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## **Orthodox Church in America: Holy Synod of Bishops' Fall Session to open November 12**



The members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America will gather at the Chancery for their Fall Regular Session from Tuesday, November 12 through Friday, November 15, 2019. In addition to the address of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, and the other normal agenda items of the Holy Synod, a special feature will be a Synodal Divine Liturgy at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary [SVOTS].

On Wednesday, November 13, at 9:00 am, on the feast of Saint John Chrysostom, the members of the Holy Synod will join His Beatitude in celebrating the Divine Liturgy to commemorate the seventh anniversary of his election as the fifth primate of the Orthodox Church in America. This will be one of the few occasions on which the Holy Synod will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy during the course of their meeting. "Our concelebration will be a wonderful opportunity for all the

bishops to celebrate the Holy Mysteries together, something typically we are only able to accomplish at All American Councils,” said Metropolitan Tikhon.

One of the major agenda items of the Fall Session will be the plans for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of both the Granting of Autocephaly and the Glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska in 2020. It is anticipated a schedule of anniversary events will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

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