

The 19th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania of the Orthodox Church in America was convened on Saturday, October 23, 1982 in South Canaan, Pennsylvania at St. Tikhon's Seminary/Monastery Complex.

THE MORNING SESSION

His Grace, The Right Reverend H E R M A N, Bishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania served the Divine Liturgy and Moleben (prayer service).

The Assembly gathered after the Divine Liturgy at the Seminary Auditorium, "O Heavenly King" was sung, and His Grace, Bishop Herman declared "this assembly to be in session." (time: approx. 10:40 A.M.)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Morning registration:

Hierarchs.....	1
Clergy.....	34
Lay Delegates.....	30
Diocesan Council members.....	3
Observers.....	15
Late arrivals.....	3

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS ELECTED:

Clergy Vice-Chairman.....	Very Rev. Vladimir Borischevsky
Lay Vice-Chairman.....	Mr. Donald Motel

Clergy Secretary.....	Rev. Joseph Woodill
Lay Secretary.....	Mr. Kenneth Bernstein

Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky presiding over assembly.

1981 Diocesan Assembly Minutes:

The minutes of the Diocesan Assembly were presented by the Diocesan Secretary, Fr. Robert Kondratich. The minutes were accepted unanimously with no alterations upon a motion by Mr. Steve Kundrat, seconded by Fr. John Kowalczyk.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP:

1. Bishop Herman noted that a written report can be expected before these minutes are sent to our parishes.
2. Bishop Herman welcomed to the diocese Fathers Claude Vinyard and Jacob Kulp.
3. A legal defense fund has been established by the "National Church" to help those parishes (present or future) that might become involved in litigation.
4. Bishop Herman will take part in the consecration (ordination) of Fr. Job Osacky. Fr. Osacky will become the Bishop of Hartford and New England on January 29, 1983.

5. In order to dispel false rumors, His Grace, Bishop Herman read a "statement of ownership" concerning the new, completed Diocesan Center. The Diocese (and not Bishop Herman) owns the structure.

6. A brief summary of the "calendar problem" was presented by our Bishop. He informed us that one parish would return to Bishop John Martin of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church. (St. Michael's in St. Clair) Concerning St. John's in Mayfield and St. Basil's in Simpson: Father John D. Sorochnka of Mayfield has been suspended. St. Basil's Church, Fr. Michael Evans still occupies the rectory. As of this date, there has been no final decision by the courts.

At this juncture, Fr. Claude Vinyard moved that all of us reaffirm our love and confidence for Bishop Herman by singing "MANY YEARS!"

The report was unanimously accepted.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY:

Fr. Robert Kondratick submitted a written report to the Assembly; there were no questions. The report is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER:

Fr. Robert Kondratick submitted a full detailed financial accounting of the Diocese. (as attached to these minutes) Mr. Steve Kundrat motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Fr. Dionysius Swencki. Accepted unanimously.

DIOCESAN AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Joseph Gallick presented the "Auditor's Report" (see attached copy). Fr. Claude Vinyard motioned to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Fr. John Adamcio. Accepted unanimously.

N.B., Stanley J. Stoy, CPA also examined the financial statements of this Diocese.

DIOCESAN DEANERY REPORTS:

1. Fr. Joseph Martin, Dean of the Frackville Deanery presented the report. (attached to minutes)

2. Fr. Daniel Geeza presented the Philadelphia Deanery report. In response to a question by Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. Geeza outlined the status of Fr. Joseph Toroney. (attached to minutes)

3. Fr. George Pawlush presented the Wilkes-Barre Deanery report. (attached to minutes)

note: Fr. Daniel Geeza is the Dean of the Philadelphia Deanery and Fr. George Pawlush is the Dean of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery.

DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Religious Education: Fr. Dennis Swencki presented a written report. (attached to minutes)

2. Missions: Fr. Daniel Kovalak reported on funds and their distribution during the past year. After answering a question from Mr. Kundrat and explaining that the Diocesan Mission Collection stays in the Diocese, Fr. Kovalak explained the formula used for mission fund distribution.

