



## **Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan is elected First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**



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On September 13, the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR) began its work after Divine Liturgy and prayer service celebrated at the Cathedral of the Icon of Our Lady of the Sign in New York, USA.

The ROCOR website reports that Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan was elected the First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion, signed on 17 May, 2007, the Council will send the Act of Election, drafted by the counting committee, to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' with a request to bless the electee to assume the duties of the First Hierarch entrusted to him by

his brethren archpastors, and for confirmation of the election by the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The enthronement of the newly-elected First Hierarch of the ROCOR will take place on September 18. He will be entrusted with the archpastoral staff which was blessed on the shrine with the righteous relics of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' and Confessor.

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