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MEDIA ADVISORY

Diocese to Host First of Two Ecumenical Services

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is once again partnering with our friends in the Lutheran and Orthodox faith traditions to sponsor two annual ecumenical services coming up this month.

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Diocese will host the first service, which is scheduled for January 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The theme will be “Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power” (Exodus 15:6).

Joining Bishop Bartchak will be Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, Ruling Bishop, The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese; Bishop Michael Rhyne, Allegheny Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Reverend K. Joy Kaufmann, General Presbyter, Presbyterian Presbytery of Huntingdon; and clergy from faith communities of the various traditions represented. Bishop Gregory will deliver the sermon.

All are welcome to the service to pray for Christian unity. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese will host the second ecumenical service on January 28, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Johnstown.