



HOLY SYNOD
of the
HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH
in
NORTH AMERICA

Beloved Clergy and the Faithful of the Metropolis of Toronto,

Many Blessings for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord!

We are passing through time of grief and mourning because of the loss of our beloved Metropolitan Andrew. But the beauty of the life of the Church is that every loss is moderated by a consolation from God, Who gives assurance that the passing of a righteous man is an acquisition of another heavenly intercesor in our lives. And the manifest sign of this was already given at the funeral of our beloved Vladyka Andrew, for it was with paschal joy and jubilation that we celebrated his burial.

Grieving though we are for our loss, the life of your Metropolis should continue with renewed zeal and our Holy Church is here to continue to shepherd you. To this end, the Holy Synod has decided to place the Metropolis of Toronto under the pastoral care of the Metropolis of Boston, and until a suitable candidate for the episcopacy should be provided by God, the Metropolitan of Boston will be the Locum Tenens of the See of Toronto. This means that as soon as the borders open, I will start paying customary hierarchical visits to the parishes on their Feast Days and will be responsible for all the other duties related to the running of the Metropolis. At the Divine Services, the hierarchical commemoration will be done thus:

“For His Eminence Gregory, Metropolitan of Boston, the Locum Tenens of the See of Toronto...”

You are welcome to communicate with me by phone: (952) 221-8861 or by email: garejeli@gmail.com

May our Saviour console you all and may we all live up to the legacy left behind by our beloved Vladyka Andrew.

In Christ our Saviour,

+ Gregory, Metropolitan of Boston

President of the Holy Synod

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Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Constantinople