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The Reverend Father Elias Yelovich  
St. Mary Orthodox Church  
2063 Lincoln Way E  
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Dear Father Elias:

Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 18, 2006, in which you seek our blessings to begin serving the Divine Liturgy to the new mission group in Carroll County, Maryland. Based upon your recommendation of His Grace, Bishop Thomas and your preparations, you do have our permission to begin serving regular services to this community. We hope and pray that your endeavors will be successful in the establishment of this new mission community. Please send us regular reports on your progress.

May our gracious Lord bless you and your faithful flock.

Yours in Christ,

  
Metropolitan PHILIP

Primate

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cc: Bishop Thomas

Father Gregory Mathewes-Green