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The members of the Diocesan Council [DC] gathered for a meeting with His Grace, Bishop Michael, at the Diocesan Center in Bronxville NY on Monday, 28 February 2011. DC members present were:

Archpriest Joseph Lickwar (Chancellor)
Archpriest Samuel Kedala (Dean, New Jersey Deanery)
Archpriest Alexey Karlgut (Dean, New York State Deanery)
Archpriest Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk (Dean, New York City Deanery)
Archpriest Daniel Degyansky (NYC Deanery, clergy)
George Elia (NYC Deanery, laity)
Priest Stephen Evanina (NJ Deanery, clergy)
Matushka Mary Buletza Breton, Treasurer (NJ Deanery, laity)
Archpriest Ken James Stavrevsky, Secretary (NYS Deanery, clergy)
Scott Anderson (NYS Deanery, laity)

Also attending the meeting were the clergy and laity diocesan representatives to the Metropolitan Council: Archpriest John Shimchick and Paul Witek. Thomas Gervais (Saint John the Baptist Church, Rochester NY) was in attendance as a guest.

A service of intercession and thanksgiving (*molieben*) for the good-estate of the diocese and grace-filled assembly of the DC was celebrated by Bishop Michael prior to the meeting commencing at 11:44 a.m.

His Grace welcomed the DC members and others attending the meeting. Following a roll-call of attendees, Thomas Gervais (CLU) offered a comprehensive analysis and answered questions concerning diocesan insurance needs and an evaluation of proposals from Guide One Insurance Company and Church Mutual Insurance Company. A real property valuation analysis was conducted, assets (personal/diocesan property) identified for valuation, and the identification of parameters for requesting comparative policy proposals (bids) was initiated. The DC thanked Mr. Gervais for his efforts and consultation. He will continue as an advisor to the DC in working with the treasurer to obtain comparative policy proposals for review in determining the best policy and most cost-effective way of meeting diocesan insurance requirements.

Matushka Mary Buletza Breton (diocesan treasurer) presented financial reports:

- Income Statement (January-February 26, 2011)
- Inflows/Disbursements
- Partial Balance Sheet
- Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Fund

