



**THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS
OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA**

**announces the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Episcopal consecration
of His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**

On December 10th of this year we celebrate the feastday of the Kursk-Root icon of the Mother of God, the patronal feast of Our Lady of the Sign Synodal Cathedral, and the 30th anniversary of the consecration to the episcopacy of His Eminence Hilarion, Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York, the sixth First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

We invite everyone who would like to share with us the joy of this event and to congratulate our dear First hierarch, wishing him good health and strength from God for the continuation of his ardent labors on behalf of the Church Abroad and the entire Russian Orthodox Church.

The celebration program includes the Vigil service on the eve of the feastday and the Divine Liturgy and Thanksgiving prayer service on the actual day of the fest. followed by a festive banquet in honor of the Metropolitan.

The Divine services are held at Our Lady of the Sign Cathedral at:

*Synod of Bishops
75 East 93rd. Street, New York, 10128*

The festive banquet will take place at the following address:

*Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
319 East 74th Street. New York, NY, 10021*

Anyone who registers and reserves a place will be able to participate in the banquet.

– **Serving clergymen** – will not be charged (*those desiring to concelebrate at the liturgy need to inform the Dean of the Cathedral, Archpriest Andrei Sommer, at rev.a.sommer@synod.com – subject line: December 10*);

– Children **under 10** (without a designated seat) – for free;
– **Everyone else – \$30 per person.**

Please be aware that the number of tickets is limited. You may acquire a ticket on-line or by check. Those wishing to pay by check may do so by mailing it to:

Send it to: *Rev. Denis Lvov
75 East 93rd Street, New York, NY, 10128*

Pay to the order of: *Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign*

Put memo: *December 10*

Email us at dionisy.lvov@gmail.com (*with the subject line: December 10*) and let us know that you have sent a check.

If you would like to purchase a ticket in advance with cash, please let us know by emailing to the previously indicated address (**dionisy.lvov@gmail.com**), indicating: **a)** your name, **b)** contact telephone number and email address, **c)** the number of tickets desired. Payment can be made at the Cathedral candle stand or at the Desk in the Synodal foyer. You may also reserve a seat at the banquet by phoning the Synod and leaving your information with the secretary.

Telephone number of the Synod of Bishops: +1-212-534-1601.

Those wishing to pay with a credit card may do so via the following address: **<http://synod.ticketleap.com>**. The site accepts major credit cards such as **Visa, MasterCard, AmericanExpress and Discovery.**

Schedule of Services:

9 December

18:15 – Meeting of the miraculous Kursk-Root icon of the Mother of God

18:30 – Meeting of the First Hierarch and the beginning of the Vigil

10 December

8:00 – Small blessing of the water

8:40 – Hours

9:30 – Formal meeting of the First Hierarch by the clergy (fully vested) and the beginning of the Divine Liturgy

12:30 – Thanksgiving prayer service

13:15 – General photo of the clergy at the sole

13:30 – General of the clergy and faithful on the Cathedral steps

14:00 – Departure of bus from the Synod cathedral to the banquet venue with the participants

14:30 – Beginning of the banquet