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God is with us!

Dear Reverend Clergy and Faithful Laity of the Diocese,

I am writing today to update you on our plans for the remainder of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. This morning the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America (of which I serve as Secretary) met for its weekly meeting to discuss ideas and options available to us on how to proceed in these most confusing, fearful and disturbing times. We received and reviewed the most updated information from governmental, health, and scientific authorities. After much discussion and prayer, the Hierarchs came to the consensus of how we would celebrate this year. Attached to this Protocol is the Assembly's statement which will serve as our guide. If anyone has any questions please email me or call. Thank you my dear Brothers and Sisters.

“But the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you: do not be afraid, nor terrified.” (Deut 31:8)

Working in His Vineyard with much agape,

+ Metropolitan Gregory

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

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