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His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios of Canada issues Christmas Encyclical



His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios of Canada has released his Christmas Encyclical. You can read the full text below:

**Darkness covers once more cities and towns
while our souls wait and our anguish abounds.
Lies and bitter hatred have poisoned us all
the tragically spilled blood of countless dead.
Come dear Christ to us who patiently await,
bring us peace and comfort.**

Darkness. Everywhere darkness. Thick black clouds cover the sky. Wars

everywhere. Bloodshed. People uprooted from their homes are running to find peace. They drown in the seas. Decimated, they seek out new countries in which to relocate. Incredible to witness. They commit suicide and kill innocent people. Furious jihadists cut throats with a knife. What kind of God is this in whom they believe? Certainly fake. Every one tragically killed is a small Christ. Fourteen thousand (14,000) innocent

children were slaughtered by Herod. Thirteen million (13,000,000) Christians were sent to martyrdom by the pagan Roman Empire. Today, about one hundred thousand (100,000) Christians are killed every year. Christ was persecuted and continues to be persecuted. He is persecuted by unbelief. By atheism. By the theory of the superman who wants to put man on the throne of God. By false religions. By the religions which teach that their followers can kill in the name of God. In the two thousand (2,000) years from the time of Christ on the earth, Christianity is diminishing for the first time. What should Christians do? Should we be scared? Should we surrender unconditionally? Certainly not. The Lord God lives. Christ lives. He lives in the souls of Christians. "Now is the fight for everything." Every Christian should ask: Do I have faith like a mustard seed? Such faith can move mountains. Do not be afraid Christians. Virtue was hung on the cross by evil. Christ was crucified. Evil thought that He was finished. But Christ died and rose again. He was victorious. He reigned and continues to reign. At Christmas, everyone should ask themselves: Does Christ reign in my soul? Am I a sincere and honest Christian? Do I live my faith? Does Christ live inside me? This is imperative for every Christian. Christ is everything. For Christ to be in the soul of every Christian. I wish you a Merry Christmas, with Christ within our soul. As Christ defeated death, Hewill overcome the evil that rages on today.
