



Епархія Чикагская и Средне-Американская  
Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей

Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America  
Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Tel: (847) 298-5383  
Fax: (847) 298-5380

P.O. Box 1367  
Des Plaines, IL 60017

From the Diocesan Chancery

June 19/July 2, 2016  
St. John of Shanghai & San Francisco

Dear Father Rectors,

Christ is amongst us!

At the Divine Liturgy commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blessed repose of the Holy Hierarch John of Shanghai & San Francisco today, His Grace Bishop Peter was commemorated for the first time as Archbishop and given the title of "Chicago & Mid-America". It was decided earlier in the week, at a meeting of the Synod of Bishops, that due to health reasons, Archbishop Alypy would be granted retirement.

More information on the retirement celebrations for Archbishop Alypy will be forthcoming. In the mean time, please remember Vladyka in your prayers and request the prayers of your parishioners for him.

From this time forward, the attached commemorations will be in use in our diocese. Please make the appropriate corrections in your parish, alerting your fellow clergymen and choir directors as appropriate. When Archbishop Alypy is present he is commemorated simply as "Archbishop Alypy" before Archbishop Peter.

Please contact me or your Dean with questions.

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

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