

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF HOLY APOSTLES AUSTRALIAN EXARCHATE**

**Decree no 272**

**We Basil I**

Via the grace of God and will of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Italy and as Archbishop of Lazio, Metropolitan of Rome and Primate of Italy now affirm with the authority of the Holy Synod and Metropolitan ecclesiastical council thus announce the foundation of **THE AUSTRALIAN EXARCHATE**.

Furthermore, nominate as **Exarch** the Very Reverend Father **RAFFAELE ROSSI**.

May the Lord God safeguard, protect, and bless the above mentioned cleric for the growth of our holy Church in Australia accompanied by a most fruitful apostolate therein.

**+Basilio I**

Primate and Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in Italy.

**Issued from our metropolitan headquarters**

Vigna di Valle (Rome)

16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Commemorating our Father amongst the Saints

Leo the Great Bishop of Rome.