



6th July 2015

Decree

To all Clergy in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland

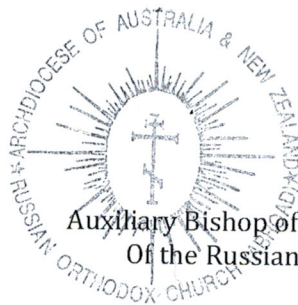
On July 25th 2015 the Australian and New Zealand Diocese will be commemorating the 1000 year anniversary of the repose of Saint Vladimir, the Enlightener of Rus'. This feast is being celebrated by the Russian Church throughout the world as a special event and here in Australia we also plan to celebrate in a fitting manner.

In order to make it easier for the clergy to come together for this event, each Deanery Cathedral will be having joint divine services. Attendance of all local clergy at these services is mandatory.

Please ensure that the posters prepared to advertise this event are printed in colour and displayed prominently in your parishes and monasteries. I also ask that an announcement concerning the event be made from the ambo on the preceding Sunday, and that you encourage your parishioners to attend the Divine Liturgy at their local Sobor.

Participating clergy should bring their own gold vestments and either skufiya, kamilvaka or mitre, as the case may be. Those clergymen who in 1988 received the Diocesan Medallion commemorating the 1000-year anniversary of the Baptism of Rus' are encouraged to wear it.

You will find a range of resources on the Diocesan website that may be of assistance to you in preparing yourselves and the faithful for this important event. Also available on the Diocesan website is information about the arrangements in each Deanery for refreshments after the service.



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