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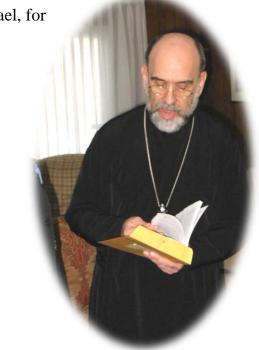
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The Council of Presbyters assembled with His Grace, Bishop +Michael, for a meeting on January 31st at the Diocesan Center in Bronxville NY.

Attending the Council of Presbyters [CP] meeting were all of the members:

Archpriest Gary Breton
Archpriest Igor Burdikoff
Igumen Christopher (Calin)
Priest Steven Evanina
Archpriest Jonathan Ivanoff
Archpriest Alexey Karlgut
Archpriest Samuel Kedala
Archpriest Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk
Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky (Retired)
Archpriest Joseph Lickwar
Archpriest John Nehrebecki (Retired)
Archpriest Ken James Stavrevsky



The CP meeting began at 11:25 a.m. with a service of intercession and thanksgiving (*Moleiban*) for the grace-filled assembly of presbyters and the good-estate of the diocese. Prayerful petitions were offered for the healing of ailing and afflicted members of the diocese. Specific areas of discussion included:



Father Thomas Langdon

✓ Pastoral changes and status

- Bishop +Michael welcomed Father John Udics to the diocese and his assignment as rector of Saint Peter and Paul Church in Herkimer NY, and Father Thomas Langdon (a student at Saint Tikhon's Seminary) to his assignment as priest-in-charge of Saint Innocent Mission in Oneonta NY
- ✓ New York State Deanery "Clergy/Family Conference" held at Greek Peak Resort, Cortland NY on 28-29 January
- ✓ Diocesan Altar Servers Retreat scheduled for 25-27 February 2011 at Saint Basil Academy, Garrison NY. Details and registration information are available at: http://nynjoca.org/files/2011/Release-2011.4.2.pdf
- ✓ Lenten Youth Retreat at Wayne NJ on 1-2 April 2011
- ✓ Saint Andrew's Camp
- ✓ Retreat/gathering for Matushki
- ✓ Choir directors/singers conference scheduled for 12 February 2011 at Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne NJ. Details at: http://nynjoca.org/

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- ✓ "Concerning Marriage: Archpastoral Guidelines for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey." The CP will review for discussion/approval at the next meeting
- ✓ Progress of the Diocesan Council on preparing a revision of the Diocesan By-laws
- ✓ Progress toward developing a Priest Salary Scale (Father Breton, project officer)
- ✓ Update on the Commission on Mission and Evangelism (Fr. Ivanoff, Director). Webinar scheduled for Monday, 7 February: http://nynjoca.org/news_110202_1.html
- ✓ Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Program update with discussion of several recommendations from parishioner Ron Geleta of Saint Nicholas Church, Cohoes NY
- ✓ Pastoral guidelines for infant deaths (handout distributed for review)
- ✓ Needs for new Antimensia
- ✓ Parish Council Conferences scheduled for each deanery

The CP enjoyed a wonderful fellowship lunch marvelously prepared by Matushka Shirley Lickwar in the Diocesan Center dining room. With the singing of "It is truly meet ..." the meeting was adjourned.

Photos of the CP meeting are posted on the diocesan website: http://nynjoca.org/