

### REPORT TO THE 2016 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

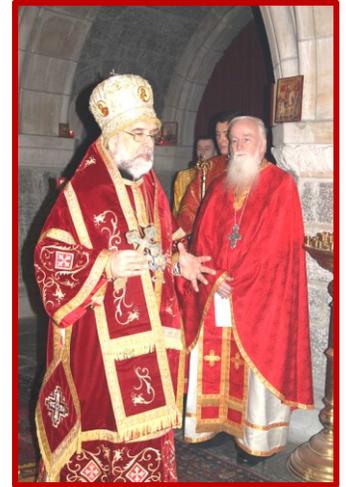
Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers NY

1 November 2016

Your Eminence, Reverend Fathers, esteemed Parish Delegates,  
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### *Christ is among us!*

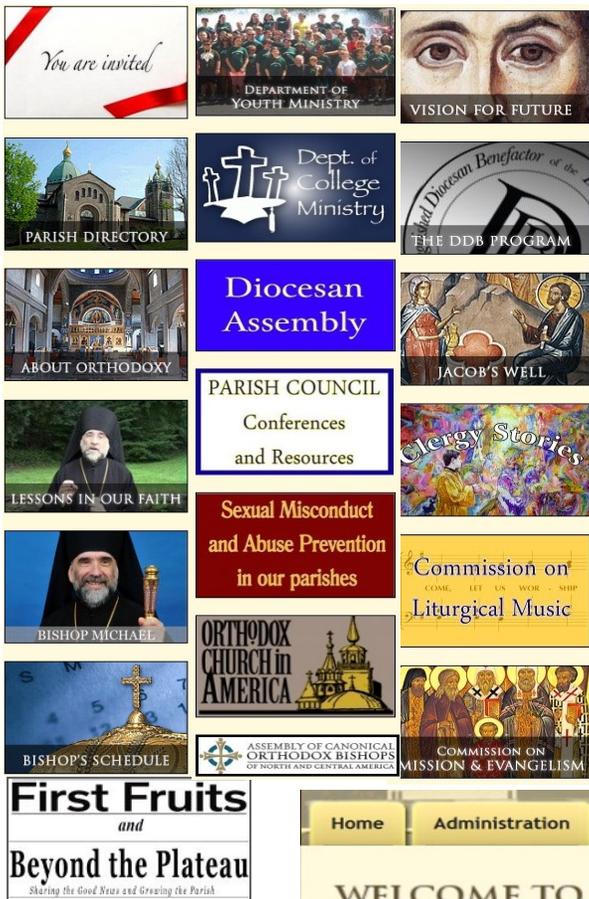
Let us join in prayers and supplications for the continued grace, strength, discernment, and well-being of our beloved Archbishop Michael. I cannot express, for I do not fully know, the magnitude of his labors and concerns on our behalf. While I have the privilege of reporting many diocesan activities on the website, there is so much more happening to the glory of God inspired and empowered by the endless, indefatigable work of our grace-filled Archpastor. I praise God with a thankful heart for his steadfast faith, humility, service, witness, endurance, courage, vision, guidance, and profound love. May our Lord grant peace, health, salvation, and furtherance in all good things to Archbishop Michael; a blessed shepherd of the holy Orthodox sheep-fold abiding in New York and New Jersey; a good and faithful servant of the one Good Shepherd. *“Eis polla eti Despota!”*



Please ... ensure I have the **active email addresses** for your **parish clergy, choir directors, and church school coordinator/director**. Consult with these key persons responsible for various ministries in your parish; if they are not currently receiving official communication from me by email, send me their email address and name so they may be included. I strive to maintain an up-to-date listing of email contacts for all priests, deacons, commission/department heads, choir directors, and church school coordinators throughout the diocese. This is critical to ensuring that all official communications are received by the intended audience. If you have been receiving these communications, you will hopefully agree that they are frequent, timely, and usually of importance to you. The only way this email list can be functionally operational is with your assistance. If any change occurs, let me know immediately. **Send your inputs to:**

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Our diocesan website has been dynamic thanks to numerous suggestions, continual submissions of news items, and activity in the various ministries in the diocese. Since our Assembly last year, 98 headline news items have been posted! I strive to make information easily accessible and useful in form and content. Items of sustained interest remain on the homepage and are represented in “permanent” icon-links.



Often there will be an icon-link in the top location featuring a special event or a special interest that is timely. Recently an icon-link to this Assembly has been published, and it provides the primary source for all Assembly forms, documents, and reports; this mode of dissemination results in large financial savings in mailing and processing fees!

I am pleased to report that our website is an ever-growing source of communicating the vitality and activity of our diocese, deaneries, and parishes. From November 2015 through September 2016 the site has been visited 114,352 times with approximately 20% representing new, first-time visitors. The outreach is world-wide; “hits” come from everywhere and the most active visitors come from the United States of America, France, Ukraine, Poland, Canada, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, Romania, Germany, South Korea, China, and Brazil.



At the top of the diocesan website, you will find several tabs. “**Administration**” provides a complete listing, with contact information, for Bishop Michael, the Chancellor, Treasurer, and all diocesan Commissions, Departments, and Institutions. “**Directories**” offers a link to Saint Andrew’s Camp and parish/clergy listings. “**Publications**” includes the Diocesan By-laws, Archpastoral letters to the diocese, issues of “*First Fruits*” and “*Beyond the Plateau*,” Sexual Misconduct Policy, and more.

Within a few days of our gathering, I hope to have the video “2016: The Year in Review” on the diocesan webpage.

**Thanks ...** to all those who have shared their “good works” and “good news” with the rest of us by submitting them for publication on the diocesan website. May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Your brother in our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Father Ken James Stavrevsky  
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Director