

March 8, 2023

Scott S. Harris, Clerk of the Court  
Office of the Clerk  
United States Supreme Court  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *The Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, et al. v. Alexander Belya*, 22-824

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Alexander Belya requests a 30-day extension to file his brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari. Because Belya's brief in opposition is currently due on March 31, a 30-day extension to April 30 would make the brief due on Monday, May 1.

The extension is warranted because additional time is needed to prepare a useful and effective brief that adequately presents the issues for the Court's consideration. Additionally, Belya anticipates that amici will file briefs in support of Petitioners, so the additional time will allow Belya's counsel to consider those arguments carefully and respond to them as warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 466-3234 or girard@au.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley Girard,  
Counsel for Respondent

cc: Counsel of record