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Dear Reverend Father and Parish,

The Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio, is the site of the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, a one-day gathering on Tuesday, November 13, 2012—the Feast of Saint John Chrysostom—at which a new Primate of the Orthodox Church in America will be elected.

The Holy Synod of Bishops determined to convene the special Council to comply with statutory requirements as a special Council and to resume the work of the church as soon as possible through the Office of the Metropolitan.

The Holy Synod expresses their desire to convene a focused and solemn Council, keeping costs at a minimum for parishes, dioceses, and the OCA inasmuch as it constitutes an unbudgeted expense.

Registration for the Council will be on Monday, November 12, 2012. The Council will open on Tuesday with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, followed by brunch. An electoral plenary session will follow, after which the newly elected Primate will be installed prior to the closing session.

Several hotels near the church will be utilized and arrangements for transportation to and from the church will be provided. Reservation information will be available.

Parishes are asked to determine as soon as possible the delegate (s), who will represent the parish; documentation is forthcoming as to the forwarding of such information.

Additional information will be provided on the OCA website and from the Diocese.

In Christ,

Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

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