

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
109 Grand Street – Jersey City, NJ 07302

August 16, 2017

Dear Reverend Father and Parish Council,

His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, has scheduled the Annual Diocesan Assembly, to be convened on Wednesday and Thursday, November 1st and 2nd, 2017 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, New York. The guest speaker is His Honor, Judge Raymond Lanier Legal Counsel to the Orthodox Church in America.

Two Day Schedule

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy is on Wednesday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and during lunch. The Assembly will begin at 1:00 p.m. The schedule for Thursday will be published.

Credentials

Every parish is responsible for submitting a registration fee of \$150 to cover the Assembly expense. The observer fee is \$25. Checks are payable to: The Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

In order for lay delegates to be seated at the Assembly, annual parish financial obligations must be current for the parish for the year 2017.

As stated in the Diocesan By-Laws, the Assembly shall consist of the Archbishop, members of the Diocesan Council, members of the Auditing Committee, the senior priest of the Diocesan Cathedral and Abbots of diocesan monasteries, priests and deacons of each parish, ex-officio, and an equal number of lay delegates elected by their respective parish meetings or parish councils.

As per the By-Laws, retired priests residing in the diocese have the right to attend and the right of consultative voice, but do not have the right to vote.

Observer

A member of the Diocese in good standing with the Archbishop and the parish and with the approval of the parish priest, and who has registered according to the established procedures, has the right to attend the Assembly as a non-voting observer.

Amendments to Diocesan Bylaws

Amendments to the Diocesan Bylaws may be proposed by the Diocesan Council or by parishes of the Diocese by decision at Annual Parish Meetings, and sent to the Office of the Bishop at 45 days prior to the Assembly.

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Resolutions

As has been announced on the Diocesan Website and to diocesan rectors via email on August 16, 2017, proposed resolutions for the assembly were to have been submitted in writing to Very Rev. Joseph Lickwar, 109 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ, 07302 by September 16, 2017.

The Diocesan Council Members are:

Archbishop Michael

Chancellor – Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

Deans - Archpriest Alexey Karlgut (New York State), Archpriest Gary Breton (New Jersey) and Archpriest Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk (New York City)

New Jersey Deanery - Archpriest Stephen Evanina and Matushka Mary Buletza Breton

New York State Deanery - Archpriest Peter Olsen and Deacon Alexander Anderson

New York City Deanery - Archpriest Martin Kraus and George Elia

Metropolitan Council Representatives – Igumen Joseph (Hoffman) and James P. Kornafel

Auditors: Igumen Joseph (Hoffman), Deacon David Maliniak and William Rentz

Motel Accommodations are to be made with Quality Inn & Suites Vestal, 4105 Vestal Parkway East Vestal, NY 13850. Their contact information is as follows: Phone: 607-729-6371 x 104, Cell: 607-760-1196, Fax: 607-729-6407 and Email: jkochis@qualityinnvestal.com www.qualityinnvestal.com. Reservations received after **October 1, 2017** will be provided on a space available basis. Doubles are \$69.95. Use group name **Diocese of New York and New Jersey** when making your reservation.

The Agenda

The Assembly Agenda, reports, proposed budget and previous minutes will be made available.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

In Christ,

Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

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