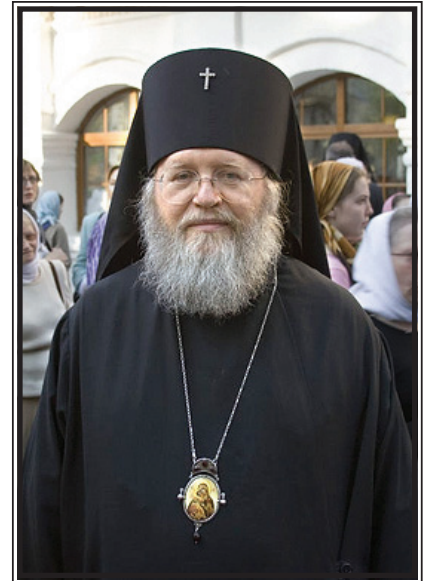


## Новоизбранный Первоиерархъ Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей Митрополитъ Иларіонъ

12 мая въ 12 часовъ дня въ Знаменскомъ синодальномъ соборѣ въ Нью-Йоркѣ состоялось избраніе архіепископа Сиднейскаго и Австраійско-Новозеландскаго Иларіона Первоиерархомъ Русской Зарубежной Церкви съ возведеніемъ въ санъ митрополита. Въ соотвѣтствіи съ Актомъ о каноническомъ общеніи, подписанномъ 17 мая 2007 г., Архіерейскій Соборъ направитъ актъ о состоявшемся избраніи, составленный Счетной комиссіей, Святейшему Патріарху Московскому и всея Руси Алексію, съ ходатайствомъ со стороны нареченнаго Первоиерарха о благословеніи на воспріятіе должностей, возложенныхъ на него собратьями-архипастырями, и объ утвержденіи своего избранія Священнымъ Синодомъ Московскаго Патріархата.

Настолованіе Высокопреосвященнѣйшаго Митрополита Восточно-Американскаго и Нью-Йоркскаго Иларіона, нареченнаго Первоиерарха Русской Зарубежной Церкви, состоится въ воскресенье 18 мая...



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## Newly Elected First-Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia **Metropolitan Hilarion**

On May 12, 2008, at 12:00 noon, at the Synodal Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign in New York, His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand was elected Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, and shall be elevated to the rank of Metropolitan. In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion signed on May 17, 2007, the Council of Bishops will send the Act of Election, drawn up by the Counting Committee, to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia, with a request from the elected First Hierarch for his blessing to assume the duties placed upon him by his brother archpastors, and for confirmation by the Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate of his election.

The Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, Primate-elect of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008...

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Его Святѣйшеству,  
Святѣйшему Патріарху Московскому и всея Руси  
**АЛЕКСІЮ.**

**Ваше Святѣйшество,  
Святѣйшій Владыко!**

Почтительнѣйше направляю Вашему Святѣйшеству Актъ о состоявшемся избраніи моего недостойнства Первоіерархомъ Русской Зарубежной Церкви. Въ соотвѣтствіи съ Актомъ о каноническомъ общеніи, испрашиваю Вашего Первосвятительскаго благословенія и ходатайствую объ утвержденіи Вашимъ Святѣйшествомъ и Священнымъ Синодомъ Московскаго Патріархата сего избранія, совершеннаго Архиерейскимъ Соборомъ Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей.

съ любовью о Господѣ и просьбой о святыхъ молитвахъ,  
**+ ИЛАРІОНЪ,**  
Митрополитъ Восточно-Американскій и Нью-Йоркскій.

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Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, Primate-Elect of the Russian Church Abroad, sends an Appeal to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II

To His Holiness Patriarch Alexy  
of Moscow and All Russia

Your Holiness, Holy Vladyko!

I respectfully send to Your Holiness the Act of the election of my unworthiness as First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion, I ask Your Holiness' blessing and I request the confirmation by Your Holiness and the Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate of this election, made by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

With love in the Lord, and asking your holy prayers,

+Hilarion  
Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York

<http://www.synod.com/synod/eng2008/5enappealpatriarch.html>

**СВЯЩЕННЫЙ СИНОД  
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МИТРОПОЛИТУ ВОСТОЧНО-АМЕРИКАНСКОМУ  
И НЬЮ-ЙОРКСКОМУ**

ВЫПИСКА ИЗ ЖУРНАЛА № 39  
ЗАСЕДАНИЯ СВЯЩЕННОГО СИНОДА РУССКОЙ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЙ ЦЕРКВИ  
от 14 мая 2008 года

В заседании Священного Синода под председательством **ПАТРИАРХА** –

**СЛУШАЛИ:**

Сообщение Святейшего Патриарха о состоявшемся на Соборе епископов Русской Зарубежной Церкви 12 мая 2008 года избрании Преосвященного архиепископа Сиднейского и Австралийско-Новозеландского Илариона ее Первоиерархом, митрополитом Восточно-Американским и Нью-Йоркским.

