

The Resolution of the Clergy of the Chicago & Detroit Diocese, ROCOR  
March 8/21, 2003  
St. Theophylact of Nicomedia

Having gathered from the far-reaching boundaries of our diocese and meeting at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God in the God-saved city of Chicago under the direction of our Ruling Hierarch His Eminence Archbishop Alypy and our Diocesan Administrator the Very Rev. Archimandrite Peter, we the clergy of the Chicago & Detroit Diocese give thanks to God for His great mercy towards all of us and our flock. The last year has been a tempestuous one for our diocese, but with God's help Archbishop Alypy continues to recover from his injuries suffered during Great Lent of 2002. Although much is accomplished from an administrative point of view at yearly clerical conferences such as election of diocesan officers and parish reports, we believe such conferences provide as their most invaluable benefit the ability for the clergy both to concelebrate at God's altar and to interact in a way that is no possible except when gathered together in such a prayerful atmosphere. For this reason we have jointly decided to meet not just once per year, as has been our custom, but also a second time, so that we may support ourselves even more in the spirit of co-pastoral love and advice.

We pray for God' mercy upon our Council of Bishops, our Primate His Eminence Metropolitan Laurus (upon whom has fallen the difficult and thankless task of steering our Church in a sea of troubled waters), the Holy Synod, and most especially our own Archbishop Alypy and Archimandrite Peter, that by God's Grace they may guide us all to the Heavenly Homeland. We also pray during this time of military hostilities that God grant peace to our land and to the world, that in peace we may more easily work out our salvation. Finally, for our flock we pray that this Great Lent and the entire year 2003 be one of piety, love for God, and an increase in the spread of the Holy Truth of Orthodoxy in our diocese.

Most Rev. Alypy, Archbishop of Chicago & Detroit  
Very Rev. Archimandrite Peter, Administrator of the Diocese  
Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Diocese  
Very Rev. Fr. John Shaw  
Very Rev. Abbot Ioann  
Very Rev. Fr. Eugene Gruchetski  
Rev. Fr. Martin Swanson  
Rev. Fr. Victor Boldewskul  
Rev. Fr. Valeri Vovkovski  
Rev. Fr. John Sakalyk  
Rev. Fr. Christopher Stade  
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kulp  
Rev. Deacon Vasily Gillerland