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Archpriest John Kreta
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To the Archpriest John Kreta, Chancellor, and the Very Reverend and Reverend
Clergy of the Diocese of New England,

Beloved in the Lord,

I am pleased to inform you that the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox
Church in America, at the meeting held in Chicago, IL, on November 7, 2023,
elected The Reverend Hieromonk Benedict (Churchill) as Bishop of Hartford
and New England.

You are to immediately begin to commemorate him as Bishop-elect of Hartford
and New England by elevating his name at all Divine Services after that of the
Primate of the Orthodox Church in America Metropolitan Tikhon, as is the
approved practice of our Church. The episcopal ordination and enthronement
of Hieromonk Benedict will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Holy
Trinity Cathedral in Boston, MA.

I assure you of my prayers for Bishop-elect Benedict, and for all the clergy and
faithful who have been entrusted to his archpastoral care.

With love in Christ,



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