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Very Rev Arthur E. Liolin *Chancellor*

June 25, 2020

Archpriest Sergei Bouteneff
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5490 Main St
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Dear Father Sergei,

Christ is in our midst!

I have carefully reviewed your document of May 11, 2020 as well as the comprehensive proposal of June 24, 2020, for moving towards the gradual re-opening of the liturgical life at Saint George Orthodox Church. Based on the information provided to me in these documents, I am blessing you to enter phase 1, stage 1 as outlined in the Synodal Guidelines of May 1, 2020.

Beginning on Sunday, July 5, 2020, you may celebrate the Divine Liturgy with the minimal crew and the safety precautions as described in your proposal. You may also gradually increase the number of parishioners to no more than 40, as allowed by the current civil directives.

Anything beyond this, both in terms of types of services and numbers of parishioners will require the re-submittal of a proposal using the Archdiocesan form.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a cross symbol followed by stylized cursive letters, likely representing the name Tikhon.

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Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Cc: Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor Orthodox Church in America
Archpriest Arthur Liolin, Chancellor, Albanian Archdiocese