

Report of the Diocesan Chancellor

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Your Eminence, Very Reverend Priests, Priests,
Deacons, Subdeacons and Laity,

The Holy Trinity Parish of East Meadow, NY
hosts the Annual Diocesan Assembly of
October 31 and November 1, 2024.

The following is provided to inform our
faithful, and especially those who have recently
entered the Church.

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey is
one of fifteen dioceses, which comprise the
Orthodox Church in America.

The Diocese is governed by His Eminence
Archbishop Michael with the assistance of a
Diocesan Assembly and the Diocesan Council.

A **Diocese** is the body which comprises all the
parishes and institutions of a determined
geographical area.

Deaneries are specified districts within the
Diocese which are established by the Diocesan
Bishop and the Diocesan Council.

The rule is found in First Corinthians 14:40,
where the apostle Paul tells us, “Let all things be
done decently and in order.”

On August 24, 2009, Archpriest Michael
(Dahulich) was selected as a nominee for
Bishop of the Diocese of New York and New
Jersey, by clergy and lay delegates at a Special
Diocesan Assembly. On September 22, the Holy
Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in
America affirmed the diocesan decision and
elected Archpriest Michael to the episcopacy for
the Diocese.

In addition to serving as the bishop, His Arch-
pastoral ministry includes witnessing to the
Faith at Orthodox institutions and secular
colleges.

In May 2024, His fourteen years as bishop was
acknowledged. By the grace of God, He had
presided over hundreds of ordinations, adult
and youth activities, visitation of parishes, choir
conferences, the Presbyters Council, financial
planning with Parish Councils, financial

enrichment for parishes, seminarians, missions, and youth events as well as encouraging prayers for the ill and dying and visiting them.

Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors (DDB)

The DDB has strengthened the Diocese supporting missions and struggling parishes, funding youth events, and education of seminarians, while not using the general account for expenses. This program was created by His Eminence. Thanks to all who have financially supported the DDB.

About the Chancellor. The Diocesan By-Law was adopted on November 1, 2017, affirming that the Chancellor is appointed by and serves at the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop. The chancellor's responsibilities and duties are determined by the Diocesan Bishop, and he serves as ex-officio voting member of the Diocesan Council and all its committees and is a confidant to His Eminence.

As a reminder, visit the Diocesan Website with its rich and colorful history of diocesan and parish life.

In Christ,

Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

Diocesan Chancellor