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## CHRIST IS RISEN!

I greet you in the midst of yet another heart wrenching, horrific, and tragic, mass shooting that took place on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, just west of San Antonio, Texas. Nineteen young children and two adults were killed, and many other wounded by an eighteen year-old high school student. This tragedy is on the heels of another mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, just days before that involved another eighteen year-old who killed ten black people. The evil one is tirelessly at work and, in this case as with others, influencing the hearts and minds of our youth.

Our hearts go out to those innocent victims, those wounded, and all their family members. May the memories of all of these victims whose lives were tragically taken from them, be eternal. May our Lord grant to them the place where the righteous repose. May He grant healing to those wounded and His Peace and Strength to their families and loved ones.

It is time for more fervent prayer. We must pray for our country, for our families, and especially for our youth on a daily basis. Pray that our government works together to help make life safer and more secure with appropriate democratic measures. Especially pray for the most vulnerable. Pray that our Lord protects them from acts of terror and evil and touches the hearts of our youth and young adults who may feel confused and hopeless and therefore become easy prey to the Satanic influences.

I ask that each priest of our Metropolis offer a general prayer this Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the day before Memorial Day, after the Divine Liturgy, remembering these thirty-one innocent victims, along with so many other victims before them, throughout our country and the world. As we participate in the Memorial Day Ceremonies, may we remember also those who gave their lives fighting for the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans.

Through the intercessory prayers of the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, and of all the saints, may our Lord and God be with, bless, guide, and protect the innocent victims and indeed all of us.

With the love of our Risen Lord,

*+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver*

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