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Circular

To: the Father Rectors of Parishes, Missions, Communities, Abbots and Abbesses of Monasteries of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese

Recently we received a circular letter from the MP concerning reliquaries of the New Martyrs visiting various dioceses in Russia during the year, the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and the persecution of the Church of Christ. Here in Australia we have a reliquary containing relics of the New Martyrs of Russia, which Fr. Michael Protopopov has assembled. We want all of the faithful in our parishes to have the opportunity to venerate their relics and have composed a schedule for them to travel throughout our diocese. In the month of June the reliquary will visit the parishes of Victoria. In July and August the reliquary will visit the parishes of NSW and ACT, and be present at the Symposium at Sts. Peter and Paul Sobor on 15-18 July. In September the reliquary will visit QLD and be present at the Music Conference. In October the reliquary will visit Adelaide SA, and WA . All rectors are expected to serve a molieben to the New Martyrs and give a sermon and/or lecture concerning the New Martyrs when the relics visit their parish. The traveling schedule in each state will be determined by the dean of those parishes. The deans should consult with Fr. Michael concerning travel arrangements for the reliquary to their deaneries. Also a collection should be made to cover the transportation costs.



In Christ,

+Bishop George of Canberra
Auxiliary Bishop of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese
of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia