



December 31, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the blessing of the Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, it is with great joy that the Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska announce the consecration of Archimandrite David (Mahaffey) as Bishop of our Diocese. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, will be here to consecrate Archimandrite David at the Divine services. Also, Archbishop Benjamin, Bishop Irene of Canada, Bishop Irineu , Bishop Michael and other dignitaries of the church will be with us.

We wish to invite you to participate in this most auspicious occasion in the life of our church in Alaska. We are truly blessed by God that He has graced us with a new leader for the Diocese and want to share this occasion with all our faithful.

On Thursday, February 20th there will be a Confession of Faith in the evening and Vespers at 6:00pm at the cathedral followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The consecration will take place at St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral, 401 Turpin in Anchorage on Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Divine Liturgy beginning with the entrance of Hierarchy.

At 7:00pm the Consecration Banquet will be held at the Lucy Cuddy Center, University of Alaska Anchorage. Parking is available free of charge. Reservations are limited to 220 and the tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under. Choices for your meal are Halibut Olympia or Shrimp Scampi and a pasta dish for children. Reservations must be made by January 15, 2014. We need to give our numbers to the Event Coordinator and Caterer well enough in advance for them to provide for our banquet.

Please send in your reservation (RSVP) and payment to Matushka Maggie Zabinko, 411 Fern Ln, Anchorage, AK 99504 with your choice of entree or call her at 907-350-1853 Cell or 907-929-7365 Home for more information. Checks and Money Orders are to be made out to the "Diocese of Sitka and Alaska". For hotel reservations where we have special rates, please see the attached page!

The **Installation** will take place **in Sitka on Sunday, February 23rd**. If you are planning to attend you will need to make plane reservations through Alaska Airlines. Please contact Father Michael Boyle, 907-747-8120 or email him at frmichael.boyle@gmail.com for further information.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you and appreciate your quick response to help us with our planning of this momentous event.

May God bless you and keep you in His loving grace.

In Christ's Love,
Consecration Committee Members

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