*Справка:*

*Согласно Акту о каноническом общении от 17 мая 2007 года, Первоиерарх Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей избирается ее Архиерейским Собором. Избрание утверждается, в соответствии с нормами канонического права, Патриархом Московским и всея Руси и Священным Синодом Русской Православной Церкви.*

*Собор епископов Русской Зарубежной Церкви, действуя в соответствии с Положением о Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей, 12 мая 2008 года избрал Преосвященного архиепископа Сиднейского и Австралийско-Новозеландского Илариона Первоиерархом Русской Зарубежной Церкви.*

*На имя Святейшего Патриарха Московского и всея Руси Алексия поступил Акт об избрании Первоиерарха Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей и ходатайство об утверждении Святейшим Патриархом и Священным Синодом данного решения Архиерейского Собора Русской Зарубежной Церкви.*

**ПОСТАНОВИЛИ:**

Решение Собора епископов Русской Зарубежной Церкви об избрании Преосвященного архиепископа Сиднейского и Австралийско-Новозеландского Илариона ее Первоиерархом, митрополитом Восточно-Американским и Нью-Йоркским, утвердить.

ВЫПИСКА ВЕРНА.



**УПРАВЛЯЮЩИЙ ДЕЛАМИ  
МОСКОВСКОЙ ПАТРИАРХИИ  
МИТРОПОЛИТ КАЛУЖСКИЙ И БОРОВСКИЙ**

## The Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate

May 14, 2008  
No. 3526  
Moscow, 119034, Chisty, 5

TO HIS EMINENCE  
THE MOST REVEREND HILARION  
METROPOLITAN OF EASTERN AMERICA AND NEW YORK

EXCERPT FROM JOURNAL No. 39  
OF THE MEETING OF THE HOLY SYNOD OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
of May 14, 2008

During a meeting of the Holy Synod presided over by the PATRIARCH-

HEARD:

A report by His Holiness the Patriarch on the election by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Church Abroad on May 12, 2008, of His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand as her First Hierarch, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion of May 17, 2007, the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia is elected by its Council of Bishops. The election is confirmed, in accordance with canonical law, by the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Council of Bishops of the Russian Church Abroad, acting in accordance with the Regulations of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, on May 12, 2008, elected His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand as the Primate of the Russian Church Abroad.

The Act of Election of the First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia along with a request for the confirmation of this decision made by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Church Abroad by His Holiness the Patriarch and the Holy Synod was addressed to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy of Moscow and All Russia.

DECREED:

The decision of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Church Abroad on the election of His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand as her First Hierarch, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, is hereby confirmed.

THIS IS A TRUE EXCERPT.

[Seal of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church]

[signature: Kliment]

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE

METROPOLITAN OF KALUGA AND BOROVS

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## Послание Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей Боголюбивой паствѣ

*«Сей день, егоже сотвори Господь, возрадуемся и возвеселимся, въ онъ».*

Въ эти радостные пасхальные дни обращаемся мы къ вамъ, возлюбленные о Христѣ пастыри, монашествующие, и вѣрныя чада съ пасхальнымъ привѣтствіемъ: Христосъ Воскресе!

Собравшись изъ разныхъ странъ русскаго разсѣянія въ богоспасаемомъ градѣ Нью Йоркѣ для разрѣшенія важныхъ церковныхъ вопросовъ послѣ кончины приснопамятнаго пятаго Первоіерарха Русской Зарубежной Церкви, достоблаженнаго Митрополита Лавра, мы глубоко сознаемъ ту огромную скорбь, постигшую всѣхъ насъ по полученіи печальной вѣсти о его, какъ намъ кажется, безвременномъ уходѣ изъ земнаго міра и переселеніи въ жизнь вѣчную.

