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Your Grace,
Master bless.

We all know, the only "constant" in this world is change. From the beginning of this year, 2018, I felt a change in the air. As the new year came about, "something told me" that this would be the year of change. That "gut feeling" that always seem to come true, did.

We spent 15 years at the Kenai's Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church. Many blessings have come to us there, as we saw changes for the better. The rectory was just renovated a few years before we moved in. The Holy Assumption church was renovated in 2010-2011. A true blessing for the community of Kenai and our Holy Orthodox Church in Alaska. Now, the St. Nicholas Chapel is the process of being renovated. These changes have been blessings for all of us in our Diocese.

This year, I have the annual Chancellor's/Treasurer meeting in Syosset. One regional conference at Pilot Station. It was a true blessing, both for Matushka and myself. Even though we may not know what effect we have made in our visit, it is always a hope for a better change for those with whom we have had worship services. Also, with Your Grace's blessings, I also attended the annual St. Herman's Theological Seminary graduation, which, as usual, is done very well.

I have had many conversations with our Alaskan Clergy in the past year. I have had to have some "counseling" conversations. I have had to be a "resource" guide especially for questions relating to worship services and how they should be done. I have had questions from our clergy regarding requests for travel and trips. Only through the guidance of the Most Holy Spirit have these questions and inquiries have been fulfilled. As Your Grace knows, I have only passed on to You subjects that I feel did not have any authority to make. However, insignificant they may seemingly have been.

Sometimes, I have felt so unworthy to be the one to have this position of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Alaska. My only strength comes from our Lord Jesus Christ who has chosen me to fulfill the sometimes stressful and sometimes seemingly glorious things we have accomplished in our humble diocese.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless this diocese and His people to be truly the Mother diocese of the Holy Orthodox Church in America.

Humbly submitted,

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