

Philadelphia Deanery Report to the 2022 Diocesan Assembly

Archpriest Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean

Philadelphia Deanery of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania is comprised of nine parishes. All parishes at this time have a full-time clergy and a full cycle of Liturgical services.

Since the last Diocesan Assembly two of our parishes received assignments of new clergy. Fr. Silouan Burns was appointed a rector of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Wilmington, DE in September of 2021. Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge assumed his responsibilities as rector of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem in January of 2022. We welcome Fr. Silouan, Fr. Nikolai, and their families to our Deanery and are looking forward to their contribution to the lives of the parishes of our Deanery and to the work of the Diocese.

On Holy Wednesday our Deanery had a service of Holy Unction at St. Stephen's Cathedral where Deanery clergy were joined by our Diocesan Hierarch, Archbishop Mark. Our Deanery clergy also joined the faithful of St. Stephen's Cathedral at the celebration of St. Stephen's Day on Dec. 27.

On September 19 the clergy of the Deanery and their families gathered on the grounds of St. Stephen's for the Annual Deanery Picnic. This was a wonderful time of fellowship, especially appreciated after over a year of not being able to be together because of the pandemic.

In cooperation with Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood a number of our Deanery parishes have scheduled services of Lenten Mission Vespers on upcoming Sundays of Lent. We are looking forward to the gradual resumption of normal life in the parishes of our Deanery.

Parishes of the Philadelphia Deanery:

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, (Bethlehem, PA), Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge.

St. Mark's Orthodox Church, (Wrightstown, PA), Fr. Martin Browne.

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, (Philadelphia, PA), Fr. Mark Koczak.

St. Stephen Orthodox Cathedral, (Philadelphia, PA), Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk.

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, (Coatesville, PA), Fr. Stephen Miller.

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, (Wilmington, DE), Fr. Silouan Burns.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, (Pottstown, PA), Fr. John Edward.

St. Herman of Alaska, (Gradyville, PA), Fr. John Perich.

Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring, (Philadelphia, PA), Fr. Nikolai Gulin.