



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
Office of the Bishop

May 31, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I have struggled with issues related to my right foot for years. Unfortunately, efforts and therapies to resolve these issues have proven unsuccessful. After much prayer, discernment, and consultation with my doctors, I have made the decision to have a below the knee amputation of my right foot. This will provide me with best hope for being able to engage in ministry and have better health and quality of life. The surgery is scheduled for June 9th.

During my recovery and rehab period I will continue to be engaged in the ministry and work of the diocese to the extent that I'm able. Please know that I'm grateful for your prayers, support, and patience during this time. It is my hope and prayer that this procedure will ultimately allow me to engage more fully in the ministry to which I've been called as your Bishop. Be assured of my prayers for you and our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes
Bishop of St. Petersburg