

**Assembly of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey**  
Most Reverend MICHAEL – Archbishop of New York – Orthodox Church in America  
Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church – South River, New Jersey  
Thursday, November 2, 2023

**9:00 AM**                      **Celebration of the Divine Liturgy,  
by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL**

**Following the Liturgy: Lunch for Delegates, Observers and Guests, in SS. Peter and Paul Fellowship Hall**

**1:00 PM**                      **2023 Diocesan Assembly Called to Order**

**AGENDA**

Opening Prayer and “Eternal Memory...” for Departed Clergy

Appointments of Assembly Officers

Appointment of one Clergy and one Lay Vice Chair  
Appointment of Secretariat of one Clergy and two Lay  
Appointment of Credentials Monitor  
Appointment of Ballot Tabulators

Address of the Diocesan Hierarchy

Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Diocesan Assembly

Report of the Credentials Monitor

**Old Business**

Report of the Treasurer – Jan VanDuyn  
Report of the Diocesan Auditors – Archimandrite Joseph (Hoffman), Dn. David Maliniak, and Elizabeth Anghel  
Presentation and Approval of 2023 Financials

**Guest Presentation:**

**“We Have Seen The True Light: Reflections from New Converts in Our Diocese”**

**Reports of Diocesan Officers, Departments and Institutions**

Floor is open for questions regarding the following reports, which delegates are to read online in advance:

Report of the Chancellor – Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

Reports of the Deans

New Jersey – Archpriest Gary Breton  
New York City – Archpriest Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk  
New York State – Archpriest Alexey Karlgut

Reports from the Diocesan Missions and Mission Stations

Metropolitan Council Representatives – Archpriest David Garretson and Mitchell VanDuyn

Reports of the Diocesan Departments and Institutions

Office of Communications – Archpriest Volodymyr Zablotskyy

Commission on Liturgical Music – Archpriest Daniel Skvir, Matushka Doreen Bartholomew, Carol Wetmore

Commission on Mission and Evangelism – Archpriest Eric George Tosi

Department of Youth Ministry – Danielle Geeza

Department of Christian Education – Matushka Tamara Cowan

Spanish Language Outreach – Catechist Jose Ioannis Sanchez

Diocesan Publication, *Jacob's Well* – Presbyter Matthew Brown

Saint Andrew's Camp – Matushka Tamara Cowan and Daria York

Diocesan PSP Compliance Report – Presbyter Joel Brady

**New Business**

Adoption of the 2024 Budget – Diocesan Treasurer, Jan VanDuyn

Diocesan Charity Appeal for 2024

Resolution from Saints Peter and Paul Church, Bayonne, New Jersey

Other New Business

Appointments by the Archbishop

2024 Diocesan Assembly: Thursday-Friday, Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, New York City Deanery

Motion to Close

**After Adjournment: Dinner for Assembly Attendees, in the Fellowship Hall of SS. Peter and Paul Church**

**AGENDA OF WORKSHOPS  
FOR CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS**

**2023 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY (Day Two)  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH  
76 WHITEHEAD AVENUE, SOUTH RIVER, NEW JERSEY**

**CLERGY AND LAITY TOGETHER**

9:00 AM – Molieben, in the Church  
9:45 AM – Breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall

**FOR LAITY – in the Fellowship Hall**

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
“We Have Seen the True Light”, Continued:  
Panel Discussion, Questions and Answers  
with New Converts in Our Diocese

**FOR CLERGY – in the Church**

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
“Ethical, Medical, and Social Issues  
Facing our Clergy and Faithful Today”  
Deacon Sampson Nash, M.D.  
Director, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Humanities,  
and Associate Professor of Medicine, Ohio State University  
Adjunct Professor of Ethics, St. Tikhon’s Seminary

**CLERGY AND LAITY TOGETHER**

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch, in the Fellowship Hall

**FOR LAITY – in the Fellowship Hall**

1:30 – 3:00 PM  
“Money And Salvation”  
Mrs. Janet VanDuy, Treasurer  
Diocese of New York and New Jersey

**FOR CLERGY – in the Church**

1:30 – 3:00 PM  
“Ethical, Medical, and Social Issues”, Continued  
Discussion, Questions and Answers  
Deacon Sampson Nash, M.D.

**CLERGY AND LAITY TOGETHER**

3:00 – 3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 PM  
“Reaching Spanish Speakers With the  
Faith Once Delivered to the Saints”  
Father John Morris  
Ioannis Jose Sanchez, Lay Catechist  
Spanish Outreach Ministry of the  
Diocese of New York and New Jersey

3:30 – 5:00 PM  
“Ethical, Medical, and Social Issues”, Continued  
Discussion, Questions and Answers  
Deacon Sampson Nash

Clergy Dinner With Archbishop Michael  
At the Conclusion of the Assembly