

New York City Deanery
Diocese of New York and New Jersey
Orthodox Church in America

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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 14 parishes in the New York City Deanery. I am happy to report that the situation in our Deanery is stable.

After the pandemic, the parishes' life in the NYC Deanery slowly stabilized but didn't hold regular meetings. All current issues were discussed via phone or email.

With blessing of our Archbishop Michael, many parishes in our Deanery made collections to support the Alaska Fund.

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

- * **Sunday of Orthodoxy –March 5** – Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in South River NJ at 4pm, celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Michael.
- * St. Gregory Palamas — **March 12** – Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 59 E 2nd St, New York, 10003
- * Cross Veneration ——— **March 19** – St. Nino Georgian Mission (at Trinity Evang. Lutheran Church) 3775 18th Ave, Brooklyn NY. 11218
- * St. John Climacus ——— **March 26** – St. Nicholas Church, 14-65 Clintonville Str, Whitestone, NY, 11357
- * St. Mary of Egypt ——— **April 2** – Christ the Savior Church, 340 East 71 Str., New York, NY, 10021

His Eminence Archbishop Michael visited all the parishes in our Deanery.

On Sunday, July 30, 2023 St. John Chrysostom Church in Woodside, NY hosted the NYC Deanery Clergy Picnic. Thank you to Fr. Daniel and Matushka Kathy Degyansky for welcoming us. We had good weather and a great time together.

On Sunday, October 1, 2023 we had an excellent DDB dinner hosted by Holy Trinity parish in Yonkers, NY. We are very grateful to Fr. Vlad and Matushka Jeanne Zablotsky, and the parishioners for organizing this joyful event.

This year we had very interesting and informative Parish Council Conferences: St. John the Theologian Church in Shirley, NY hosted Long Island parishes on June 3, 2023 and the Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection hosted NYC parishes on June 10, 2023. We are very grateful to Fr. Jonathan and Presbytera Irene Ivanoff, Archimandrite Christopher Calin and Archdn. Michael Suvak for hosting these conferences. Key presenter, Mrs. Janet VanDuyn did an excellent job explaining all-important subjects concerning managing money, supporting parish expenses and other parish council topics. It was disappointing to learn that attendance at the Shirley Conference in the NYC Deanery was very poor.

Some priests from NYC Deanery attended Clergy Conference, Mental Health First Aid Training on August 31 – September 1, 2023 in Wappingers Falls, NY. It was a very interesting and knowledgeable experience.

The Christian Education Workshop – *Catechesis Learning the faith at all ages* on Saturday, October 21, 2023 in Whitestone, NY, gathered our Diocese Church School teachers, clergy, and Adult Ed Instructors. Thank you Fr. Nicholas Garklavs for hosting it.

I am happy to report that the situation in most NYC Deanery parishes is stable.

I would personally like to thank His Eminence Archbishop Michael for his prayers and spiritual advice, as well as the clergy of the NYC 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