

New York City Deanery
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Dean's Report

Your Grace, Father Chancellor, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Delegates and Observers to the Diocesan Assembly.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is my privilege as Dean to give the report of the New York City Deanery.

There are fifteen parishes in the New York City Deanery, including St. Nino Georgian Mission in Staten Island, NY, under the care of Archpriest Alexander Tandilashvili and the Belarusian Mission, Minsk Icon of Mother of God Chapel in Brooklyn, Sheepshead Bay, NY, under the care of Reverend Igor Yakunin and SS. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home on Staten Island, under the care of Reverend Fr. Aaron Archer Jr.

Monthly meetings were hosted by different parishes of the New York City Deanery. Unfortunately attendance at our meetings was not satisfactory. During these meetings we discussed our Deanery and Diocese issues; we discussed the problems in our churches in the USA and abroad. We debated different ways of encouraging parishioners in taking part in the *A Vision for our Future* program, created by His Grace Bishop Michael.

On Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 2, 2011 the New York City Deanery had a very nice dinner. During this informal dinner His Grace Bishop Michael met with priests and their families. It was a good occasion to spend time together. We were all grateful to His Grace Bishop Michael for this gathering.

Lenten Mission Vespers/Fellowship were held at the following parishes:

- Orthodoxy Sunday- March 13- St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral- Brooklyn, NY,
- St. Gregory Palamas – March 20- Holy Trinity Church- Brooklyn, NY,
- Cross Veneration - March 27- Holy Trinity- Easy Meadow, NY,
- St. John Climacus- April 3- St. Nicholas Church- Whitestone, NY,
- St. Mary of Egypt April 10- Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, NY, NY

Our Great Lent Clergy Confession took place on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, Brooklyn NY.

All parishes of our Deanery were visited by His Grace Bishop Michael. All visitations took place in a very warm and friendly atmosphere.

All of the parishes in the New York City Deanery have priests assigned, or attached, to them who are serving regularly.

All of the parishes in the New York City Deanery have churches and rectories in good condition.

St. Nino Mission holds services in their own building in Staten Island, NY.

Our Deanery priests received awards:

- Archimandrite - Fr. Ihumen Christopher Calin,
- Jewelry Cross - Fr. Daniel Degyansky,
- Jewelry Cross - Fr. Vladimir Alexeev,
- Nabedrenik & Skufia – Fr. Alexander Ioukλιαevskikh,
- Nabedrenik – Fr. Igor Yakunin

On June 11, 2011, the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, Brooklyn NY, hosted the Parish Council Workshop with Fr. Alexander Atty, Dean of St. Tikhon Seminary. The workshop was very successful. Participants were very happy to gain interesting information on how to better run parishes to make them more effective. Twenty-nine people from six parishes of the New York City Deanery took part in this workshop.

For June 18, 2011 the NYC Deanery has scheduled the next workshop in the East Meadow, NY parish for all the parishes who not participate before.

I am happy to report that the situation in all the NYC Deanery parishes is stable.

I personally thank the clergy of the New York City Deanery for their continued dedication and hard work in serving the Holy Orthodox Church.

On behalf of the clergy of the New York City Deanery, I ask for your prayers and support as we continue to do the work set out for us by our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Church.

Your Humble Servant,

Archpriest Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk
Dean of New York City