

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Prot. No. 2010/49.24

† *John Michael*

by the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint George in Canton

Decree of Promulgation of the Decrees 19, 20 and 21

Whereas, the pastoral needs and care of the Romanian Catholic faithful, also known as Greek-Catholic, situated in the entire United States of America and the two existing parishes in Canada require the promulgation of the decrees release by the Synod of the Bishops of the Major Archbishopric Church regarding the calendar, fasting rules and liturgical celebrations vestments, and

Whereas, the pastoral care of said faithful require such practices to be implemented with great care and consideration by each faithful residing in the jurisdiction mentioned above,

Now, therefore, pursuant to the liturgical provisions that came in effect with the lifting in rank of our Metropolitan Church in Romania to the rank of Major Archbishopric Church, which brings our Church here in the United States and the two existing parishes in Canada closer to the liturgical aspect of the life in Romania, we hereby decree as follows:

- I. That the above mentioned decrees will be implemented and respected accordingly by both the clergy and the faithful of each parish and mission of the Eparchy of St. George in Canton with jurisdiction over the United States and the two established parishes in Canada.

- II. That each Pastor/Administrator should take proper care that the said decrees should be made available to all parishioners of their parish/mission, and promote the decrees carefully so that our faithful may more and more grow in the understanding of the liturgical unity of our churches both in the United States and Romania.
- III. That all prior practices and customs that have been in effect in this Eparchy prior this decree promulgating our new regulations regarding calendar, fasting and abstinence, and the proper use of clergy vestments at liturgical celebration for specific times of the year, are hereby abrogated, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.
- IV. The provisions of this Decree promulgating the new Decrees 19, 20 and 21 regarding the specifics of the liturgical life mentioned in the paragraph III, came into force on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Fourteenth (14th) day of September, A.D. 2010.
- V. *Servatis tamen ceterum de iure servandis.*

Given at Canton, Ohio, at the Chancery of the Eparchy of Saint George in Canton, this Twenty Ninth (29th) day of October in the Year of Our Lord the Two Thousand Tenth.



✠ John Michael Botean
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint George in Canton

Attest:



Rev. Ovidiu I. Marginean
Chancellor