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Decree

To all Clergy in Victoria, New South Wales, Canberra, and Queensland

On July 2nd 2016 the Australian and New Zealand Diocese will be commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the repose of St John of Shanghai and San Francisco. This feast is being celebrated by the Russian Church throughout the world as a special event and here in Australia we also plan to celebrate in a fitting manner.

In order to make it easier for the clergy to come together for this event, each Cathedral will be having joint divine services. Attendance of all local clergy at these services is mandatory.

Please ensure that the posters prepared to advertise this event are printed in colour and displayed prominently in your parishes and monasteries. I also ask that an announcement concerning the event be made from the ambo on the preceding Sunday, and that you encourage your parishioners to attend the Divine Liturgy at their local Sobor.

Participating clergy should bring their own gold vestments and either skufiya, kamilvaka or mitre, as the case may be.

You will find a range of resources on the Diocesan website that may be of assistance to you in preparing yourselves and the faithful for this important event.



Bishop George of Canberra
Auxiliary Bishop of Australia and New Zealand Diocese
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