



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Onesimus the Apostle of the 70

Dear Rev. Frs., Matushki and faithful,

Christ is in our midst! As we prepare for Great Lent, I wanted to share with you the good news that we sold the Diocesan Center to St. Tikhon's Seminary on February 06, 2018. The seminary graciously agreed that we may continue to use the Diocesan Center rent free until August 15, 2018, afterwhich we would pay \$500.00 a month until August 15, 2019. Hopefully, this will provide more than enough time to locate a new residence and office.

This has been a long and arduous process to first get title to the land so that we might properly list the Diocesan Center on our books as an asset of the Diocese. The sale of the property gives us sufficient equity to make an offer on another property. Following through with the direction Metropolitan Tikhon set as your bishop with the Diocesan Council, we listed the property last fall and sold it quite quickly. We have identified a suitable property at reasonable price, which is well located near St. Nicholas in Bethlehem. We are still in the process of negotiations and ask your God-pleasing prayers.

We are indebted to attorney John Coles, Jr., of Christ the Saviour, in Harrisburg for preparing the sales agreement as well as assisting and guiding us in making an offer on the home near Bethlehem.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

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