

Resolution to the 2023 Diocesan Assembly  
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ADVOCATING THE GLORIFICATION OF METROPOLITAN LEONTY (TURKEVICH)

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty was known for his humility, prayerfulness, meekness, dignity, kindness, generosity, forbearance, thoughtfulness, sense of humor, vision, erudition and wisdom.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty is truly considered a saint by many of the faithful who had personally witnessed his life in Christ in a peaceful, hopeful, simple, loving, selfless, prayerful manner, and by many more who only know about him.

WHEREAS, many faithful have experienced the fruits of Metropolitan Leonty's intercessions.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty was truly a man of prayer, whose generosity and care for those in need was very well-known, and who personally cared for the homeless and for the destitute.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty tirelessly devoted himself to the formation of the future pastors for the North American flock, in both Minneapolis, Minnesota and Tenafly, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty was one of the great missionaries of the American land, as testified by Archbishop Kiprian (Borisevich) in his eulogy: "May the memory of you, your missionary works, and your pastoral and archpastoral service live among the Orthodox descendants forever. May this memory live not only among us, but also among those who will come after us, and those who will come after them."

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty held a prominent role in the history of the Orthodox Church in America, having served as a key figure in nearly every moment and institution of note for nearly six decades.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty's maxim "receive them with love" exemplified the true spirit of unity in Christ, by which he so majestically, and yet so simply and joyfully, headed the Church to which he had given his entire life.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty's mere presence often had a deeply pacifying effect on those around him, thereby preserving the unity and wholeness of the Church.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Leonty deserves above all to be honored as American Orthodoxy's preeminent protector, preserver, and guardian.

WHEREAS, as Metropolitan Leonty was Archbishop of New York, it is meet and proper for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey to open the cause for his glorification by the Orthodox Church in America.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Diocese of New York and New Jersey calls for the glorification to sainthood of Metropolitan Leonty (Turkevich) by the sixtieth anniversary of his blessed repose (May 14, 2025).