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**Encyclical  
To All Diocesan Bishops**

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**Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**

**At the session of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Church Abroad, on Thursday, November 25 / December 8, 2016, WE HEARD:** A report on the forthcoming 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution and the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the reestablishment of unity within the Russian Orthodox Church.

**RESOLVED: 1)** To appoint a commission to draft an epistle from the Synod of Bishops to the clergy and flock on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reestablishment of unity within the Russian Orthodox Church, comprised of Archbishop Mark, Archbishop Kyrill and Archbishop Gabriel.

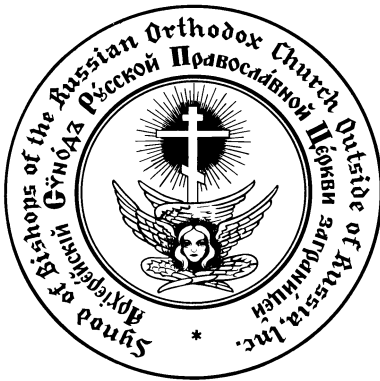
**2)** To prayerfully mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in all churches of the Russian Church Abroad on Saturday, February 5/18, on Soul Saturdays during Great Lent (February 26 / March 11, March 5/18 and March 12/25), and St. Demetrius Saturday (October 15/28).

**3)** To include the following petition in the aforementioned commemorative services: “Furthermore, we pray for the repose of the departed servants of God who innocently died, endured suffering and torture, were exiled and imprisoned and tasted bitter death, whose names Thou alone knowest, O Lord.”

**4)** To instruct the rectors of parishes and monasteries of the Russian Church Abroad to lift up, during the Divine Liturgy on the feast day of the Ascension of the Lord, the “Prayer for the Prosperity of the Russian Church,” adopted in 2008.

5) To make a determination on the time and place of the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reestablishment of full brotherly unity within the one Russian Church, and on the composition of the official delegation to attend the celebrations, upon receipt of corresponding instructions from His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

Concerning this we issue this decree.



+ Metropolitan Hilarion

**President of the Synod of Bishops**

+ Bishop Nikolai

**Deputy Secretary of the Synod of Bishops**

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