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CLARIFICATION

WITH REGARD TO FUNDS EXEMPTED FROM PARISH DUES

Dear in the Lord Father Rectors
and Parish Treasurers,

As all should be aware, the Synod of Bishops has decreed that dues to the Diocese and Synod should comprise 10% of gross budgeted income, to be paid biannually. Special arrangements (annual/monthly/quarterly/flat payments or temporary forbearances) *must* be arranged through the Diocesan Council.

It has been brought to the attention of the treasurer's office that there is a lack of clarity regarding the funds and organizations exempted from taxation. To clarify, these include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- **Benevolent** – for assistance to those in orphanages, monasteries, convents, nursing homes, hospitals, jails/prisons, those that are poor and homeless, disabled, and otherwise in desperate need.
- **Missionary** – for publications, websites, and visits for sharing the Word of God.
- **Choir** – For the acquisition of music and equipment, subsidy and improvement of choir members.
- **School** – for teacher expenses, textbooks, supplies, furnishings, and equipment.
- **Sisterhood** – for preparation of meals, cleaning of the church and hall, and maintenance of vestments.
- **Brotherhood** – for luncheons, attention to the buildings and grounds, maintenance of workshops, etc.

- **Embellishment** – for the adornment of the interior and exterior of the church with mosaics, iconography, choir loft, chandelier, candle stands, analogia, lecterns, gonfalons, decorative woodwork, casework and other craftsmanship, and for the decoration of parish hall with interior treatments that are in keeping with the needs and mission of the parish.
- **Flowers** – for the purchase of flowers for feast days.
- **Maintenance** – for the regular upkeep of all structures, buildings, and grounds.
- **Capital Improvement** – for repair, conversion, addition to and replacement of existing structures and grounds, and for the construction of new buildings and structures.
- **Special Project** – for extraordinary projects that may include acquisition of property.
- **Special Collections** – for visiting icons or choirs, and yearly collections to benefit the Ecclesiastical Mission, Holy Trinity Seminary, Fund for Assistance to ROCOR, St. Herman Youth Conference, and others.

If you have a question regarding this information, or a particular fund or organization does not fit within one of the above categories, please err on the side of caution and confer with the diocesan administration.

Thank you for your diligent and dedicated work in the Holy Church.

With love in Christ and asking your prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Subdeacon Gregory Levitsky".

Subdeacon Gregory Levitsky
Diocesan Treasurer