Reports were also presented by the rectors of the Williamsport (Elevation of the Holy Cross, Fr. Kovalak) and Stroudsburg (Holy Trinity, Fr. Donlick) Missions. Fr. Donlick reported that a permanent structure has been purchased by Holy Trinity. Fr. Donlick closed by praising his flock, a pan-orthodox community of many nationalities, for their devotion to the church.

3. Insurance: Mr. Russell Dugan reported that we now have 189 subscribers. He regretted that as of December 1, 1982, rates will be going up. Costs have increased and our claims to the insurance carrier have been higher than premiums paid. Mr. Dugan stressed the need to pay all premiums on time. Failure to remit premiums as scheduled might result in cancellation. Fr. Kondratich noted that Mr. Dugan performs these services with no salary.

4. Public Relations: A written report was submitted by Fr. Daniel Kovalak. A discussion occurred concerning the TV program "TAXI" and its depiction of Orthodoxy.

5. Lay Ministry: Mr. Kenneth J. Bernstein gave a printed summary of actions of the Department of Stewardship and Layministry during the past year. Mr. Bernstein submitted his resignation; he is relocating to Arlington, Virginia. Bishop Herman acknowledged all of Mr. Bernstein's contributions to the Diocese.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT:

Mr. Donald Motel produced a four page report that is included in these minutes.

ALL AMERICAN CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Lay Co-Chairman, Mr. Alan Pcsolyar reported regular progress in preparation for the All American Council to be held in Philadelphia in 1983.

The Ad Book will be the primary fund raiser; letters will soon go out to begin the process of financing. Fr. John Kowalczyk asked that parishes respond as soon as possible.

ARCHPRIEST SERGEI GLAGOLEV TO SPEAK ON STEWARDSHIP:

Fr. Sergei Glagolev conveyed the support and encouragement of the National Church Administration to the Diocese and to Bishop Herman.

He asked the faithful of the diocese to continue to be "stewards of unity." "We must maintain the unity of the Church for the sake of those who would believe."

Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky commended all present for their sobriety in this important work.

Bishop Herman pointed out, in ending the morning session, that the Diocese did not lose two parishes, but that we are trying to save the properties for the believers in Mayfield and in Simpson.

Assembly recessed for lunch. (time, 12:52 p.m.)

THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY, COMMENCING AT 2:09 p.m.

Fr. Joseph Gallick submitted a revised credentials count:

Hierarchs.....	1
Clergy.....	35
Lay Delegates.....	33
Diocesan Council members	4
Observers.....	17

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CENTER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Russell Dugan made an oral report for the committee. He noted that the approx. costs should total \$228,000 (3 mortgages, payments currently at \$2300/month).

In response to a question by Mr. Kundrat, Fr. Kondratick explained that the "Diocesan Center" includes the Bishop's Residence, the "old" Orphanage and 22 acres of land. He further explained that, at present, nothing but the residence is planned.

Motion to accept was made by Fr. Dennis Swencki; seconded by Fr. Joseph Gallick. (note: 1 vote opposed)

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Fr. Kondratick spoke on behalf of the committee (Mr. George Pawlusch is leaving the area; Mr. Paul Gozick could not be present).

1. The Diocese has been divided into three geographical areas for the purpose of development. As of this date, Wilkes-Barre Deanery has produced \$26,000 in pledges and contributions.

2. The "development campaign" will be an annual function in the diocese.

3. The Frackville Deanery will be involved next.

4. The Philadelphia Deanery will hold an organizational meeting in November.

5. A "Phone-a-thon" campaign will be employed in 1983.

Note: At this juncture Mr. Mervis wished to place a motion into consideration; it was deferred by the Lay Chairman to item 20, "other matters."

Fr. Kovalak wanted to entertain a motion commending the committee; it too was deferred.

Fr. Michael Evans moved to accept the report. Motion seconded by Fr. David Lisko. Accepted unanimously.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983:

Fr. Kondratick, Diocesan Treasurer, presented a budget at the same level as that of 1982. He made note of possible decreases in revenue from the parishes in Mayfield, Simpson and St. Clair (i.e., St. Michael).