Наша скорбь была бы почти неутѣшной, если бы мы не вспомнили слова Священнаго Писанія: *«И отретъ Богъ всякую слезу съ очей ихъ, и смерти не будетъ уже: ни плача, ни вопля, ни болѣзни уже не будетъ...»* (Отк. 21:4).

Особенно мы ощущаемъ сіе утѣшеніе отъ Господа въ эти радостные пасхальные дни, когда *«Смерти празднуемъ умерщвление, адво разрушеніе, инога житія вѣчнаго начало. . .»* Провожая въ послѣдній путь нашего всѣми любимаго Первоіерарха, приснопамятнаго Митрополита Лавра, мы были свидѣтелями той сыновней преданности и глубокой любви, которыхъ питали къ блаженнопочившему тысяча богомольцевъ, со всего свѣта собравшихся на его похороны. Митрополитъ Лавръ обладалъ всѣми достоинствами и качествами архипастыря, которыя указаны въ Священномъ Писаніи: *«епископъ долженъ быть непороченъ, трезвъ, цѣломудренъ, благочиненъ, честенъ, учителенъ, не сварливъ, не корыстолюбивъ, но тихъ, миролюбивъ. ...»* (1 Тим. 3:2-3).

Самымъ большимъ достиженіемъ его усерднаго сдуженія Церкви въ теченіе многихъ десятилѣтій было завершеніе восстановленія единства въ Помѣстной Русской Церкви. Подписаніемъ Акта о Каноническомъ Общеніи 4/17 мая 2007 г. совмѣстно со Святейшимъ Патриархомъ Московскимъ и всея Руси Алексіемъ II, въ восстановленномъ Храмѣ Христа Спасителя, Митрополитъ Лавръ заслужилъ себѣ мѣсто не только въ Исторіи Русской Церкви, но и въ Исторіи Россіи. Во время своихъ торжественныхъ посѣщеній разныхъ городовъ и монастырей Россійскихъ послѣ подписанія Акта, Митрополита Лавра вездѣ встрѣчали съ удивительнымъ подъемомъ, глубокимъ почетомъ и искренней любовью, видя въ этомъ скромномъ архипастыри героя духа, преодолевшаго всѣ преграды для достиженія вождѣльнаго церковнаго единства.

Знаменательно, что приснопамятный Митрополитъ Лавръ отошелъ ко Господу именно въ день Торжества Православія, когда Святая Церковь празднуетъ побѣду надъ лжеученіями и ересями, и когда Церковь особенно молится объ обращеніи заблудшихъ и возвращеніи ихъ въ лоно Святой Церкви, *«да будутъ вси едино»* (Ин:17,21).

Изъ-за этого, особенно умѣстно намъ вновь обратиться ко всѣмъ не воспринявшимъ путь примиренія церковнаго и отдѣлившимся отъ насъ, съ призывомъ вернуться въ лоно нашей Церкви, которая отъ своихъ завѣтовъ никакъ не отступила и вѣрно придерживается курса, намѣченнаго приснопамятными Ея прежними Первоіерархами.

Помолившись о упокоеніи свѣтлой души глубоколюбимаго блаженнопочившаго Первоіерарха — Митрополита Лавра, и совершивъ молебень о низпосланіи Святаго Духа на насъ собравшихся архипастырей, и помолившись Пресвятой Богородицѣ-въ-передѣ Ея Чудотворной Иконой Знаменія Курско-Коренной, и призвавъ молитвенную помощь Свв. Новомучениковъ Россійскихъ, приступили мы къ отвѣтственному дѣлу избранія новаго Первоіерарха Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей.

По Божіей милости, единодушно былъ избранъ при первомъ годосованіи Высокопреосвященнѣйшій Иларіонъ, Архіепископъ Сиднейскш и Австралійско-Новозеландскій, съ возведеніемъ его въ санъ Митрополита.

Нельзя не видѣть промыслительное значеніе того, что облаченіе въ бѣлый митрополичій клобукъ и въ голубую митрополичью мантию новой избраннаго Первоіерарха состоится именно 4/17 мая, въ точный день первой годовщины подписанія Акта о Каноническомъ Общеніи. Символъ промыслительнымъ событіемъ особенно подчеркивается преемственность новоизбраннаго Первоіерарха въ продолженіи дѣла его предшественника.

