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Christ is Risen!

Dear Reverend Fathers,

I hope you had some time following the Feast of all Feasts to get some much needed rest. As it's spring and wedding season is upon us, I'd like to point out a matter that needs to be addressed.

Despite the fact that His Grace has repeatedly asked to make sure that you mark your church calendars the days on which sacraments are not allowed, this year once again we had two people book weddings on Pentecost Sunday. It's one thing to ask for special dispensation for a Friday wedding and another when it's just a blatant error on the part of whoever schedules it, which is clearly avoidable.

Please know at the directive of His Grace, no dispensation will be made in the future. As a result, if you mistakenly book a wedding, no accommodation will be made and you will have to thus suffer the consequences.

May the remainder of the Paschal Season be a blessing to you, your loved ones and your communities.

Always with brotherly love and in Christ's service,

Fr. Chrysostom