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Great & Holy Thursday –

Commemoration of the Mystical Supper

DIRECTIVE

We hereby inform the rectors of all parishes and missions and abbots of monasteries in the Eastern American Diocese that, in accordance with the resolution of the hierarchy, on Great & Holy Saturday, May 1, the Russian Orthodox Church will take part in the annual Pan-Orthodox prayer for peace in the Holy Land.

In connection with this, the attached prayer is to be read upon conclusion of Divine Liturgy on Great Saturday.

Concerning which we issue this directive.


Calling down upon you God's blessing,

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Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York
First Hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia



Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

 Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who didst endure the Cross and death for the salvation of the human race, didst descend into hell, accept the three-day burial, trample down death, overthrow the devil, and destroy the middle wall of enmity, accept the prayer of Thy humble servants, who together with the Psalmist David cry unto Thee for the peace of Holy Sion, the Throne of the Great King, the Mother of Churches, the Most Glorious Jerusalem.

○ Thou Who hast granted peace unto the human race, extinguish every strife and division in the Holy Land, pacify the malice of adversaries, bless those who come now unto Thy life-receiving Tomb, and illumine us who noëetically bow down before it with the light that emanateth therefrom.

Set our hearts aflame with the fire of love for Thee, O Christ God, that set alight by it, with our heart, mind, soul, and all our strength, we may love Thee and our neighbour.

For Thou art our Peace, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Unoriginate Father, and Thine All-Holy and Good and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.