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Venerable Seraphim of Sarov

A DIRECTIVE to All Rectors of the Eastern American Diocese

Dear in the Lord Reverend Fathers,

As you know, 2020 marks the centennial of the founding of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. In connection with this, it is our desire to create a list of the departed hierarchs, clergy (major and minor), matushkas, and monastics who have served and prayed in the parishes and monasteries of the Eastern American Diocese, which can then be commemorated at Proskomedia and Soul Saturdays everywhere, to honor their memory in perpetuity.

In addition, we would like to commemorate *notable laity* – wardens, choir directors, council members, benefactors, and any whose contributions in all spheres of parish life have been indispensable to the Russian Church Abroad. We ask that rectors be judicious in submitting these names, as the final list must remain manageable, and include a small paragraph for each individual, explaining why they should be commemorated on a diocesan level. These will be reviewed by a committee appointed by us. *Not every parish must submit such names*.

Please send names (with relevant clerical title, where applicable), surnames, and dates of repose to Subdeacon Gregory Levitsky at g.w.levitsky@gmail.com no later than March 15, 2020.

With love in Christ,

Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad

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