Mr. Donald Motel made clear that a "Special Diocesan Assembly" could be called, if the 1983 budget should prove to be insufficient.

Fr. John Kuchta moved that the budget as proposed at \$48,000 be accepted; seconded by Mr. Mervis. Motion passed with three "NAY", one abstention.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 year term):

Fr. James Jadick, Chairman of the nominating committee, put forth the following:

Frackville Deanery...	Fr. Daniel Ressetar...	Mrs. Marie McCarty
Philadelphia Deanery...	Fr. John Kowalczyk...	Mr. Orest Fedoronko
Wilkes-Barre Deanery...	Fr. Vladimir Petorak...	Mr. David Brzuchalski
At-large	Fr. Daniel Donlick....	Mr. Donald Motel
Auditors	Fr. Joseph Gallick....	Mr. Richard Cesare
		Mr. Russell Lahutsky

Fr. David Lisko moved that the secretary record a unanimous ballot as presented to the Assembly; Fr. Claude-Vinyard gave the second; the motion was carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Fr. Kovalak moved that the Assembly offer appreciation for work well done to Messrs. Paul Gozick and George Pawlush, Diocesan Development Campaign. Motion seconded by Fr. John Adamcio. Motion carried.

2. Fr. Daniel Geeza presented a resolution on behalf of the Philadelphia Deanery that expressed their prayerful support for His Grace, Bishop Herman during this his time of trial. The text made clear the awareness of the Priests and People of the Philadelphia Deanery that "where the Bishop is, there is the church."

The motion, as given by Fr. Geeza, was seconded by Fr. Kowalczyk Motion carried.

The Philadelphia Deanery gave a check for \$300.00 to the Diocese in honor of Bishop Herman, as a graphic sign of their concern.

3. On behalf of the parish council at St. Mark's Church, Buckingham, Mr. Samuel Mervis moved that it

Be resolved: that a study committee, equally representing all three Deaneries, be commissioned to examine all diocese activities and resources for the purpose of creating a long term development program for the diocese, and that no further monies be allocated for diocese property at St. Tikhon's Monastery/Seminary until the study is complete, and recommendations are acted upon by a future diocesan assembly.

The motion died for lack of a second.

4. At the request of Mr. Yaroslav Russin (with the verbal assent of the Assembly), Fr. Kovalak will produce a letter of objection to the network producers of the program "TAXI". Recently this program produced an episode that presented Orthodoxy in an objectionable manner.

5. The chair noted the presence of Mr. Stanley Stoy, the Certified Public Accountant for the Diocese.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:

The motion to adjourn was made by Fr. Dennis Swencki. Motion seconded by Fr. George Pawlush. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Donald Motel, lay assembly vice-chairman, thanked those assembled for cooperation.

7. Fr. Borichevsky acknowledged guests: Fr. Alexander Fedoronko, former rector of St. Stephen Cathedral; and chaplain Theodore Boback, former priest of the diocese.

8. Closing remarks were made by Bishop Herman. He described this as "one of the best assemblies witnessed . . ." He stated that all areas of our Diocese are participating in the planning and development campaigns. No decision is, or has been made without many years of study.

His Grace revealed that these difficult times have led to an outpouring of letters, etc., in support of unity. Support was expressed from not only within the Diocese, but also from without.

In the name of all of the Bishops, His Grace commended us for standing firm. Fr. Michael Evans was praised for his obedience to the Church and Bishop.

The 19th Assembly of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania was adjourned at 3:22 P.M. with the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Priest Joseph Woodill

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Clergy Secretary

Ken J. Bernstein

Mr. Kenneth J. Bernstein
Lay Secretary

+Herman

Minutes approved by:

+H E R M A N, Bishop of Eastern Pennsylvania

FRACKVILLE DEANERY

CENTRALIA

COALDALE

FRACKVILLE

HARRISBURG

LYKENS

MCADOO

MINERSVILLE

MT. CARMEL

ST. CLAIR

SHENANDOAH

SHILLINGTON

PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

NEWARK, DELAWARE

BETHLEHEM

CATASAUQUA

COATESVILLE

PHILADELPHIA (Assumption)

PHILADELPHIA (St. Nicholas)

PHILADELPHIA (St. Stephen's)

POTTSTOWN

WALLINGFORD

BUCHINGHAM

WILKES - BARRE DEANERY

ALDEN STATION

BERWICK

DALLAS

DUNDAFF

CLERGY

Fr. Samuel Garula

Fr. Paul Borick

Fr. Paul Ropitsky

Fr. Daniel Ressetar

Fr. Michael Hatrak

Fr. Joseph Martin

Fr. Michael Hatrak

Fr. Samuel Garula

Fr. Michael Hutynan

Fr. Paul Ropitsky

Fr. James Jadick

Fr. Joseph Woodill

Fr. Dimitri Voytilla

Fr. Michael Romanchak

none

Fr. John Kowalczyk

Fr. John Bohush

Fr. Daniel Geeza

Fr. Jacob Kulp

Fr. Claude Vinyard

Fr. Vlaidmir Borichevsky

Fr. Joseph Gallick

Fr. Andrew Shuga

Fr. Basil Stroyen

Fr. Mark Shinn

DELEGATE

none

Michael Bubernak

Russell Lahatsky

Alice D. Hair

Alexander Pianovich

Julia Forte

Luke Oakill

Walter Sebasovich

none

none

Marie C. McCarty

Alice Dryden

Helen Telepchak

Robert Romanchik

none

Eleanore Fecanin

George Sinitsky

Orest Fedoronko

William Romanik

Kenneth Bernstein

Samuel Mervis

Gene Haverlak

Stephen Kundrat

none

Anna Janusz

EDWARDSVILLE

Fr. John Kuchta

William Talpash

JERMYN

Fr. Dennis Swencki

Gabriel Petorak

LOPEZ

Fr. Michael Lepa

none

MAYFIELD

Fr. Mark Shinn

David Brzuchalski

Joseph Jaye

NANTICOKE

Fr. Robert Kondratick

Walter Kasian

OLD FORGE

Fr. John Adamcio

Jacob Barsigian

OLYPHANT (All Saints)

Fr. David Lisko

Walter Meschowsky

OLYPHANT (St. Nicholas)

Fr. Vladimir Fetcho

Richard Cesare

SIMPSON

Fr. Michael Evans

Michael S. Mikulak

STROUDSBURG

Fr. Daniel Donlick

Walter Zablotzky

UNIONDALE

Fr. Mark Shinn

Peter Jubinsky

WILKES-BARRE (Holy Resurrection) Fr. Vladimir Petorak

John Zoranski

WILKES-BARRE (Holy Trinity)

Fr. George Pawlusch

Peter Welgo

WILLIAMSPORT

Fr. Daniel Kovalak

Michael Stefanick

SOUTH CANAAN

St. Tikhon's Monastery Fr. Gamaiel

St. Tikhon's Seminary Fr. Theodore Heckman

Diocesan Council

CLERGY - 35

LAITY - 34

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - 4

Donald Motel

Jerry Russin

GUESTS AND OBSERVERS - 18

Michael Zupko

Russell Dugan

Fr. Theodore Boback

Nancy Lorchak

Fr. Sergei Glagolev

Janet Kalenish

Fr. Michael Kovach

Matushka Vinyard

Fr. Alexander Fedoronko

Fr. Dimitri Ressetar

Stanley Stoy

Alan Pcsolyar

Stephen Skrobot

Jurretta Heckscher

Francine Slivka

Matushka Romanchak

Matushka Glagoley

Matushka Kowalczyk

Dennis Hair

Mildred Danchak

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DIOCESE- 1983

EXPENSES:

Salaries

Bishop Herman	\$ 9,600	
Pension for Bishop	1,584	
Blue Shield/Blue Cross	648	
Social Security	900	
Diocesan Secretary	1,800	
Diocesan Treasurer	1,800	
Bishops Travel Expenses	<u>3,000</u>	\$19,332

Diocesan Center-Chancery and Residence

Oil	3,000	
PP&L (electricity)	4,800	
Telephone	840	
Gas	200	
Insurance	1,000	
Center Maintenance	<u>800</u>	10,640

