of our care and of our prayers. Christ became a man so that all men could be freed from the bondage of sin and death. Unfortunately too many still are unaware of this. May we become the participants in witnessing to the world that the true freedom comes from Him Who liberated us from the bondage of sin.

May the peace of the God-child Jesus Christ continue to grow in your lives. May His love fill you and may you be vessels of love to all who surround you.

In His love,

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