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THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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TO ALL CLERGY AND ORDAINED MONASTICS
OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA
THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

**SUBJECT: LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR PETITIONS CONCERNING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

Very Reverend, Reverend, and Venerable Fathers,

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic in which we find ourselves, and all measures being taken to limit its spread, nothing can be accomplished without prayer! As is known to you, President Donald Trump has declared Sunday, March 15th to be a National Day of Prayer in the United States of America.

We request that the following petitions be integrated into the Divine Liturgy, *until further notice*, in all our parishes and monasteries of the Eastern American Diocese:

1. To be inserted into the Great Litany following the petition, *"For our Christ-loving and suffering Orthodox people... **"For our salvation during the time of this pandemic; for protection and deliverance from the Coronavirus; for the health and recovery of those suffering from this virus; and for the guidance of physicians and those who minister to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord."***

2. To be inserted before the final petition of the Augmented Litany: *"**Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in your ineffable goodness and love for humankind, look upon us who have gathered in your Holy Name and those who could not be present; be our constant helper and defender at the time of this pandemic and hear our prayer offered with contrition of heart: Compassionate Lord, save, protect and deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus; grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus; and guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who minister to the afflicted, let us all say with all our heart and mind, Lord, have mercy.**"*

The above is for your information and, accordingly, implementation.

WITH ARCHPASTORAL BESSINGS,

BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA

