

New York City Deanery
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Dean's Report

Your Eminence, 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. I am happy to report that the situation in our NYC Deanery is stable.

During past year, different parishes of the New York City Deanery hosted our Deanery meetings. At these meetings we discussed our Deanery and Diocese matters, as well as issues that affected our churches in the USA and abroad. We also debated different ways to encourage parishioners to take part in parish life.

On Sunday, January 12, 2020 the New York City Deanery had an excellent Christmas dinner at Cantina Cumbancha Mexican- American Restaurant, Brooklyn, NY. During this informal dinner His Eminence Archbishop Michael met with priests and their families. It was a great occasion to spend time together. We are all grateful to His Eminence Archbishop Michael for sponsoring this gathering and Matushka Elizabeth Krawczuk for organizing it.

On February 16, 2020 we had an excellent DDB dinner hosted by The St. Andrew parish at Dix Hill, NY. We are very grateful to Fr. John, Matushka Margaret and parishioners for organizing this joyful dinner

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

- Orthodoxy Sunday - March 8 – St. Nicholas, Antiochian Cathedral, Brooklyn NY
- St. Gregory Palamas - March 15 - St. Nicholas Church, Whitestone, NY,
- Further Lenten mission Vespers were cancelled due to pandemic

The Great Lent Clergy Confession was cancelled because of a pandemic.

Because of a pandemic His Eminence Archbishop Michael had only few visitations in our Deanery's parishes.

At the Step 1 of the pandemic, churches were closed and there was no services at: Mary Magdalene's Church in NYC, St. John Chrysostom in Woodside, NY, and The Mother of Kazan in Sea Cliff.

From November 2019, the Mary Magdalene's Church in NYC has no regular priest and delegated Diocesan priests serve.

From the beginning of pandemic in March 2020, Fr. Alexander Revyuk from The Holy Trinity parish, Brooklyn NY served all the services but wasn't receiving his salary for 3 months. This is the only parish in our deanery where parish council refused to support priest in this very difficult time.

All deanery activities were cancelled.

At the Step 2 of the pandemic our deanery parishes slowly returned to life and were allowed to have services with a limited number of faithful.

NYC Deanery had only one deanery meeting on Zoom on May 6, 2020.

Despite financial difficulties in our parishes for the past months, I am happy to report that overall, the situation in most of the NYC Deanery parishes is stable.

I personally thank the clergy of the New York City Deanery for their 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