Въ связи съ этимъ, мы, архипастыри Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей, отмѣчаемъ съ великой радостью, что въ день своего избранія, новоизбранный Первоіерархъ сказалъ слѣдующее:

**«Я благоговѣйно и съ любовью преклоняюсь передъ блаженной памятью моего предшественника, великое дѣло котораго я намѣренъ, съ Божіей помощью, продолжать, уповая на поддержку моихъ собратьевъ-архипастырей, клира и паствѣ».**

Далѣ, новоизбранный Первоіерархъ сказалъ:  
 «Мы, слѣдуя заповѣди Христовой о сохраненіи единства, съ распростертыми объятами ждемъ отошедшихъ отъ насъ братьевъ и сестеръ нашихъ. Главное, въ жизни нашей Церкви — подавать примѣръ любви, единства, терпѣнія и смиренія, ибо Господь сказалъ: «Потому узнаютъ всѣ, что вы мои ученики, если будете имѣть любовь между собою» (Ин. 13:35). Если мы будемъ активно стремиться къ Богу и по мѣрѣ силъ жить добродѣтельно, воплощая въ жизнь евангельскіе и святоотеческіе завѣты, то наша церковная жизнь начнетъ благоухать, А это благоуханіе укажетъ на духовную пользу и спасительность совершеннаго Святѣйшимъ Патриархомъ Алексіемъ и приснопамятнымъ Бископопреосвященнѣйшимъ Митрополитомъ Лавромъ великаго дѣла возстановленія полноты братскаго общенія внутри единой Помѣстной Русской Православной Церкви. Вѣрю, что отошедшіе отъ насъ со временемъ увидѣтъ богатые плоды церковнаго единства, совмѣстнаго свидѣтельства объ Истинѣ Христовой и проповѣди нашихъ святорусскихъ идеаловъ. Но для этого объ части Русской Православной Церкви должны сказать свое великое «Вонмемъ», свое святорусское слово міру не столько устами, сколько жизнью и служеніемъ, подавая примѣръ любви Христовой».

И мы, архипастыри Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей, свидѣтельствуемъ, что готовы полностью поддержать нашего новаго Первоіерарха на высокомъ посту Кормчаго Русской Зарубежной Церкви, призываемъ къ тому-же нашу боголюбивую паству, и просимъ святыхъ молитвъ всѣхъ пастырей и пасомыхъ, по слову Апостола: «Всякою молитвою и прошеніемъ молитесь во всякое время духомъ» (Еф. 6:13), о дарованіи отъ Господа новоизбранному силъ и мудрости въ управленіи Зарубежной Русской Церкви на многая и благая лѣта.

*«Благодать вамъ и миръ отъ Бога Отца нашего и Господа Иисуса Христа» (Кол 1:3).  
 Воистину Воскресе!*

30 апрѣля/13 мая, 2008 г.

*Митрополитъ Иларіонъ  
 И слѣдуютъ подписи прочихъ членовъ Собора*

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## Epistle of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia to the God-loving Flock

*“This is the day that the Lord has made,  
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

In these joyous Paschal days, we address you, beloved-in-Christ pastors, monastics and faithful flock, with the Paschal greeting: Christ is Risen!

Having gathered from various countries of the Russian diaspora in the God-saved city of New York to decide on important church matters after the death of the fifth Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, His Eminence Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory, we sense profoundly that great sorrow which has befallen all of us when we learned of his untimely, in our view, passing from the earthly life into the eternal life.

Our sorrow would be almost inconsolable if we did not remember the words from Holy Scripture: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,

*neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain”* (Revelations 21:4).

We especially feel this consolation from the Lord in these joyful Paschal days, when “We feast death’s slaughter, the overthrow of Hell, the first fruits of a new eternal life.” As we saw off our First Hierarch, Metropolitan Laurus, who was loved by everyone, we were witnesses to that filial devotion and profound love for the repose that a thousand worshipers had, who had traveled from throughout the world for his funeral. Metropolitan Laurus possessed all the virtues and qualities of an archpastor referred to in Holy Scripture: “*A bishop then must be blameless... sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach... not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre*” (1 Timothy 3:2-3).

The greatest achievement of his fervent service to the Church over the course of many decades was the reestablishment of unity within the Local Russian Church. By the signing of the Act of Canonical Communion together with His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia on May 17, 2007, in the rebuilt Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Metropolitan Laurus earned a place not only in the history of the Russian Church, but in the history of Russia. During his ceremonial visits to the various cities and monasteries of Russia after the signing of the Act, Metropolitan Laurus was greeted everywhere with surprising inspiration, deep respect and genuine love, seeing in this humble archpastor a hero of the spirit, who overcame all obstacles for the achievement of the desire ecclesiastical unity.

It is noteworthy that Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory departed for the Lord on the day of the Triumph of Orthodoxy, when the Holy Church celebrates victory over false teachings and heresies, and when the Church prays specially for the conversion of those who had gone astray and for their return to the bosom of the Holy Church, “*that they may all be one*” (John 17:21).

For this reason, it is particularly fitting for us once more to appeal to those who have not accepted the path of ecclesiastical reconciliation and have separated from us with a call to return to the bosom of our Church, which has not departed from its legacy in any way and faithfully adheres to the course laid down by Her former First Hierarchs.

Having prayed for the repose of the bright soul of our deeply-revered late First Hierarch, Metropolitan Laurus, and having performed a moleben invoking the Holy Spirit upon us, the archpastors present, and praying to the

Most-Holy Mother of God before Her Miracle-working Kursk-Root Icon of the Sign, and invoking the prayerful aid of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia, we commenced with the important task of electing a new Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

By God’s mercy, His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand was elected on the first vote, in one spirit, and elevated to the rank of Metropolitan.

One cannot ignore the providential significance of the fact that the donning of the white Metropolitan’s klobuk and the light blue mantle of the newly-elected First Hierarch will occur precisely on May 4/17, the exact day of the first anniversary of the signing of the Act of Canonical Communion. This providential event underscores the continuity of the newly-elected Primate in the work of his predecessor.

In connection with this, we, the archpastors of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, note with great joy that on the day of his election, the new First Hierarch said the following:

**“I piously and lovingly prostrate myself before the blessed memory of my predecessor, whose great task I intend to continue, with God’s help, relying on the support of my brother archpastors, clergy and flock.”**

The new Primate also said:

**“Following the testament of Christ on preserving unity, we await with open arms those brothers and sisters of ours who left the Church. The main thing in the life of our Church is to make an example of love, unity, patience and humility, for the Lord said: ‘By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.’ If we actively strive towards God and commit good works to the best of our abilities, manifesting the laws of the Gospel and the Holy Fathers, then our Church will blossom. And the aroma of this blossoming will show the spiritual benefit and saving grace of the great task of reestablishing the fullness of brotherly communion of the Local Russian Orthodox Church achieved by His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II and His Eminence Metropolitan Laurus. I believe that those who left us with time will see the rich fruits of church unity, of joint witness of the Truth of Christ and the preaching of our ideals of Holy Russia. But for this to happen, both parts of the Russian Orthodox Church must speak their great word, ‘Hearken,’ they must speak their Holy Russian word to the world, not so much vocally as through our lives and service, by being an example of the love of Christ.”**

And we, the archpastors of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, attest to the fact that we are fully prepared to support our new First Hierarch as he occupies the lofty post of Helmsman of the Russian Church Abroad, calling also upon our God-loving flock to do so, and we ask the holy prayers of all the pastors and flock, in the words of the Apostle: “pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18), that the Lord grant the elected the strength and wisdom to guide the Russian Church Abroad for many good years.

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you” (Colossians 1:3).

Indeed He is Risen!

+Metropolitan Hilarion  
April 30/May 13, 2008

*And follow the signatures of the other members of the Council*

<http://www.synod.com/synod/eng2008/5enmhposlaniye.html>

ИЗЪ ПРОТОКОЛОВЪ  
 Архіерейскаго Собора  
 Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей  
 отъ 12-го по 16-ое мая, 2008 года

Въ ходѣ своей работы, Архіерейскій Соборъ принялъ рядъ опредѣленій (указы публикуются по мѣрѣ ихъ поступления)

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 30 апрѣля/13 мая 2008 г. слушали: Чтеніе докладной записки протоіерея Александра Лебедева о срочной необходимости учрежденія при Архіерейскомъ Синодѣ Секретариата по межправославнымъ отношеніямъ.

**Постановили:**

1. Учредить при Архіерейскомъ Синодѣ Секретариатъ по межправославнымъ отношеніямъ, непосредственно подчиняющійся Предсѣдателю.

2. Опредѣлить Секретаремъ по межправославнымъ отношеніямъ протоіерея Александра Лебедева.

