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The Right Reverend Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America 9 Friar Tuck Ct Warren, N.J. 07059

Your Grace,

Christ is Risen!

While celebrating during these radiant days the joy of Pascha, we are deeply saddened at the same time by the tragic fire which destroyed the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava in Manhattan.

Our hearts go out to the clergy and faithful of St. Sava's Cathedral and to everyone in your Diocese. We fervently pray that God will quickly come to your aid, providing for the renewal of the church and for the strengthening of the Serbian Orthodox community in New York.

Please be assured that we at Our Lady of the Sign Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Manhattan are always ready to assist in any way we can and we welcome the clergy and faithful of St. Sava's Cathedral to worship with us during this time of need and to use our church facilities for their religious purposes.

With love in the Risen Saviour,

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