



## A session of the ROCOR Synod of Bishops is held



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On Thursday, 30 June, 2022, a remote meeting of the Synod of Bishops of the Russia Orthodox Church Outside of Russia was held, presided over by His Eminence Metropolitan Mark of Berlin and Germany. Participating in the meeting were His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco and Western America, Secretary of the Synod of Bishops; His Eminence Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and Canada; His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Chicago and Mid-America; His Grace Bishop Irenei of London and Western Europe and His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan, Deputy Secretary of the Synod of Bishops.

The bishops heard a report by Bishop Irenei, Secretary of the Synodal Inter-Orthodox Relations Department, on recent developments; Archimandrite Roman (Krassovsky), Chief of the Russian

Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem on affairs in the Holy Land.

The Pre-Council Committee then presented proposals on the forthcoming Council of Bishops. The Synod members also discussed the order of election of a new First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad, which will be held on Tuesday, 13 September of this year. The enthronement will take place on Wednesday, September 21, the feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and the anniversary of the discovery of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God "of the Sign." That day, Divine Liturgy with the Rite of Enthronement will take place in the Synodal Cathedral of Our Lady "of the Sign" in New York, followed by a trapeza luncheon.

The Synod members will continue discussing plans for the Council on Friday, 29 July of this year.

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