3. Замѣстителями секретаря по межправославнымъ отношеніямъ назначить протоіереевъ Николая Артемова и Серафима Гань.

4. Просить Секретаря по межправославнымъ отношеніямъ докладывать о дѣятельности Секретариата на очередныхъ засѣданіяхъ Архіерейскаго Синода.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 30 апрѣля/13 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: О переработкѣ и принятіи молитвы о спасеніи Россіи.

**Постановили:**

Принтъ текстъ, предложенный Архіепископомъ Маркомъ, и читать его за Божественной литургіей на Вознесеніе Господне, въ праздникъ всѣхъ святыхъ, въ Землѣ Россійской просіявшихъ; въ дни святого Владимира, равноапостольной Ольги и особо почитаемыхъ русскихъ святыхъ (по собственному желанію). Переименовать заглавіе молитвы на «Молитву о благоденствіи Русской Православной Церкви».

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 30 апрѣля/13 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: О епископской

хиротоніи архимандрита Феодосія (Иващенко).

**Постановили:**

Направить послужной списокъ архимандрита Феодосія и соответствующее прошеніе Предсѣдателя на имя Святѣйшаго Патріарха Московскаго и всея Руси Алексія объ утвержденіи его кандидатуры на епископскую хиротонію. По утвержденіи его кандидатуры Священнымъ Синодомъ Московскаго Патріархата совершить хиротонію архимандрита Феодосія во епископа Сеатлійскаго, викарія Западно-Американской епархіи, 7 сентября с.г. въ Радосте-Скорбященскомъ кафедральномъ соборѣ, приурочивъ къ торжествамъ очередное засѣданіе Архіерейскаго Синода.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 30 апрѣля/13 мая 2008 г. слушали: Докладъ протоіерея Александра Лебедева о принятыхъ на уровнѣ церковныхъ комиссій и Архіерейскаго Синода, но нуждающихся въ соборномъ утвержденіи измѣненіяхъ въ «Положеніи о Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей».

**Постановили:**

Утвердить предложенныя измѣненія въ «Положеніи о Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей».

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 30 апрѣля/13 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: Объ избраніи нового состава Архіерейскаго Синода.

**Постановили:**

Предсѣдатель – Митрополитъ Восточно-Американскій и Нью-Йоркскій Иларіонъ. Первый Замѣститель Предсѣдателя – Архіепископъ Берлинскій и Германскій Маркъ. Второй Замѣститель Предсѣдателя и Секретарь Архіерейскаго Синода – Архіепископъ Санъ-Францисскій и Западно-Американскій Кириллъ. Постоянные члены: Епископы Монреальскій и Канадскій Гавріиль и Кливлендскій Петръ, Управляющій Чикагской и Средне-Американской епархіей. Запасной членъ: Епископъ Женевскій и



Западно-Европейскій Михаилъ.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 1/14 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: О переводѣ Епископа Манхеттенскаго Гавріила на Монреальскую и Канадскую каѳедру.

**Постановили:**

1. Опредѣлить Преосвященнаго Гавріила на Монреальскую и Канадскую каѳедру съ титуломъ: «Епископъ Монреальскій и Канадскій».

2. Въ связи съ новымъ послушаніемъ Епископа Гавріила, освободить Его Преосвященство отъ должности Секретаря Архіерейскаго Синода.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 1/14 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: О назначеніи новаго Секретаря Архіерейскаго Синода.

**Постановили:**

Назначить Архіепископа Кирилла на освободившуюся должность Секретаря Архіерейскаго Синода.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 1/14 мая 2008 г. слушали: Предложеніе Предсѣдателя о награжденіи Архіепископа Кирилла правомъ ношенія бриллиантоваго креста на клобукъ.

**Постановили:**

Наградить Архіепископа Кирилла правомъ ношенія бриллиантоваго креста на клобукъ.

Въ засѣданіи Архіерейскаго Собора Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей 2/15 мая 2008 г. имѣли сужденіе: О пополненіи епископата Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей.

**Постановили:**

Направить послужные списки архимандрита Георгія (Шейфер) и протоіерея Іоанна Шо съ соотвѣствующимъ прошеніемъ Предсѣдателя Архіерейскаго Синода на имя Святѣйшаго Патріарха Московскаго и всея Руси Алексія объ утвержденіи ихъ кандидатуръ на епископскую хиротонію. По утвержденіи ихъ кандидатуръ Священнымъ Синодомъ Московскаго Патріархата опредѣлить время и мѣсто совершенія ихъ епископскихъ хиротоній.

