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St. Hermogenes of Moscow

Dear Father Rectors,

Christ is amongst us!

Please review the attached collection letter (there are no material changes from last year) and let me know if you have any questions. We will be sharing feedback with each of you about last year's assessments in the next few days. Very many did not send in their assessments by the December 31 deadline.

Many of your parishes wait to pay your assessments at the Great Lenten Pastoral Retreat. This year we will not gather together in Chicago as a group (some will – others will stay in their deaneries) so we want to remind you here: if you have not done so please send in your assessments from 2017 right away. PLEASE NOTE: assessments should be sent in not later than December 31 of each year. The attached letter notes this, in case you need to point this out to your treasurer. It is understood that this sending in of assessments is not always fully within your control.

Please accept my best wishes for a spiritually fruitful Great Lent!

In Christ,

Archpriest Gregory Joyce
Secretary, Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America
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Martyrs Cyprian & Justina

Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is amongst us!

In accordance with the decision of the Diocesan Council and the blessing of Bishop Peter please note the following:

- I. We will continue this year a program begun April 1, 2004 – a monthly assessment according to the following schedule is due from all parishes of the diocese to support the Diocesan Missionary Fund:
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$20
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$30
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$40

- II. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on Palm Sunday for the benefit of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

- III. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday of All Saints to benefit the Diocesan Youth Fund. The Sunday of All Saints has been designated as the Day of Youth in the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

- IV. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday before or the Sunday after the civil Thanksgiving holiday (or another appropriate date chosen by the Rector of the parish, such as the Nativity of the Lord) to benefit the Diocesan Fund for the Assistance of Those in Need. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
 - Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

V. A Special Plate Collection is to be taken up each year in each parish of the diocese on the Sunday before or the Sunday after the feast of the Three Hierarchs (which falls each year on February 12 by the civil calendar) to benefit the Diocesan Seminarian/Educational Fund. Each parish should send in the entirety of the plate collection, but not less than:

- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of less than 50: \$25
- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 50 to 99: \$50
- Parishes which have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or greater: \$100

Assessments and monies from special plate collections mentioned above are to be sent exclusively to the Diocesan Treasurer, Subdeacon Andrei Urtiew, at this address:

P.O. Box 1367
Des Plaines, IL 60017

Checks should be clearly marked in the memo section for which special plate collection or assessment they are being sent.

Please also note that the yearly assessments for 2018 are based on the attached schedule.

Parishes are to send 50% of their assessment not later than June 30, 2018 and 50% of their assessment not later than December 31, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,



Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce
Secretary of the Diocesan Council



| | | <u>Actual 2013</u> | <u>Actual 2014</u> | <u>Actual 2015</u> | <u>Actual 2016</u> | <u>Actual 2017</u> | <u>Five Year Total</u> | <u>Five Year Percentage</u> | <u>Five Year Average</u> | <u>Assessment 2017</u> | <u>Assessment 2018*</u> | <u>2018 Percentage</u> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| All Saints of NA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | De Queen AR | 2,840.79 | 2,308.79 | 2,184.15 | 2,677.67 | 1,664.67 | 14,479.68 | 2.47% | 2,413.28 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00% |
| All Saints | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fargo ND | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 680.00 | 0.00 | 680.00 | 0.12% | 113.33 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| All Saints (Christ the Savior) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Gibraltar, MI | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| Assumption-Dormition Cathedral | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Detroit MI | 500.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 1,083.00 | 0.00 | 2,983.00 | 0.51% | 497.17 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Transfiguration | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Peoria, IL | 1,576.50 | 2,787.60 | 1,840.00 | 718.00 | 3,189.00 | 11,365.10 | 1.94% | 1,894.18 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Trinity Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Milwaukee WI | 3,420.30 | 3,580.00 | 1,787.00 | 3,428.00 | 3,489.00 | 19,420.30 | 3.31% | 3,236.72 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Trinity Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ft Wayne IN | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Chicago IL | 18,130.75 | 18,120.47 | 23,465.64 | 22,306.99 | 24,410.70 | 125,181.53 | 21.36% | 20,863.59 | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Virgin Protection Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Goshen IN | 1,543.89 | 1,243.00 | 1,281.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,041.40 | 1.20% | 1,173.57 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Holy Virgin Protection/Sts. Peter & Fevronia | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kansas City MO | 1,105.00 | 1,952.98 | 2,504.00 | 1,925.00 | 0.00 | 8,639.98 | 1.47% | 1,440.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Kazan Mother of God Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Urbana OH | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.68% | 666.67 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Kursk Icon of the Mother of God Mission | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Weston WI | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| Our Lady of Tenderness | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Madison, WI | 276.54 | 248.89 | 274.23 | 660.20 | 0.00 | 1,459.86 | 0.25% | 243.31 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| Protection of the Holy Theotokos Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Austin TX | 3,575.20 | 4,405.48 | 5,844.00 | 5,656.00 | 6,474.00 | 30,483.68 | 5.20% | 5,080.61 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Resurrection of Christ Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Minneapolis St Paul MN | 200.00 | 500.00 | 600.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 2,300.00 | 0.39% | 383.33 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| Skete of St. John the Theologian | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hiram, OH | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% |
| St Basil the Great Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | St Louis MO | 3,996.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,531.00 | 0.94% | 921.83 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00% |
| St Benedict Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Oklahoma City OK | 1,189.60 | 749.20 | 471.00 | 1,500.00 | 750.00 | 5,289.92 | 0.90% | 881.65 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00% |
| St. Brigit of Ireland/St. Thomas | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Claremore, OK | 1,012.00 | 500.00 | 575.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,087.00 | 0.36% | 347.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| St George Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cincinnati, OH | 7,498.48 | 4,650.00 | 7,534.00 | 6,750.00 | 9,000.00 | 41,008.42 | 7.00% | 6,834.74 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.00% |

