

19 March 7515/1 April 2007: Entry of Our Lord in to Jerusalem, Palm/Flowery/Willow Sunday

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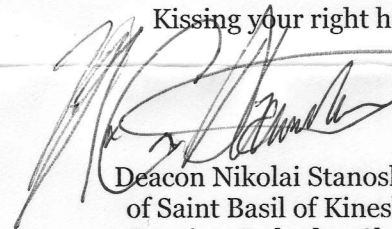
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### ***Vladyka Bless!***

Your Grace, The Right Reverend Bishop ANDREI of Pavlovskoye,

Since it appears that our relationship has completely deteriorated to the point where there is absolutely no trust between us nor are either of us willing to follow the requests of the other, I see only one solution to provide peace and proper order to the territory of America which you are currently Administrator. After much thought and prayer, I hereby submit my resignation as a deacon in the Russian Orthodox Autonomous Church and ask to be laicized effective 26 March 7515/8 April 2007; Pascha: The Joyous Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the rare case that you think the many violations of protocol you have accused me of are not enough to warrant my requested laicization, I will let you know that due my soul being so troubled by this break-down, I will let you know that I have not fasted one single day of the Great Lent this year. I have broken the fast every single day of Great Lent, and of course the canonical punishment for clergy breaking the Great Fast even once is a return to the lay state. I know that such laicization is not official until I receive the actual printed Ukaz in the mail from you, but effective today I shall abandon my post, my black, my long hair and beard in showing how serious I am in requesting this and to also ensure that canonically I am called to be removed from the ranks of the clergy. I promise not to make an online or offline public spectacle either of our complete breakdown of a relationship, my severe canonical questions I asked of you which were never answered, and will only mention that you and I came to a mutual conclusion that the best course of action was for me to return to the ranks of the laity. I think this would be in the best interests of both of us, that we just mention that an amicable agreement had been reached between us as of Pascha. I completely recognize that a public war of words would do nothing positive for our Church, for you or for me.

Kissing your right hand,



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