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*Venerable Anthony the Roman*

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#### to All Rectors of the Eastern American Diocese

The autumn of this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War (1914-1918). The heroic deeds of Orthodox Christian warriors from this time were always honored throughout the Russian Diaspora, among whom were many eminent ancestors of ours, clergymen and flock alike. They established monuments in Belgrade, Berlin, and Mourmelon, France.

In connection with this, not only this year, but every year, we give our blessing to perform a memorial service for them on September 1/14, the day of the August Icon of the Mother of God – created during the appearance of the Mother of God to Russian soldiers in 1914 – or on the nearest Saturday, before the All-Night Vigil, in order to preserve the memory of the heroism and self-sacrifice of the soldiers who laid down their lives for the Faith, the Tsar, and the Fatherland.

+ *Hilarion*

Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York

*First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad*