Traveling Expenses

Diocesan Council (5 meetings)	850	
Metropolitan Council	<u>1,000</u>	1,850

Diocesan Departments and Projects

Department of Public Relations	1,600	
Newsletter (4 issues)	4,929	
Department of Religious Education	1,000	
Department of Stewardship & Lay Ministers	<u>250</u>	7,779

Miscellaneous

<u>2,409</u>	2,409
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Office Supplies, Printing and Postage

<u>2,000</u>	2,000
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Missionary

Department of Missions	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES

\$48,810

PROPOSED INCOME:

Assessment to parishes (7,535 adults at \$6.00)	\$ 45,210	
Missionary Drive	<u>3,600</u>	<u>\$48,810</u>

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Diocesan Secretary	1,800	
Diocesan Treasurer	1,800	
Bishops Travel Expenses	3,000	\$19,332

Diocesan Center - Chancery and Residence

Oil	3,000	
PP&L (electricity)	4,800	
Telephone	840	
Gas	200	
Insurance	1,000	
Center Maintenance	800	10,640

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Miscellaneous

2,577 2,577

Office Supplies, Printing and Postage

2,000 2,000

Missionary

Department of Missions	4,800	4,800
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Diocesan Development Campaign

Mortgage payable	36,000	36,000
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TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 84,978

PROPOSED INCOME:

Assessment to parishes (7,535 adults at \$10.80)	\$ 81,378	
Missionary Drive	<u>3,600</u>	\$ 84,978

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Report of the Secretary to the Diocesan Assembly

The following report outlines the highlights of the Diocesan Council Meetings held since the last Diocesan Assembly held at St. Tikhon's Monastery/Seminary Complex, South Canaan, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1981:

The 79th Diocesan Council Meeting - November 5, 1981 - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

1. The Minutes of the Diocesan Assembly were presented to all those in attendance and read by the Secretary. It was stated after corrections were made to the minutes of the Diocesan Assembly, they were approved by the Diocesan Hierarch and the Diocesan Council for distribution to all parishes in the Diocese.
2. His Grace, Bishop Herman reported on the Fall Session of the Holy Synod of Bishops held in Syosset, New York during the month of October.
3. All deaneries of the Diocese were visited by the Diocesan Hierarch to explain the decision of the implementation of the Re-vised Julian Calendar.
4. Mr. Russell Dugan, Chairman of the Diocesan Insurance Program, gave a complete report concerning the effective date of the new dental plan in conjunction with the Blue Shield/Blue Cross Medical coverage of the Diocese. Mr. Dugan noted the date of December 1, 1981 for the new plan and that the quarterly premiums will be rised accordingly.
5. Priest Dennis Swencki, Chairman of the Department of Religious Education, gave a report that a conference was held on October 17, 1981 for all religious education teachers in the Wilkes-Barre and Frackville deaneries which proved to be very successful. Listed for the upcoming Winter Encounter over the Christmas vacation period will be many lectures and activities for all interested young adults and children of the Diocese.
6. Priest Daniel Kovalak, Chairman of the Department of Public Relations, gave a report concerning the publication of the Diocesan Quarterly. After a lengthy discussion, it was noted, that starting with the December issue of the Quarterly the stock (paper) would be changed to conserve on the high cost of printing.

