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Glory to Jesus Christ!

To the Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, and Faithful of our God-Protected Diocese:

Today I write to share with you my dear brother Priests and wonderful Laypeople (youth and adults) the news that the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople at its monthly meeting on August 29, 2018 voted to elevate your Bishop to the rank of Metropolitan.

I was stunned and nearly speechless (and still am) when His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Archdiocese who serves as the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate here in America called yesterday afternoon. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod have honored all of us. I am truly greatly humbled.

Working in His Vineyard with much love ,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

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