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**INSTRUCTION**  
**to Father Mark Tyson**

In view of the rapid spread of the coronavirus in the State of Virginia and other neighboring states, and the great distance of travel to your mission, I advise you that:

1) Services at the mission of the holy Prophet Elias in Pidgeon Forge, Tennessee are to be temporarily suspended and the parishioners of the Mission encouraged to attend services at the St. Nektarios Church in Lenoir City;

2) Depending upon circumstances and the local State's rulings concerning the epidemic, you may assist at the divine services at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Church in Bristol or serve in your own home chapel.

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you and upon your parishioners and family members!

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