7. Mr. Kenneth Bernstein, Chairman of the Department of Stewardship and Lay Ministries reported that a special conference for interested laity in our Diocese would be held within the near future. He urged all clergy of the Diocese to have lay representatives from their parish present. A lengthy report was given concerning the aims and purpose of this new department in our diocese. Mr. Bernstein stated that a general outline of the work of the department will be sent to every parish within the near future.
8. The Diocesan Council approved the plan presented by Continental Data Processing Company of Wilkes-Barre, PA for the monthly billing to all parishes for the Diocesan and National Assessments. Monthly billings will be issued from the office of the Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer every month.
9. His Grace, Bishop Herman, reported that the office of the National Treasurer will initiate a study as to alternate funding for the National Church structure.
10. His Grace, Bishop Herman informed the Diocesan Council that the Holy Synod of Bishops approved the site of the 7th All American Church Council. The Council will be hosted by the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania in the City of Philadelphia from August 21 - 26, 1983.
11. His Grace, Bishop Herman appointed Archpriest Robert Kondratich as the Chairman of the Local Functioning Committee.
12. The Calendar question was resolved by the Holy Synod of Bishops. As of September 1, 1982, The Orthodox Church in America will adopt the revised Julian Calendar as its official calendar. A full explanation and letter from His Grace, Bishop Herman, as the Diocesan Bishop, would be forth coming to all parishes in the Diocese.
13. Archpriest Vladimir Petorak and Mr. Russell Dugan reported on the development of the Diocesan Center in South Canaan, PA. It was noted that the costs of the construction alone have risen from the estimated amount of \$90,000.00 to \$130,000.00. It was further reported that bids are now being submitted for furnishings, carpeting, painting and draperies. After serious discussions, it was decided that a special meeting of the Diocesan Council would be called to determine the amount of the loan necessary to complete this project.
14. His Grace, Bishop Herman announced that all Diocesan appointments would remain the same for the forth coming year.

The 80th Diocesan Council Meeting - February 15, 1982 - Alden Station, Pennsylvania.

1. A special seminar sponsored by the National Department of Lay Ministries was held at the Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Wilkes-Barre, PA. which was well attended by clergy and laity of the diocese. Plans have been made for a future seminar to be held during the month of November, 1982.

2. His Grace, Bishop Herman announced plans for lay conferences on the "Parish Council" to be held in all three deaneries of the Diocese. The conferences will be arranged and funded by the Department of Lay Ministries of the Diocese.

3. Mr. Russell Dugan and Archpriest Vladimir Petorak distributed a cost sheet of the new Diocesan Center Complex. It was divided into the following given areas: building, equipment, furniture, fixtures, promotional and miscellaneous.

4. After a discussion concerning all aspects of the finalization of this project, it was decided unanimously that the Diocesan officers along with the building committee secure an open loan to pay for all costs of the construction, furniture, carpeting and all miscellaneous items needed to complete the Diocesan Center Complex.

5. It was decided by the Diocesan Council that a permanent fund raising committee be established for the benefit of the Diocese. His Grace, Bishop Herman stated he would appoint, following their consent, Mr. George Pawlush and Mr. Paul Gozick as co-chairmen.

6. It was decided that the 19th Diocesan Assembly be held at the Diocesan Center Complex in South Canaan, PA. on Saturday, September 11, 1982.

The 81st Diocesan Council Meeting - July 1, 1982 - South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

1. His Grace, Bishop Herman gave a full report to the members of the Diocesan Council on the Spring Session of the Holy Synod of Bishops which was held in Syosset, New York during the month of March.

2. His Grace, Bishop Herman reported on the visit of His All Holiness, P A T R I A R C H P I M E N, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus, which took place during the third week of June. The Patriarch was the guest of the United Nation.

3. It was noted that the small blessing of the Diocesan Center was conducted by His Beatitude, The Most Blessed Theodosius on Bright Friday, April 23, 1982.

4. Plans will be formulated for the "Open House" reception to be held in the near future for the faithful of the Diocese. The new department of Development of the Diocese will be charged with this responsibility.

5. Mr. Russell Dugan gave a report to the Diocesan Council concerning the plans of the Diocesan Development Committee for raising funds in all three deaneries of the Diocese. Both, Mr. George Pawlush and Mr. Paul Gozick will be visiting all three deaneries to organize the necessary local committee to properly function in our new fund raising effort. It was decided that Mr. Pawlush and Mr. Gozick would present a complete report to the Diocesan Assembly in September.

6. It was decided that the building committee would present a full financial report on the construction of the Diocesan Center to the Diocesan Assembly.

