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*Venerable Nestor the Chronicler*

**A Directive**

**To: Pavel Mamyshev, Nadejda Mamysheva, Eugene Stoupine, and Olga Stoupine**

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the meeting of the Eastern American Diocesan Council, a report was heard about the recent lawsuit that you had filed on October 2<sup>nd</sup> against, Archpriest Philip Petrovsky, Archpriest Serge Lukianov and parishioners of St. Nicholas Church in Red Bank, NJ. In your lawsuit, you claim to be acting in the best interest of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) and often cite the ROCOR Normal Parish By-Laws in your arguments, while at the same time ignoring the directives of the ruling bishop. Your accusations against the rectors and parishioners of St. Nicholas Church have been repeatedly investigated and in each instance, the Church hierarchy has determined the accusations to be completely false.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 you were suspended from receiving Holy Communion for one year with the blessing of the ruling bishop of the diocese, His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, pending your repentance. Instead of repenting, you have chosen to continue your slanderous lies against the clergy and hierarchy of ROCOR. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Metropolitan Hilarion, issued his final statement on this issue, which fully exonerated Archpriest Philip Petrovsky, Archpriest Serge Lukianov, and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church of any wrongdoing. Fr. Serge and Fr. Philip acted in full accordance with the directives issued to them by the ruling bishop, which you continue to ignore. Unfortunately, your actions have proven that you have no desire to repent, continuing instead to spread your baseless lies and accusations against the clergy, hierarchy of ROCOR and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church.

Please be advised that members of the Diocesan Council are appalled by your conduct and disobedience and have asked the bishops to intercede. Since His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion gave his final word on this matter, he has asked me as the vicar bishop of the diocese to inform you that this behavior will no longer be tolerated.

You are hereby forbidden to hold any official positions in any parish or organization of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. Furthermore, you are hereby indefinitely banned from receiving Holy Communion, pending your full and sincere repentance. Let this directive be a warning to you that if you continue down this path and choose not to repent, we intend to use the full power of the Diocesan Council and Spiritual Court to begin proceedings for your excommunication from the Orthodox Church. I pray that the Lord will grant you the wisdom to repent for what you have done and return to the bosom of Christ's Holy Church.



Bishop George of Mayfield,  
Vicar of the Eastern American and New York Diocese

