

March 7, 2008

Venerable Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Alaska:

EFFECTIVE March 4, 2008, His Grace Bishop NIKOLAI was placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence and required to leave the Diocese during which time there will be a preliminary investigation into the complaints that were made.

EFFECTIVE immediately, Archpriest Eugene Vansuch has been appointed the Administrator of the Diocese of Alaska who is directly responsible to Primate and the Holy Synod of Bishops.

Please continue to join us in prayer that very quickly we can restore peace and order into the Diocese of Alaska.

As we enter into the period of the Great Fast I ask for your forgiveness and invoke God's blessings upon all of you and may this holy season be spiritually rewarding for all.

With love in Christ,



+ HERMAN
Archbishop of Washington and New York
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

cc: Holy Synod of Bishops
Archpriest Eugene Vansuch

