

**DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY  
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Report to the 2020 Diocesan Assembly

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Your Eminence, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Delegates and Observers,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I want to begin this report by expressing my profound gratitude to His Eminence, our Beloved Archbishop Michael, for his continued trust in letting me oversee the day to day operation of our diocesan website.

Our website continues to be the source of information about our diocese. We receive an average of 450 visitors each day.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the diocesan website served as an indispensable tool for His Eminence to stay close with the faithful of our diocese while being stranded in his residence Bronxville, especially in the initial stages of nation-wide lockdowns.

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 related lockdowns, thanks to Father Jason Vansuch, our website provides Reader's Services for those faithful who cannot attend their churches physically. These services are proofread and prepared for publication on the website by Father David Cowan. I am grateful to both of them for doing this work.

Starting in January of 2020, a new donation system (Tithe.ly) was implemented to allow visitors to our website to donate towards the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program online.

In February of this year, a [YouTube Channel](#) was launched. It features Archbishop Michael's homilies as he travels across the diocese, making Archpastoral Visitations. I want to extend my profound gratitude to Subdeacon Matthew Ortiz. Matthew, in addition to being Vladyka's driver and subdeacon, often fills in as a cameraman to provide video of His Eminence's sermons for the YouTube channel, which are featured on our website as well.

A special thanks to Father James Parsells for maintaining our [diocesan Facebook page](#) – the page currently has over 800 followers and serves as a venue to post diocesan news instantaneously.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the priests in our diocese for providing articles and writeups about their parishes during the course of this year.

Please continue to send us news and photos from your parishes. If you have any questions or suggestions, I can be reached at [frvlad@nynjoca.org](mailto:frvlad@nynjoca.org).

With Love in Christ,  
Fr. Volodymyr Zablotsky