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| St George Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan City IN | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.09% | 83.33 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Odessa, MI | 1,853.62 | 941.75 | 2,333.77 | 1,317.49 | 957.85 | 8,910.08 | 1.52% | 1,485.01 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Innocent of Moscow Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheaton IL | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 7,080.00 | 1.21% | 1,180.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| Sts. Joachim & Anna Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Antonio, TX | 3,258.00 | 0.00 | 4,731.52 | 5,564.56 | 3,721.08 | 17,275.16 | 2.95% | 2,879.19 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St. John the Apostle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Francisville, LA | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St John Chrysostom Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St Louis/House Springs MO | 9,082.38 | 8,914.76 | 6,272.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31,049.27 | 5.30% | 5,174.88 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St John of SF Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbus OH | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St John the Baptist Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue River WI | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 760.00 | 0.00 | 760.00 | 0.13% | 126.67 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Jonah of Manchuria Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston TX | 11,129.31 | 12,011.99 | 11,116.91 | 12,563.70 | 12,529.28 | 69,976.88 | 11.94% | 11,662.81 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dallas TX | 8,600.82 | 8,115.71 | 9,604.22 | 8,473.35 | 8,245.14 | 49,152.64 | 8.39% | 8,192.11 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Panteleimon Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minneapolis St Paul MN | 4,624.72 | 5,043.55 | 5,161.42 | 5,240.45 | 1,415.60 | 26,119.74 | 4.46% | 4,353.29 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Seraphim of Sarov Mission | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lansing MI | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Sergius Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cleveland OH | 7,472.71 | 3,556.70 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 17,029.41 | 2.91% | 2,838.24 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| Sts Sergius & Herman of Valaam Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houghton MI | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 1,040.00 | 0.18% | 173.33 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Vladimir Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ann Arbor MI | 4,000.00 | 9,760.00 | 12,642.00 | 10,000.30 | 10,008.00 | 53,408.02 | 9.12% | 8,901.34 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Vladimir Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston TX | 4,193.00 | 4,595.55 | 4,956.00 | 0.00 | 2,450.87 | 21,179.12 | 3.61% | 3,529.85 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| St Vladimir Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vladimirovo (Lost Lake) IL | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Mission | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| College Station TX | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.09% | 83.33 | 520.00 | 520.00 | 0.00% | |
| Total | 103,279.61 | 95,986.42 | 106,878.46 | 102,024.71 | 91,025.19 | 585,931.19 | 100% | 97,655.20 | 127,840.00 | 127,840.00 | 0.00% | |

***Parishes are to send in this amount or 10% of their plate, prospora, and candle collections – whichever is greater. In other words, the assessed amount is the minimum that should be sent to the diocese, but a parish must send more if 10% of the plate, prospora, and candle collections is greater than the assessed amount.**