

Once again, these reflections should be the product of communal effort. Your community's reflection process should be geared to include all members of the Body of Christ, from the youngest child to the most elderly shut-in. I encourage you especially to consider your community's own initiatives and activities that might inspire activity on the part of the whole Church. Here, it is useful to think about the past, present, and future: what has been tried? What is succeeding? What is next?

Your community's reflection can be submitted for consideration via email to grandinvitation@oca.org. Reflections should be submitted on behalf of each community by its rector or equivalent clergy leadership, or, for communities without clergy, by lay leadership. It is my hope that these reflections can become the basis of a major resolution, an invitation to address the life and future of the Orthodox Church in America. In one accord, guided and inspired by heavenly Spirit, let us reflect and discern how God is calling us to use this moment to act as Church for the sake of his kingdom and his glory.

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I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tikhon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada