

**Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania  
Orthodox Church in America**

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**SEPTEMBER 1980**

**ARCHPASTORAL ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND  
KIPRIAN**

**ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Reverend Fathers and Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!**

I greet and welcome all of you who have gathered at the Gus Genetti Motor Lodge in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the occasion of the Seventeenth Diocesan Assembly.

The following events have taken place in our Diocese since the last Diocesan Assembly held at the Gus Genetti Motor Lodge in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday, September 14th and 15th, 1979:

1979

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| September 1       | Priest John Adamcio was transferred from the Diocese of Western Pennsylvania and assigned to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Old Forge, Pennsylvania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| September 1       | Archpriest John Kuchta was released as the Rector of St. Michael the Archangel in Old Forge, Pennsylvania and assigned as the Rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| September 1       | Archpriest James Doyle was released as the Administrator of the Church of St. Nicholas in Coatesville, Pennsylvania and transferred to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| September 1       | Priest John Kozak was assigned as the Administrator of the Church of St. Nicholas in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| September 9       | Opening of the Academic School Year at St. Tikhon's Seminary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| September 14 - 15 | The 16th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania was conducted at the Gus Genetti Motor Lodge in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 16      | The 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. Basil in Simpson, Pennsylvania. Bishop Herman and I presided over all the services. A grand banquet was held in the church hall that afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| September 23      | The 5th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia was celebrated. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated.<br>The blessing of the new Icon paintings in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania with the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of the church. Bishop Herman presided at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a banquet in the afternoon. |



September 30	The ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Church/Rectory complex of the Church of the Holy Cross in Williamsport. Bishop Herman presided.
October 1	Priest Claude Vinyard was released as the Rector of the Church of St. Michael in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania and the Administrator of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Centralia, Pennsylvania and transferred to the Diocese of New England. Priest Andrew Goidich was released as the Rector of the Church of St. Mary's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.
October 1 - 3	Orthodox delegation of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania were the guests of John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia for the visitation of Pope John Paul II.
October 20 - 21	The dedication of the new Church edifice of St. Nicholas in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania took place. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius presided with His Grace, Bishop Herman and myself.
October 28	A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served for the blessing and re-dedication of the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Alden Station, Pennsylvania.
November 4	The 50th Golden Anniversary of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs in the Anthracite District took place. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served with His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius presiding with Bishop Herman and myself.
November 11	A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served by Bishop Herman at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.
November 25	A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served by me at the Church of Christ the Saviour in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
December 9	Bishop Herman served a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Coal Dale, Pennsylvania and presided at a special parish meeting.
1980	
January 11 - 12	I participated in the consecration of Bishop Basil of Washington, D.C.
February 24	Deacon John Kondratich was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Mayfield, Pennsylvania.
February 24	Along with the Clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, I conducted the beautiful Triumph of Orthodoxy Service in the Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
February - March - April	Bishop Herman and I served the Divine Liturgy and Lenten Mission Service at various parishes in our Diocese throughout the entire Great Lenten Season.
March 23	I served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Holy Ascension in Frackville and elevated the Priest Paul Ropitsky to Very Reverend Archpriest.
April 6	Bishop Herman presented the Jeweled Cross to the Archpriest Vladimir Petorak at the Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
May 10	I served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. John the Baptist in Nanticoke and elevated the Priest Robert Kondratich to Very Reverend Archpriest.
May 24 - 25 - 26	The Annual Pilgrimage of St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania took place. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius presided with many Hierarchs from other Orthodox Churches in America. This year, by far, was the largest pilgrimage ever held.
May 25	Priest John Kowalczyk was transferred from the Church of St. Mark's in Doylestown, Pennsylvania to the Church of St. Mary's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
June 8	Bishop Herman served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Vespers Service at the Church of the Holy Cross in Williamsport and blessed the new Chapel/Rectory complex.



- June 15** Priest Michael Michlik was released as the Rector of St. Mary's in Coaldale, Pennsylvania upon his request to return to his native country with his family.
- June 29** Bishop Herman served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Coaldale and presided at a special parish meeting after services.
- July 13** Bishop Herman served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Uniondale, Pennsylvania.
- July 19 - 20** Bishop Herman served in the Church of St. Michael in Wilmington, Delaware for the smaller blessing of the newly constructed Church.
- July 27** Bishop Herman served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. Herman in Shillington, Pennsylvania and presided at a special parish meeting after services.
- August 7 - 8 - 9** A Choir Directors' Conference was held at St. Tikhon's Seminary sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Music.
- August 15** Priest Stavros Rousos is on a temporary leave of absence from the Church of St. Herman in Shillington, Pennsylvania.  
 Priest Michael Lepa is released as the Administrator of the Church of St. Michael, Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania and the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Centralia, Pennsylvania and assigned as the Administrator of the Church of St. Herman in Shillington, Pennsylvania.  
 Priest Samuel Garula is received from the Diocese of West and assigned as the Rector of the Church of St. Michael, Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania and the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Centralia, Pennsylvania.  
 Archpriest Vladimir Borichevsky is assigned as the Administrator of the Church of St. Mark in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.
- August 24** The Feast of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk was celebrated at the Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania with many area clergy and faithful participating in the Divine Liturgy and Akafist/Moleben.

#### Churches of the Diocese without permanent Rectors:

Frackville Deanery	St. Mary's in Coaldale, Pennsylvania
	St. Herman's in Shillington, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Deanery	St. Mark's in Doylestown, Pennsylvania

#### AWARDS - 1980

Nebedrenik	Priest Paul Mayernick, St. Clair, Pennsylvania
	Priest Stavros Rousos, Shillington, Pennsylvania
Skufia	Priest Michael Sekela, Baltimore, Maryland
	Priest Dionysius Swencki, Jermyn, Pennsylvania
Komilavka	Priest Paul Borick, St. Clair, Pennsylvania
	Priest Joseph Gallick, Alden Station, Pennsylvania
Archpriest	Priest Robert Kondratich, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania
	Priest Paul Ropitsky, Frackville, Pennsylvania
Jeweled Cross	Archpriest Vladimir Petorak, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Respectfully submitted,

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 † KIPRIAN, Archbishop of Philadelphia  
 and Eastern Pennsylvania

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## Report of the Secretary of the Diocesan Council

The following report outlines the highlights of the Diocesan Council Meetings held since the last Diocesan Assembly held at the Gus Genetti Motor Lodge in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on September 14 and 15, 1979:

### The 66th Diocesan Council Meeting — October 10, 1979 — Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

1. It was decided after a lengthy report presented by Priest Robert Kondratick that the Diocese would engage the Continental Data Processing Firm of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. for the computerization of all parishioners of the parishes of Eastern Pennsylvania.
2. His Grace, Bishop Herman announced that Archpriest George Pawlush and he would meet directly with Attorney Nicholas Barna to begin the discussions as to the proper ownership of the Children's Home Complex with the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society.
3. All Deans were to discuss fund raising projects with their respective clergy for the benefit of the Diocesan structure.
4. It was decided that a \$3000.00 interest free loan be granted to the Mission Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Williamsport, Pennsylvania from the Mission Account of the Diocese.
5. His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian announced that all department chairmen and officers are appointed for a one year term and are confirmed after each Diocesan Assembly. The following appointments were made:

Department of Missions	His Grace, Bishop Herman Priest John Sorochna Mr. John Boyko
Department of Stewardship	Chairman to be named
Department of Public Relations	Priest Daniel Kovalak
Department of Religious Education	Priest Dionysius Swencki
Department of Music	Archpriest Daniel Ressetar
Department of Insurance	Mr. Russell Dugan
Diocesan Secretary	Priest Robert Kondratick
Diocesan Treasurer	Priest Paul Ropitsky
Metropolitan Council	Archpriest Joseph Martin Priest Theodore Heckman ( <i>Alternate</i> ) Mr. Donald Motel Dr. Alexander Pianovich ( <i>Alternate</i> )

6. It was resolved that the next Diocesan Assembly would take place on Friday and Saturday, September 5th and 6th, 1980 at the Gus Genetti Motor Lodge in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.



### **The 67th Diocesan Council Meeting — December 13, 1979 — Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**

1. His Grace, Bishop Herman stated that the Diocesan Assembly minutes had been corrected and the Diocesan Council Secretary mailed copies to all parishes of the Diocese.
2. Priest Robert Kondratick reported as to the general response given by the clergy and parishes councils to the census report. All clergy would receive a direct correspondence from the Archbishop as to the final date that all information should be received by the Diocesan Chancery.
3. Priest Dionysius Swencki reported on the various workshops, lectures and retreats that would be held by the Department of Religious Education in the Diocese. Father Swencki stated that a questionnaire would be mailed to all parish priests concerning the status of all Church School programs in the Diocesan Churches.
4. Priest Daniel Kovalak presented a written report as to the goals and aspirations of the Department of Public Relations. The report was accepted and made a part of the Diocesan Minutes.
5. His Grace, Bishop Herman announced that a chairman for the Department of Stewardship could not be found at the present time and that consideration would be given to this matter in the near future.
6. Archpriest Joseph Martin and Mr. Donald Motel representatives to the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America, reported on the activities of this council. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Budget for 1980 of the National Church. It was announced that there would be a deficit in this budget.
7. His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian gave an updated report of the status of the Pension for the Orthodox Church in America. There were many questions asked concerning the future of the program and its stability. His Eminence stated that he would keep the Diocesan Council informed of the decisions made by the Pension Board.
8. It was announced that a letter was received from Mr. Richard Reidy, Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America concerning delinquent parish assessments for the year 1979 from parishes within our Diocese. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided the Diocesan Treasurer, Priest Paul Ropitsky, would send a statement to each parish of the Diocese concerning their accounts.
9. It was announced that a choir directors' conference would be held during the month of August in 1980. Priest Theodore Heckman would be in charge.

### **The 68th Diocesan Council Meeting — March 18, 1980 — Nanticoke, Pa.**

1. Priest Robert Kondratick reported that as of this date there were only four parishes which did not respond to the Diocesan Census report: Coatesville, Dundaff, Pennsylvania (St. Mary's) and Shenandoah. A total accounting of all parishes will be prepared for the next Diocesan Council Meeting.
2. It was announced that there would be a meeting of the National Department of Stewardship and that Mr. Donald Motel would attend to represent our Diocese.
3. His Grace, Bishop Herman stated that he and Archpriest George Pawlush are still trying to arrange a meeting with the representatives of the ROCMAS to discuss the ownership of the Children's Home building which now houses the Diocesan Auxiliary Bishop and Chancery. The council decided that no improvements could be made to the building until final ownership is resolved. A complete report will be given to the Diocesan Assembly on this matter.
4. A discussion took place concerning a resolution that should be sent to the Pre-Sobor Commission concerning the adoption of the REVISED JULIAN CALENDAR as the norm for the Orthodox Church in America. His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian stated that this matter should be tabled.
5. It was resolved that the payments to the Diocese by each local church for the National and Diocesan assessments should be made quarterly. The Diocesan Treasurer, Priest Paul Ropitsky, was instructed to begin sending out quarterly statements to each parish.



**The 69th Diocesan Council Meeting — June 12, 1980 — South Canaan, Pa.**

1. It was noted that all parishes have responded to the Diocesan Census. Some changes are being made by the pastors and a complete report was distributed to all those present.
2. Oral reports were presented by all departments of the Diocese to the Diocesan Council concerning their activities and plans for the future programs in the Diocese.
3. His Grace, Bishop Herman gave an extensive report concerning the progress of both Stroudsburg and Williamsport parishes. It was decided that we would continue to fund the Church of the Holy Cross in Williamsport the sum of \$200.00 per month for the forthcoming year to help defray their financial burdens.
4. Archpriest Joseph Martin gave a report concerning the Metropolitan Council Meeting held on April 22nd in New York City. The report centered on the financial problems besetting the National Church and the reading of the agenda of the forthcoming All American Council.
5. His Grace, Bishop Herman reported that a meeting was held with the representatives of the ROCMAS and that there are no legal complications to be considered with the acquisition of the Children's Home as the Diocesan Center.
6. It was resolved that a special session would be held the evening before the assembly with representatives from each parish council to be in attendance. Mr. Richard Reidy of the National Church would lead the discussions concerning finances.
7. All reports of the Departments are to be in by July 20, 1980 to the Diocesan Secretary for duplication.
8. A motion was made to present the resolution at the Diocesan Assembly concerning adoption of the Revised Julian Calendar and the All American Church Council.
9. His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian appointed the following to a Diocesan Liturgical Commission:

His Grace, Bishop Herman  
Archpriest Joseph Martin  
Priest Theodore Heckman

**The 70th Diocesan Council Meeting — August 19, 1980 — South Canaan, Pa.**

1. The Agenda of the forthcoming Diocesan Assembly was read and confirmed by the Diocesan Council.
2. The Budget for the forthcoming year of 1981 was confirmed for presentation to the Diocesan Assembly.
3. His Grace, Bishop Herman announced that the Diocesan Newsletter and the publication of Church and Home would be combined.
4. It was resolved that due to the fact that the National Department of Missions would not be funding completely the \$200.00 per month to the Diocesan Mission of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Williamsport that the Diocese would fund the amount of \$125.00 difference in the allotment for the forthcoming year only.
5. His Eminence Archbishop Kiprian stated that a new lay delegate at large would be appointed at the first Diocesan Council Meeting after the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,



Archpriest Robert S. Kondratik  
Diocesan Secretary



REPORT OF THE FRACKVILLE DEANERY TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY OF PHILADELPHIA AND  
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - 1980 - WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The deanery consists of 12 parishes serviced by 7 full time priests and two part time. At this time the parishes of St. Herman's of Shillington and St. Mary's of Coal Dale are vacant.

Effective August 15, 1980 the parish in Mt. Carmel, St. Michaels received a new pastor in the name of Rev. Samuel Garula. Welcome aboard.

The clergy met three times during the past year on a deanery level.

The majority of the parishes had a lenten mission service this past year and the clergy participated in the annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Service in Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre.

The annual Frackville Deanery Family Day picnic we held in Angela Park on July 15. There over 125 people in attendance.

OFFICERS:

Dean - V. Rev. Joseph Martin, McA,oo  
Treasurer - Rev. Michael Hatrak, Minersville



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Diocese of Philadelphia & Eastern Penna.

## Diocesan Assembly Report September 5 & 6, 1980

### GENERAL

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery includes 17 parishes in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Three Deanery meetings were held since the last report.

### LENTEN MISSIONS

The Deanery coordinates Mission Vespers during Great Lent. This year all of the priests of the Deanery participated in five Vesper services instead of dividing in two groups each Sunday, as in years past. Sunday of Orthodoxy was celebrated at Holy Resurrection Cathedral. Churches not visited in 1979 were visited in 1980.

### PUBLICATIONS

A supply of the pamphlet "The Blessing of Motherhood", prepared for mothers-to-be, is still available at 10¢ per copy. A three-fold pamphlet entitled "To Help You To Pray", published last year, is still being distributed free-of-charge to the sick in the hospitals and homes by the clergy of the Deanery. Six other three-fold pamphlets, produced under the supervision of Father Daniel Kovalak, were distributed free-of-charge to the faithful of the Deanery.

### VISUAL AID LIBRARY

The Deanery now has a Visual Aid and Religious Tape Library to be used by Deanery priests or Church School supervisors. More than \$500.00 was expended for same this past year. Distribution of slides and tapes is under the direction of Father David Lisko.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are still available for third semester Deanery seminarians. There were no applicants in 1979-1980.

### RADIO GRANT

The Deanery gave a donation of \$500.00 to Father Vladimir Borichevsky to help defray the cost of his weekly radio program "The Hour of Orthodoxy". The program is broadcast over a local radio station. Tapes are available to other areas.

### ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The Deanery sponsored one issue of the Saint Tikhon's Alumni Association Newsletter.

### PROJECTS

The Deanery is planning a cultural program sometimes in the future, to gain funds for the treasury.

### DEANERY OFFICERS:

Father George Pawlush, Dean  
Father Andrew Shuga, Vice Dean  
Father Vladimir Fetcho, Treasurer  
Father Michael Evans, Secretary

Respectfully submitted  
Father George Pawlush



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**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DIOCESE — 1981**

**EXPENSES:**

**Salaries**

Archbishop Kiprian	\$3,600.00	
Bishop Herman	3,600.00	
Diocesan Secretary	1,200.00	
Private Secretary	1,200.00	
Diocesan Treasurer	1,200.00	
Pension Archbishop	600.00	
Pension Bishop	600.00	
B/C - B/S - Archbishop	300.00	
B/C - B/S - Bishop	500.00	
Social Security	<u>500.00</u>	<b>\$13,300.00</b>

**Diocesan Center:**

Oil	\$5,500.00	
PP&L	1,200.00	
Telephone	250.00	
Gas	175.00	
Insurance	605.00	
Upkeep of Center	<u>800.00</u>	<b>\$ 8,530.00</b>

**Traveling Expenses:**

Metropolitan Council	\$1,000.00	
Diocesan Council (5)	<u>850.00</u>	<b>\$ 1,850.00</b>

**Diocesan Departments:**

Religious Education	\$1,000.00	
Newsletter	1,500.00	
Diocesan Choir	250.00	
Department of Stewardship	400.00	
Department of Public Relations	<u>400.00</u>	<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>

**Miscellaneous:**

<u>\$ 550.00</u>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
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**Rental:**

Donation to Seminary for the Archbishop Residence	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
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**Missionary:**

Department of Missions	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<b>\$ 3,600.00</b>
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**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$33,380.00**

**PROPOSED INCOME:**

Assessment for parishes (7,445 adults at \$4.00)	\$29,780.00
Missionary Drive	<u>3,600.00</u>

**TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME**

**\$33,380.00**