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Personal Directive from the President of the Synod of Bishops

In connection with the global outbreak of the Coronavirus infection, the visitation of the wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God to the Western American Diocese, which had been scheduled for the radiant Paschal days this year, will be postponed until a more auspicious time, when the churches will be open for services to all. The dates for the holy icon's visitation will be determined by the Synod of Bishops.

Sharing in the sorrow of the archpastors, clergy, and flock of the Western American Diocese, I pray to our Protectress that we may all be granted patience, Heavenly aid, and to speedily overcome this sickness and its effects.

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