



Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America  
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**A N N O U N C E M E N T**

**To all Clergy, Parishes and Church-School Congregations of the  
Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America**

Declaring as its aim the love and unity of all in Christ within one organism of God's Church, the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America informs you that the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church, at its meeting of May 21, 2009 – by AC No. 49/min.147 of May 22/9, 2009 rendered the Decision of the administrative unification and restructuring of the existing dioceses of our Church in North and South America, with certain renaming of their titles and changes of their Sees (see attached act of the Holy Assembly of Bishops).

By the Grace and gift of the Holy and Life creating Spirit, assuring “that all things be done devoutly and in order” (I.Cor.14,40) in Christ's Church, the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church by it's Act (ACNo.8/min. 91 of the 22/9 day of May, 2007) ratified the *Constitution of the Serbian Orthodox Church of North and South America*.

In the spirit of the Directive of the Holy Synod of Bishops (no. 849/min.513 of June 12,2007, The Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church of North and South America as the competent body on this territory had taken the necessary measures for the implementation of the regulations of this Constitution and decisions of the Holy Assembly of Bishops:

— Send The final text of the said Constitution, with changes and corrections to the God-given Church fullness of Orthodox people on this territory.

— All clergy are obliged during worship services to mention the bishop of the respective region/diocese.

— All parishes and Church School Congregations in the future are to fulfill their assessments and obligations through the competent diocesan office.

— All parishes and Church-school congregations are to substitute their local by-laws with the Uniform Rules and Regulations of Serbian Orthodox Parishes and Church Congregations and submit their Local Addendum to their competent bishop for approval.

The Episcopal Council calls upon you when you receive this Announcement to begin implementation of the mentioned decisions which have been sent to you for your information and appropriate action.

With the Final restructuring and redistricting of parishes of the Church in the USA and Canada, upon ecclesial-liturgical and ancient canonical foundations, the grace of profoundly sought unity and pastoral community has been achieved. In this is manifested the unified and cooperative love towards the Church by which we prove our sincere love towards God and our people.

With Archpastoral blessings,

+ Christopher

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