



Office of the Metropolitan

*312 Garfield Street
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Protocol No. 32/2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, and Diocesan Faithful,

As individuals, families, parishes and a Diocese, not to mention as States and a country, we continue to live in a time of uncertainty and adjustments. As Diocesan Priests and faithful, you are keenly aware of the adjustments we have had to make in our parishes. As families with school-age children, you are keenly aware of the adjustments your children have had to make as they return to school this Fall. As individuals, we are keenly aware of the adjustments we have had to make in the basic fabric of our day-to-day living.

For the Spring and Summer, of necessity, we either postponed, cancelled or switched our Diocesan Events to an online format. We were looking forward to a Fall Season that would not require us to make these same adjustments.

However, the Fall Season is just around the corner, and unfortunately, there are still differences in how each State is responding to the Coronavirus. This directly impacts not only our family and parish events, but also our Diocesan Events. We are required to adjust our plans accordingly.

Please be advised that the following Diocesan Events are either postponed, cancelled or switched to an online format. The ones postponed and/or switched to an online format have the date of the new event listed next to them.

All Diocesan Parental Workshops – Postponed and Switched to an Online Format –

New Date: To be determined

This includes the following Workshops:

Binghamton, NY – September 12, 2020

Manassas, VA – October 3, 2020

Pittsburgh, PA – November 14, 2020

These Parental Workshops will be combined into ONE online Event.

Diocesan Panis Retreat, October 9-11, 2020 – Switched to an Online Format –

New Date: October 10, 2020

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Diocesan Seniors Retreat, October 13-15, 2020 – *Cancelled*

Fall Young Adults Retreat, October 16-18, 2020 – *Switched to an Online Format* –
Same Date: October 16-18, 2020

Diocesan Clergy Convocation, October 20-23, 2020 – *Switched to an Online Format* –
Same Date: October 20-23, 2020

OISM (Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement), October 23-25, 2020 -- *Cancelled*

Information about the events postponed and/or switched to an online format will be sent to our parishes in the coming weeks. Please mark the dates of these events on your calendars.

I look forward to the time when we will gather in person. In the meantime, we will make the necessary adjustments to continue our God-given work. Please know that I am praying for you, for our Diocese, and for our world. I ask you to join me in those prayers.

With blessing I remain

Working in His Vineyard,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "+Metropolitan Gregory".

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa