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Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей**

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Martyrs Cyprian & Justina

Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is amongst us!

In accordance with the decision of the Diocesan Council and the blessing of Archbishop Peter please note the following:

- I. We will continue this year a program begun April 1, 2004 – a monthly assessment according to the following schedule is due from all parishes of the diocese to support the Diocesan Missionary Fund:
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$20
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$30
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$40
- II. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on Palm Sunday for the benefit of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100
- III. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday of All Saints to benefit the Diocesan Youth Fund. The Sunday of All Saints has been designated as the Day of Youth in the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100
- IV. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday before or the Sunday after the civil Thanksgiving holiday (or another appropriate date chosen by the Rector of the parish, such as the Nativity of the Lord) to benefit the Diocesan Fund for the Assistance of Those in Need. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
  - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

V. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday before or the Sunday after the feast of the Three Hierarchs (which falls each year on February 12 by the civil calendar) to benefit the Diocesan Seminarian/Educational Fund. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:

- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

Assessments and monies from special plate collections mentioned above are to be sent exclusively to the Diocesan Treasurer, Subdeacon Andrei Urtiew, at this address:

P.O. Box 1367  
Des Plaines, IL 60017

Checks should be clearly marked in the memo section for which special plate collection or assessment they are being sent.

Please also note that the yearly assessments for 2021 are based on the attached schedule, which has not changed for several years. This pandemic year does not seem to be the year to change this.

Parishes are to send 50% of their assessment not later than June 30, 2021 and 50% of their assessment not later than December 31, 2021.

If you have trouble meeting your obligations due to the pandemic please reach out at the earliest opportunity to discuss this. We will find a way to work with you in this regard.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,



Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce  
Secretary of the Diocesan Council



P.S. Please also note the following:

1. Each parish must send a digital copy of their annual meeting minutes to [dcma.rocor@gmail.com](mailto:dcma.rocor@gmail.com) not later than 7 days following the date of the annual meeting.
2. Each parish must send the annual diocesan parish questionnaire to [dcma.rocor@gmail.com](mailto:dcma.rocor@gmail.com) not later than March 31 annually for the previous calendar year.

	<b>Assessment 2020*</b>
<b>All Saints of North America</b>	
De Queen AR	3,000.00
<b>All Saints</b>	
Fargo ND	520.00
<b>Assumption-Dormition Cathedral</b>	
Detroit MI	3,000.00
<b>Holy Cross Mission</b>	
Corpus Christi, TX	520.00
<b>Holy Dormition of the Theotokos Church</b>	
Bendl, IL	520.00
<b>Holy Transfiguration</b>	
Peoria, IL	2,000.00
<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>	
Milwaukee WI	4,000.00
<b>Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral</b>	
Chicago IL	19,000.00
<b>Holy Virgin Protection Church</b>	
Goshen IN	2,000.00
<b>Kazan Mother of God Church</b>	
Urbana OH	1,000.00
<b>Kursk Icon of the Mother of God Mission</b>	
Weston WI	520.00
<b>Our Lady of Tenderness</b>	
Madison, WI	520.00
<b>Protection of the Holy Theotokos Church</b>	
Austin TX	5,000.00
<b>Resurrection of Christ Church</b>	
Minneapolis St Paul MN	520.00
<b>Seeker of the Lost Mission</b>	
North Little Rock, AR	520.00
<b>Skete of St. John the Theologian</b>	
Hiaram, OH	520.00
<b>St. Andrew Church</b>	
Lockhart, TX	520.00
<b>St Basil the Great Church</b>	
St Louis MO	4,000.00
<b>St Benedict Church</b>	
Oklahoma City OK	3,000.00
<b>St. Catherine Mission</b>	
Lubbock, TX	520.00
<b>St George Church</b>	
Cincinnati, OH	9,000.00

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<b>St George Church</b>	
Michigan City IN	520.00
<b>St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church</b>	
Lake Odessa, MI	2,000.00
<b>St Innocent of Moscow Church</b>	
Wheaton IL	3,000.00
<b>Sts. Joachim &amp; Anna Church</b>	
San Antonio, TX	2,000.00
<b>St. John the Apostle</b>	
St. Francisville, LA	520.00
<b>St John Chrysostom Church</b>	
St Louis/House Springs MO	520.00
<b>St John of San Francisco Mission</b>	
Columbus OH	520.00
<b>St John of San Francisco Mission</b>	
Portage, WI	520.00
<b>St John the Baptist Church</b>	
Blue River WI	520.00
<b>St Jonah of Manchuria Church</b>	
Houston TX	12,000.00
<b>St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church</b>	
Dallas TX	8,000.00
<b>St. Nicholas Church</b>	
McHenry, IL	520.00
<b>St. Nino Mission</b>	
Stillwater, OK	520.00
<b>St. Paisius Velichkovsky Mission</b>	
Ft Wayne IN	520.00
<b>St Panteleimon Church</b>	
Minneapolis St Paul MN	5,000.00
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Fevronia</b>	
Kansas City MO	2,000.00
St. Sebastian Mission	
Traverse City, MI	520.00
<b>St Seraphim of Sarov Mission</b>	
Lansing MI	520.00
<b>St Sergius Church</b>	
Cleveland OH	6,000.00
<b>Sts Sergius &amp; Herman of Valaam Church</b>	
Houghton MI	520.00
<b>St Vladimir Church</b>	
Ann Arbor MI	10,000.00
<b>St Vladimir Church</b>	
Houston TX	5,000.00
<b>St Vladimir Church</b>	
Vladimirovo (Lost Lake) IL	520.00
<b>Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Mission</b>	
College Station TX	520.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,480.00</b>

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