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Great Martyr Marina of Antioch

Directive

To the Very Reverend Abbess Aemiliane (Hanson)

Dear in the Lord Abbess Aemiliane,

It is my clear understanding that you and your sisters do not wish under any circumstances to be separated in any way from your beloved elder, the Very Reverend Archimandrite Dionysios of Petra. Indeed, when you were released to the jurisdiction of His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah, such reference was made a condition of your future foundation, as it was when you entered ROCOR. The same was repeated to His Grace Bishop George, together with the appointed diocesan commission, when they met with you in June of this year. And recently I have received a letter of Hieromonk Basil (Land), chaplain of your monastery, which vigorously defended the continuation of this allegiance – a conviction which I am certain that you share with all of your co-laborers, being of one mind and will.

At the same time we in our Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, of which I by the mercy of God find myself in the position of First Hierarch, can no longer support or accept a monastic foundation whose Charter and Constitution make reference to a spiritual father living in Greece and answering to an entirely different Local Church. Thus I henceforth release you and the sisters with you to His Eminence Cyrill II, Metropolitan of Thessaliotis & Phanariophersala, assuming he will receive you. Since His Eminence is aware of the work of your elder Archimandrite Dionysios and the monasteries under his spiritual care, he will know best how to direct you in the continuation of your monastic labors.

I have directed Archpriest Victor Potapov, Dean of the South, to come to the monastery at his earliest possible convenience, and I direct you to arrange for Archpriest Vladimir Danilevich to deliver to him the Antimension and Holy Chrism from your monastery temple.

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Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York
First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

cc:

Metropolitan Cyrill II of Thessaliotis & Phanariophersala

Bishop George of Mayfield

Archpriest Serge Lukianov, Diocesan Secretary

Archpriest Victor Potapov, Dean of the South