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## Decrees of the Council of Bishops

**Heard:** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: a report by Protopriest Alexander Lebedeff on the urgent need to establish a Secretariat of Inter-Orthodox Relations at the Synod of Bishops.

**Decreed:** 1. To establish a Secretariat of Inter-Orthodox Relations at the Synod of Bishops, answerable directly to its President.

2. To appoint Protopriest Alexander Lebedeff as Secretary of Inter-Orthodox Relations.

3. To appoint Protopriest Nicholas Artemoff and Protopriest Serafim Gan as Deputy Secretaries.

4. To request that the Secretary of the Inter-Orthodox Relations report on the activities of the Secretariat to the regular sessions of the Synod of Bishops.

Deliberated at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: On the revision and adoption of the Prayer for the Salvation of Russia.

**Decreed:** To adopt the text proposed by Archbishop Mark, and to read it during Divine Liturgy on the Ascension of the Lord; and, as desired, on the feast day of All Russian Saints; the feast days of St Vladimir, St Olga and especially-venerated Russian saints. To change the name of the prayer to the Prayer for the Well-being of the Russian Orthodox Church.

**Heard** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: A report on the episcopal consecration of Archimandrite Theodosius (Ivashchenko).

**Decreed:** To send the curriculum vitae of Archimandrite Theodosius and accompanying appeals to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia for the confirmation of his candidacy for episcopal consecration. Upon confirmation of his candidacy by the Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate, to perform the episcopal consecration of Archimandrite Theodosius as Bishop of Seattle, Vicar of the Diocese of Western American Diocese, on September 7, 2008, at the Cathedral of the Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow," scheduling a regular session of the Synod of Bishops to coincide with this ceremony.

**Heard** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: A report by Protopriest Alexander Lebedeff on the adoption by an ecclesiastical commission and by the Synod of Bishops, but requiring confirmation by the Council of Bishops, of revisions to the "Regulations of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia."

**Decreed:** To confirm the proposed changes to the “Regulations of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.”

**Deliberated** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: On the selection of a new composition of the Synod of Bishops.

**Decreed:** President—Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York.

First Deputy to the President: Archbishop Mark of Berlin and Germany.

Second Deputy to the President: Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco and Western America.

Permanent members: Bishop Gabriel of Montreal and Canada and Bishop Peter of Cleveland, Administrator of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America.

Alternate member: Bishop Michael of Geneva and Western Europe.

**Deliberated** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: On the transfer of Bishop Gabriel of Manhattan to the cathedra of Montreal and Canada.

**Decreed:** 1. To appoint His Grace Bishop Gabriel to the cathedra of Montreal and Canada with the title “Bishop of Montreal and Canada.”

2. In connection with the new obedience given to Bishop Gabriel, to release His Grace from his duties as Secretary of the Synod of Bishops.

**Deliberated** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: the appointment of a new Secretary of the Synod of Bishops.

**Decreed:** To appoint Archbishop Kyrill to the vacated position of Secretary of the Synod of Bishops.

**Heard** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of April 30/May 13, 2008: The proposal of the President on awarding Archbishop Kyrill the right to wear a cross on his klobuk.

**Decreed:** To award Archbishop Kyrill the right to wear a cross on his klobuk.

**Deliberated** at a meeting of the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia of May 2/15, 2008: On expanding the episcopate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

**Decreed:** To send the curricula vitae of Archimandrite George (Schaeffer) and Protopriest John Shaw along with accompanying appeals to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia for the confirmation of their candidacies for episcopal consecration. Upon the confirmation of their candidacies by the Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate, to determine the time and place of their consecrations

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# Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York Answers Questions For Kommersant

1. Your Eminence, you have been called a protege of Metropolitan Laurus, that is, that Vladyka saw you specifically as the one to occupy the post of leading the Church Abroad. Is this the case? And will you continue the course taken by Metropolitan Laurus in creating closer ties with the Moscow Patriarchate?

I piously and lovingly prostrate myself before the blessed memory of my predecessor, whose great task I intend to continue, with God’s help, relying on the support of my brother archpastors, clergy and flock.

