

**Message from His Grace Bishop Longin of the New-Gracanica-Midwestern-American
Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America**

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Dear Reverend Fathers, dear Church-singers, cantors and conductors – participants of the
2018 Pan-Orthodox Music Symposium:

It gives me a great pleasure to greet all of you at the beginning of your Symposium.

You have gathered together being united by our beautiful Orthodox Church music. As direct
participants at our services you take upon yourselves a very responsible role of missionaries.
Our Church music- through its various traditions is the best expression of the faith we hold,
since Orthodox chant is “sung Theology.”

May God bless your noble endeavor and may your work show its fruits through your
witnessing the joy of the Risen Lord through the Church-music.

With best wishes and
Archpastoral blessing,

+ Bishop Longin
of the New-Gracanica and Midwestern American Diocese
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