A WORD FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ARCHBISHOP KYRIIL

In this second issue of our Diocesan journal, we honor the 400th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty, cherished in the hearts not only of Russians but of Orthodox throughout the world who give glory to God for right rule and divinely anointed governance. From the crowned monarchs of the Romanov family who reigned in Russia from Mikhail Fyodorovich to the passion-bearing Emperor St. Nicholas II, as well as in the ongoing lineage of that dynasty, preserved today in the Imperial Household of the Grand Duchess Her Imperial Highness Maria Vladimirovna, we behold the wise hand of God Who, in a world of increasing political confusion and collapsing ideologies, never ceases to preserve for us that true model of pious governance which, should it please Him, may yet be manifest on this earth.

It is fitting that this issue is dedicated to the theme of fatherhood, following our first issue’s emphasis on women in the Church. We have kept this year not only the 400th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty, but also the 1,700th jubilee of the signing of the Edict of Milan, by which another of our Fathers, the Emperor St. Constantine the Great, opened the Empire — and the whole world — to the truth of our Orthodox faith.

In a world where the nature of family is under aggressive attack, we seek to uphold and strengthen the heart of every Christian father, and we pray that the articles contained in this issue may help each of us to appreciate more deeply the nature of Fatherhood of our Life in Christ.