I was always inspired by the monastic podvig of His Eminence Vladyka Laurus, which was expressed in his prayer, his faith, patience and meekness. Vladyka was a great man of prayer, he attended all the monastery’s services, he read the monastic prayer rules. In general, he remained forever a monk first and foremost. Vladyka not only profoundly believed in God, but wholeheartedly trusted Him and His guidance. He humbled himself, meekly accepting God’s will, that is, he gave himself to it fully and joyfully. That is why he always emanated peace and calm.

I pray to God, Who has placed my unworthy soul into this new service through the election of my brothers in service, that He enables me to fulfill at least some small part of what Vladyka Laurus had achieved in his service and in his spiritual life. He was a spiritual giant of the Russian emigration.

2. A year has passed since the signing of the Act of Canonical Communion. Have all the questions relating to the reunification of ROCOR and the ROC been

resolved since then, or do problems remain, and if so, what are they?

Of course, there are purely psychological questions and barriers. Unfortunately, a portion of the clergymen and flock still have no faith in the hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church. But this attitude, as we see, is gradually being overcome through brotherly meetings, joint divine services and cooperative efforts, which must continue. For instance, Metropolitan Yuvenaly of Krutitsa and Kolomensk, who headed the funeral and burial of His Eminence Vladyka Laurus, made a very great impression on the clergy and flock of our Church through his prayerfulness, his pious manner of serving and his honoring of the memory of our unforgettable Vladyka Laurus. Vladyka Onoufry, who accompanied the Reigning Icon of the Mother of God, visited almost all the dioceses of the Russian Church Abroad, sowing the seeds of love, patience and humility. His words and his example inspired the trust of many people who previously harbored doubts about our unity, and made quite an impression.

There are secondary matters which never hindered our full mutual communion, and which will, with God's help, as they are sorted out, will strengthen our unity.

3. Have you already been congratulated on your election by Patriarch Alexy II or someone else from the Moscow Patriarchate, and if so, has the leadership of the ROC given its consent to your confirmation as the head of the Church Abroad?

The Counting Committee wrote up an Act on my election. Today this document will be sent by me along with a letter addressed to His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia, who in the near future will chair a meeting of the Holy Synod. In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion signed last year, the election of the First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad is subject to the confirmation of His Holiness the Patriarch and his Synod. I presume this will happen in the nearest future.

4. Do you plan on making personnel reforms in the leadership of ROCOR after your election?

If God grants, tomorrow we begin to discuss matters pertaining to the various dioceses and general church life. I hope that the Lord grants us strength and courage to fulfill His will in these matters, and, overall, in our lives and in the salvific service to God and the people of our Church, and in the pious and attentive administration of our duties.

5. It is known that after the signing of the Act of reunification, a group of clergymen of ROCOR who did not agree to unite with the ROC, left the Church Abroad. Will you take steps to return the "dissenters" to the fold of ROCOR?

Following the testament of Christ on preserving unity, we await with open arms those brothers and sisters of ours who left the Church. The main thing in the life of our Church is to make an example of love, unity, patience and humility, for the Lord said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." If we actively strive towards God and commit good works to the best of our abilities, manifesting the laws of the Gospel and the Holy Fathers, then our Church will blossom. And the aroma of this blossoming will show the spiritual benefit and saving grace of the great task of reestablishing the fullness of brotherly communion of the Local Russian Orthodox Church achieved by His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II and His Eminence Metropolitan Laurus. I believe that those who left us with time will see the rich fruits of church unity, of joint witness of the Truth of Christ and the preaching of our ideals of Holy Russia. But for this to happen, both parts of the Russian Orthodox Church must speak their great word, "Hearken," they must speak their Holy Russian word to the world, not so much vocally as through our lives and service, by being an example of the love of Christ.

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Храмовой Праздникъ  
Вознесения Господня

4-го июня, 2008 года  
Всенощное бдѣніе въ 6:00 веч.

5-го июня, 2008 года  
Водосвятія въ 8:00 ч. утра

Встрѣча Господина нашего  
его Высокопреосвященство

Архіепископа Кирилла

Въ 9:30 утра  
литургія въ 10:00 ч. утра  
крестный ходъ и  
праздничная трапеза

Parish Feast Day  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

Wednesday 4th of June, 2008  
All-night Vigil at 6:00 pm

Thursday 5th of June, 2008  
Lessor Blessing of the Waters

Greeting of our lord

His Eminence

Archbishop Kyrill

at 9:30 am

Liturgy at 10:00 am  
Procession & Festal Dinner

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