

October 21, 2014
Feast of the Venerable Hilarion the Great

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of the Archdiocese of Canada

Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

I am pleased to inform you that The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, at its session held in Oyster Bay Cove, New York, on the Twenty-First day of October in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen, elected the Bishop Irenee, Bishop of Quebec City, as Bishop of Ottawa and the Archdiocese of Canada.

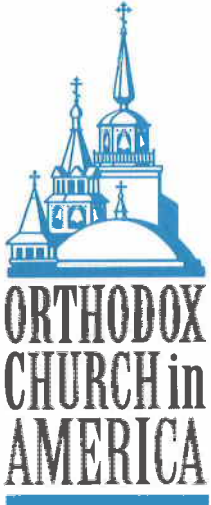
You are to immediately begin to commemorate the Bishop Irenee as the Bishop of Ottawa and Canada by elevating his name at all Divine Services after that of the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America Metropolitan Tikhon as is the approved practice of our Church. The date and place of his installation to the See will be determined in due time.

Assuring you of my prayers for Bishop Irenee, and for all the clergy and faithful who have been entrusted to his archpastoral care, I remain

With love in Christ,



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**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

With this certificate, I hereby confirm, as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, the election of Bishop IRENEE (Rochon) to be the Ruling Bishop of Ottawa and the Archdiocese of Canada as elected by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on the Twenty-first day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen. The time and place of his installation is to be determined.

In witness thereof, I affix my signature in the presence of the Holy Synod of Bishops on this Twenty-first day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

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