RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE PATRIARCHAL PARISHES IN THE USA

Atlantic States Deanery

February 21, 2019

Hieromonk Sylvester (Kozhin), Rector and the Parish Council of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church 241-243 South Third Street Reading, PA 19602

Dear Fr. Sylvester, Parish Council and Faithful of St. Nicholas Church,

The clergy of the Atlantic States Deanery express our most sincere gratitude to you for hosting our deanery meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2019.

The church was beautifully adorned. The choir sang with faith and beauty. The lunch was bountiful and delicious. And you greeted us with such joy and love. It felt like Pascha coming to your church.

Please extend our thanks to everyone who helped make the day so memorable – to those who cleaned and beautified the church, to all the singers of the choir, and to those who cooked and served the delicious meal. Thank you!

Continue to work together in oneness of mind and in the purity of faith. Our Lord Jesus Christ sees your efforts. He knows what is in your hearts. And He wants you always to dwell in His Peace and Love. Pray fervently, worked together selflessly and serve the Lord with humility and love.

May God bless and preserve you for many years!

With love in Christ,

Archpriest John Vass

Dean