



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA  
DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 11, 2014

Your Grace, Bishop +MICHAEL, Very Reverend & Reverend Clergy, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Glory to Jesus Christ!

The financial situation of the Diocese continues to struggle to remain in balance. Declining parish assessments underwrite the operational and administrative costs of the Diocese with increasing difficulty. Contributions from the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors (DDB) fund all the department programs at the current levels. Expenses are managed and minimized or postponed when possible; volunteers continue to absorb much of their out-of-pocket costs rather than requesting reimbursements.

The 2014 Diocesan external outreach involved a distribution of \$28,403 to the Orthodox School of Bethany in Jerusalem. These funds were collected by parishes responding to a Diocesan-wide appeal beginning in December 2013 and running primarily through Pascha 2014.

We ask for your continued help to operate the Diocese smoothly by doing the following:

1. Please submit your expense reimbursement requests with expense receipts and documentation and approval by your program coordinator or department chair to the Treasurer's Office, PO Box 372, Wayne, NJ 07474-0372 or email to [MaryB@rllp.com](mailto:MaryB@rllp.com). Please do not hand it or email it to your priest or dean or bishop!
2. Please call or email me or Stephanie Burk [stephanieburk@me.com](mailto:stephanieburk@me.com) if you are not receiving your monthly assessment mailing or if you will be late in your remittance and how long the delay might continue. **The diocese needs a remittance from each parish each month.**
3. **Please be sure to submit a copy of your parish's annual financial statements to Vladyka with the minutes of your parish annual meeting each year.**

Thank you to Stephanie Burk, who keeps the financial and secretarial paperwork for the Diocese organized and timely.

If you have a specific question about the Diocesan financial statements, please email me your question and I will respond with as detailed an answer as possible. I pray that our parishes will begin to grow as a most important step to help strengthen our Diocese and to allow us to expand our programs and activities for our ministry in the vineyard of New York & New Jersey.

With love in Christ,

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