



**COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA
DIOCESE OF OHIO, MICHIGAN & INDIANA**

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January 19, 2018
Feast of the Theophany

To the honorable Clergy, Boards, deacons, servants and faithful of the Diocese of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-14

Beloved in the Lord,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of The Very Reverend Hegumen Fr. Mikhail E. Mikhail, D. Min., as the first Chancellor of our blessed diocese. This is the first official decision taken since the establishment of our diocese and took place with the unanimous consent and support of the clergy of the diocese.

Fr. Mikhail, Pastor of St. Mark Church of Cleveland, was the first to serve in the jurisdiction that is now our diocese. The role of the Chancellor (also known as the vicar general of a diocese), is to be the principal deputy of the bishop of a diocese in the exercise of administrative authority and duties as determined by the bishop.

I express my sincere appreciation and trust in Abouna Mikhail for accepting this responsibility and pray that we all together, clergy and laity, will work for the building of the Body of Christ and the service of His Church and each other.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD,

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Bishop of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana