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Message of Archbishop Gregorios for the New Year



This is the message of Archbishop Gregorios for the New Year, which is published on the website of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain:

With our entrance into the New Year 2019, I extend my warm and heartfelt greetings of love and honour to everyone and in particular to the Flock of this Biblical Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople as well as warm wishes of our Saviour Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem of Judaea. First we must thank God in Holy Trinity for His philanthropy and His great and plentiful mercy towards us and for our salvation and His sacrificial love for the whole Creation. We dutifully express our thanks towards our fellow human beings, the Parents, the Benefactors and the Teachers, the Leaders of the Church of the Country wherein we live in freedom and democracy and security and respect for the beliefs of every citizen.

Let us pray for the Leaders of the World who work for the wellbeing of the peoples

and the peace of the whole World and for the stability of God’s Holy Churches and the faiths of their followers. The Leaders of the World, particularly those of the Mighty Countries, work for the reconciliation of the People who are at war, for their pacification, the progress of Society and the domination of God’s will on the people and the World. Let us pray from the depths of our hearts, upon the beginning of the New Year, for the Clergy, His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomeos and for all the Leaders of God’s Holy Churches. Let us pray for the Church Leaders, the Priests, the Monks and the Nuns and all who work and bear spiritual fruit for the sake of the Church and its work for our salvation.

It is you, Lord, who are the Master of time and of this New Year whose light and joy we were blessed to see. Lord, bless the world You have created so that we may spend the new year of your righteousness in peace and concord. Oversee with Your grace and mercy our life and undertakings and guide us onto the road of your Gospel, so that we may live together with our beloved brethren sharing the same faith in love and humility in a single voice and heart chant in worship of Your Holy Name, of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and in the ages of ages, via the intercessions of the Holy Virgin Mary and Mother of God and our holy father among the saints Archbishop of Caesarea Vasilios the Great, whose holy memory we are celebrating as well as of all those who have worshipped your Most Holy Name, now and forever unto the ages of ages.

Wishing you all health and the peace of God that surpasses all minds to your family and life and I remain with warm wishes and love in the Lord and honour. Many happy returns from our Lord Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem of Judaea.

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