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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3 December, 2009

TO: Pastors/Administrators

FROM: Msgr. Peter D. Waslo, Chancellor

RE: Celebration of Holy Days

Just a reminder for the year 2010 concerning the celebration of holy days and feasts in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

1. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

- a) All Sundays of the year
- b) Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *January 6th/January 19th*
- c) Annunciation of the Mother of God *March 25th/April 7th*
- d) Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *May 13th*
- e) The Apostles, SS. Peter & Paul *June 29th/July 12th*
- f) Dormition of the Mother of God *August 15th/August 28th*
- g) Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *December 25th/January 7th*

On these days, one of the Divine Liturgies is to be celebrated for the faithful (***Pro Populo or For the People***). A homily is to be preached on these days at all Divine Liturgies. The tradition of celebrating Vespers should also be re-introduced to enrich the liturgical life of the parish.

2. OTHER FEASTS

- A) Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *January 1st/January 14th*
- b) Three Holy Hierarchs *January 30th/February 12th*
- c) Encounter of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *February 2nd/February 15th*
- d) Bright Monday *April 13th*
- e) Bright Tuesday *April 14th*
- f) St. George the Great Martyr *April 23rd/May 6th*
- g) Pentecost Monday *June 1st*
- h) Nativity of St. John the Baptist *June 24th/July 7th*
- i) Bl. Nykolai Charnetsky & Others *June 27th/July 10th*
- j) St. Volodymyr the Great *July 15th/July 28th*
- k) St. Elias the Prophet *July 20th/August 2nd*
- l) Transfiguration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *August 6th/August 19th*
- m) Beheading of St. John the Baptist *August 29th/September 11th*
- n) Nativity of the Mother of God *September 8th/September 21st*
- o) Exaltation of the Holy Cross *September 14th/September 27th*
- p) Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian *September 26th/October 9th*
- q) Protection of the Mother of God *October 1st/October 14th*
- r) St. Demetrius the Great Martyr *October 26th/November 8th*
- s) St. Michael the Archangel *November 8th/November 21st*
- t) St. Josaphat the Hieromartyr *November 12th/November 25th*
- u) Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God *November 21st/December 4th*
- v) St. Nicholas the Wonderworker *December 6th/December 19th*
- w) Conception of St. Anne (Immaculate Conception) *December 9th/December 23rd*
- x) Synaxis of the Mother of God *December 26th/January 8th*
- y) St. Stephen the Protomartyr *December 27th/January 9th*

The faithful are not obligated to attend Divine Services for these days. The clergy are not obligated to offer a Divine Liturgy for the faithful but should preach a homily on these days. These days are **not** to be transferred to Sunday. On all feast days and holy days, anointing/myrovannya should be celebrated with the faithful.

3. BINATION STIPENDS

If more than one Divine Liturgy is celebrated in a day during the week on these holy days and if three Divine Liturgies are celebrated on a weekend for the Sunday obligation (Saturday included), then the second stipend is to be forwarded to the chancery.

4. LITURGY OBLIGATIONS

A Bination Divine Liturgy is to be offered on the Sunday closest to the date of death of each of the following Hierarchs, with mention made in the parish bulletin:

- a) +Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky *January 6th*
- b) +Bishop Soter Ortynsky, O.S.B.M. *March 24th*
- c) +Bishop Jaroslav Gabro *March 28th*
- d) +Bishop John Stock *June 29th*
- e) +Bishop Walter Paska *August 16th*
- f) +Bishop Michael Kuchmiak, C.S.s.R. *August 26th*
- g) +His Beatitude, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj *September 7th*
- h) +Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn, O.S.B.M. *September 11th*
- i) +His Beatitude, Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky *December 14th*
- j) +Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk *December 25th*

In each parish a Divine Liturgy is also to be celebrated for the repose of the soul of a priest of the Archeparchy upon his falling asleep.

No stipend is to be drawn from the parish accounts or taken for any of these memorial Divine Liturgies.

5. GREAT FAST

The weekdays of the Great Fast are *aliturghical* whereas no Divine Liturgy should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation. On Wednesday and Friday of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. *Typika* may be used the other days. For funerals, the text used by the New Jersey Protopresbyterate may be utilized.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts are to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.