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Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

I hope and pray you and your families are doing well.

Our Camping Season at Camp Nazareth is just around the corner, so to speak. We are looking forward to the Summer and are hopeful that we will be able to proceed with our in-person Camping Program. The Camp Staff is preparing for a Summer AT Camp.

However, while we are planning for in-person Summer Camp right now, we also continue to assess whether or not in-person Summer Camp can and should occur as it has in the past. The answer to that will take work, time and study. I am grateful that year-after-year you entrust the Camp with the care of your children. We take that trust seriously. Camp 2021 will be no exception.

The Camp Staff and I continue to consult with the Camp's Medical Staff and pay close attention to the current information and research regarding the Coronavirus. We continue to talk with and learn from the American Camp Association and the Association of Camp Nursing, as well as the CDC and our local Health Department. We continue to review and revise our communicable disease plan, our kitchen and facility procedures, and our programming plan to reflect the most current information we have to ensure we are doing everything we can to make Camp a great experience this Summer for our kids. While we work through this process to have in-person Camp, we are also evaluating whether or not we can and should have Camp as we have in the past.

I ask for your prayers and patience. I am as eager as you are to return to our "slice of Paradise". We are working toward this goal. Pray that God would guide us.

We will continue to keep you informed of any new information and developments as they relate to Camp.

With blessing I remain,

Working in His Vineyard,

+ Metropolitan Gregory

+ Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa