

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR
TO THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
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The responsibilities of the Office of Diocesan Chancellor are to serve ex-officio on all departments, deaneries, and committees, maintain legal documents and to be confidant to His Eminence. The Chancellor serves by appointment of His Eminence.

I petitioned His Eminence to accept my retirement as Dean of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Jersey City, New Jersey effective January 31, 2024. With the approval of His Eminence, thirty-one years of service to the Cathedral and sixty-years as parish priest came to an end. However, I offered to continue to serve as Chancellor as needed.

I served as chairman to honor the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination as Priest of HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL, on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, Paramus followed by a commemorative luncheon at the Brownstone, Paterson, New Jersey. At the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, a silver Dikiri and Trikiri were presented to His Eminence by clergy and parishes of the Diocese.

Matushka and I moved to Orange, Connecticut. In our senior years it was necessary to be nearer to our daughters and sons-in-law.

I am officially attached to the Saint Athanasius Chapel at the Diocesan Center, Bronxville, New York. With the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and the parish rector, Very Reverend Steven Voytovich, I reside within the New England Diocese and serve at the Holy Transfiguration Parish, New Haven, CT.

I am especially grateful to Archpriest David Cowan, the Vice Chancellor, who has assisted me with various procedures and duties.

While I have turned down invitations to parish events since retirement due to travel and other limitations, I continue to serve His Eminence and diocesan clergy and faithful.

In Christ,

Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

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