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#### DEDICATED TO THE SACRED MEMORY OF

#### ISIDORUS,

Who served the Church of God for sixty-seven years; Who presided in the Most Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church for thirty-two years; Who was the most faithful friend, spiritual adviser, and material support, under God, of the young Church in North America in her many serious trials, temptations, and persecutions; Who, in the midst of Episcopal Ordinaries, was the Chief Consecrator of all the Bishops of the Orthodox Amerian Church down to the present worthy Successor of the first great Missionary and Bishop of Alaska, and Who, steadfast in the work of his Master to the very last, peacefully commended his soul to God, (having completed his ninety-third year,) on the 7-19 of September, 1892 — by the

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who had the good fortune of obtaining his first official appointment to service in the ranks of the Clergy from the Most Reverend Isidorus, Metropolitan of Novgorod, St. Petersburg, and Finband, and who furthermore had the spiritual consolation and privilege to obtain his personal blessing and to kiss the hand of the greatest Pretate of the day.

### PREFACE.

In this, our second book, we cheerfully offer to our brethren and children of the Holy Orthodox Church in the English-speaking world the Lives of the Saints, together with some lectures and a few of our sermons, mindful of the command of our Master, who said: Freely ye have received, freely give. We have no comments to make; let the facts in the histories of the lives of holy men and women speak for themselves; we only repeat that, the Spirit breatheth where He will. Let our lectures and sermons likewise speak for themselves, as they are strictly founded upon Holy Scripture and the writings of the Holy Fathers of the Church in her early days.

### HIEROMONACHOS SEBASTIAN.

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