

## **Philadelphia Deanery Report to the 2023 Diocesan Assembly**

### **Archpriest Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean**

Philadelphia Deanery of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania is comprised of nine parishes. All parishes are served by full-time clergy and have full cycle of Liturgical services.

As has been a tradition for many years, on Holy Wednesday our Deanery had a service of Holy Unction at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Some of the Deanery clergy also joined the faithful of St. Stephen's Cathedral at the celebration of St. Stephen's Day on Dec. 27.

On June 19 the clergy and their families gathered for a Deanery Picnic. This was a special time when we said goodbye to Deacon Nathan Clausson and his family. Dn. Nathan enrolled to study at St. Tikhon's Seminary with intention of being ordained a priest and serve in the northern part of our Diocese and we thank him and his family for their contribution to the life of the Deanery.

On Sept 25 we had another opportunity to get together for Deanery Picnic after the summer time and enjoy fellowship with our families.

Parishioners from communities of our Deanery participated in the Golf Tournament. This event raised \$6000 which was directed through IOCC to the Ukrainian orphanage.

In cooperation with Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood a number of our Deanery parishes held Lenten Mission Vespers during Great 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 Kozak.

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 Mission, (Philadelphia, PA), Fr. Nikolai Gulin.