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Blessings to all the Vicars, Management Committee Members, rest of all the officials of the Church and the faithful of the Diocese of UK - Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity!

As we step into the New Year, let us reflect on the words of St. Paul: So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18). This profound verse, which also serves as the tagline of our Diocese, reminds us to transcend the fleeting and focus on the eternal, grounding our lives in hope and imagination.

In the Orthodox tradition, hope is not merely wishful thinking but a confident expectation rooted in the promises of God. It is through this hope that we are drawn toward the eternal life gifted to us in Christ. Imagination, when sanctified by the Spirit, becomes a divine faculty, enabling us to envision the heavenly realities and pursue them with steadfast faith. Together, hope and imagination anchor our lives in the life to come, filling our earthly journey with purpose and meaning.

As we celebrate the gift of a new year, may we align our hearts with the eternal, living each day as a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. Let us joyfully seek the unseen, inspired by the hope of salvation and the imagination of a life transformed by grace.

May peace and happiness abound in our families as we journey together in faith and love. Let us join hands in nurturing the next generation to become true seekers of Gods boundless love and grace.

May the grace of the Holy Trinity guide us all in this blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ,

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