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Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

A Directive

**to rector Archpriest Serge Lukianov, the clergy, parish council, and
God-loving parishioners of St. Nicholas Church in Red Bank, New Jersey**

Dear in the Lord Fr. Serge, fathers, brothers and sisters,

The Kuban Stanitza of Red Bank (legal owner of the St. Nicholas Church property) is demanding that the parish vacate the property. Therefore, as of September 30:

- 1) St. Nicholas Parish at 15 Pearl Street in Red Bank is officially closed;
- 2) We do **not** give our blessing for the parish to open there or elsewhere in the future;
- 3) All clergy are official assigned to St. George's Russian Orthodox Church in Howell, NJ;
- 4) All parishioners of St. Nicholas are officially considered parishioners of St. George's;
- 5) All church contents are to be removed in accordance with Canon Law and transferred to St. George's Church and the Diocesan Center in Howell;
- 6) St. Nicholas' incorporation and tax exempt number are to be closed immediately;
- 7) Any and all funds are to be transferred to St. George's Church.

We thank the Stanitza for allowing St. Nicholas Parish to conduct services at 15 Pearl St for the past 60 years and call upon them the blessings of God

Calling down upon you Christ's blessings,

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Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York
First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad

CC: Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov – dean