7. The Diocesan Budget was presented from the year of 1982 without any corrections or additions.
8. After careful deliberations, it was decided to present the proposed budget to the Diocesan Assembly as follows:
 - a. regular budget for the year of 1983 based upon last years' budget.
 - b. regular budget with supplemental plan containing the mortgage payment schedule for a 12 month period.
 - c. regular budget with a supplemental plan of possible parish assessments over a two year period for each parish, covering full payment of the Diocesan Center.
9. All reports to the Diocesan Assembly should be into the Diocesan Chancery on or before Tuesday, August 31, 1982.
10. All resolutions to the Diocesan Assembly must be submitted in writing to the Chancery office by August 3, 1982.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Kondratick

Archpriest Robert S. Kondratick,
Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FRACKVILLE DEANERY TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY OF PHILADELPHIA
AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - 1982 - SOUTH CANAAN, PENNSYLVANIA.

The deanery consists of 11 parishes serviced by 8 full time priests

During the past year the following transfers took place: Rev. Mark Shinn from Coaldale to St Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Penna and Rev. Paul Borick from St Clair to Coaldale.

During the great lenten period the deanery the annual mission services were held and the attendance was quite well.

The annual Frackville Deanery Family Day Picnic was held in Angela Park during the month of July. Nearly all the parishes participated.

The faithful of the deanery are about to participate in the Diocesan Development Drive which will begin shortly

OFFICERS:

Dean	V, Rev. Joseph Martin
Treasurer	Rev. Michael Hatrak

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

Dean: Archpriest Daniel Geeza, Rector, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Phila. Pa.
Secretary: Priest John Kowalczyk, Rector, Holy Assumption, So. Phila. Pa.
Treasurer: Priest Dimitri Voytilla, Rector, St. Nicholas, Bethlehem, Pa.
Members: Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Rector, Holy Trintiy, Catasaqua, Pa.
Archpriest Vladimir Borichevsky, Rector, St. Mark's, Warrington, Pa.
Priest John Bohush, Rector, St. Nicholas, Phila, Pa.
Priest Claude Vinyard, Rector, St. Herman's, Wallingford, Pa.
Priest Jacob Kulp, Holy Trinity, Pottstown, Pa.
Priest Andrew Goidich, Administrator, St. Nicholas, Coatesville, Pa.
Priest Joseph Woodill, Rector, St. Michael's, Wilmington, Delaware

Albanian Diocese: Archpriest John Rachko and Priest Eugene Vansuch

Retired: Archpriest Alexander Fedoronko, Pastor Emeritus, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Phila, Pa.

The clergy of the Philadelphia Deanery have been meeting on a regular basis, (approximately every three months) or whenever possible. Meetings are on a rotation basis from parish to parish, with the host parish usally providing a luncheon to the clergy. Attendance has been very good considering the distance from certain parishes to the site of the meeting.

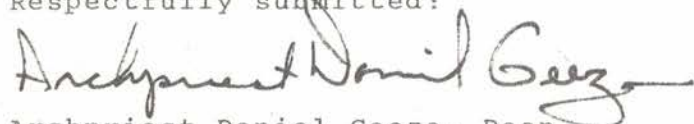
During the season of Great Lent, mission services were held on the Sundays of Great Lent in various parishes. The Deanery enjoyed good attendance at these services which was followed by a fellowship hour. Having the services beginning at 5:00 P.M. helped the people to return home a decent hour in the evening.

Since the Deanery had a successful Teachers-Parents Conference last year, plans are now in motion to hold a conference this year on Saturday, October 9th at St. Nicholas Church, 7th and Brown Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. An advent retreat will be held on Saturday, November 20th at either St. Stephen's Cathedral or Holy Assumption Church, So. Phila.

At the last Deanery meeting held in Bethlehem at St. Nicholas Church we welcomed two new priests...Fr. Claude Vinyard, Rector of St. Herman's Church, Wallingford, Pa. and Fr. Jacob Kulp, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown, Pa. We pray that they will enjoy many fruitful years in the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. To Fr. Joseph Toroney and his Matushka and family, we wish the best while on his leave of absence.

One of the many decisions made at the last Deanery meeting was a contribution on behalf of the Deanery to the Diocesan Center in the amount of \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted:



Archpriest Daniel Geeza, Dean

WIKLES - BARRE DEANERY
Diocese of Philadelphia & Eastern Penn.
October 23, 1982

GENERAL

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery includes 17 Parishes in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Five Deanery meetings were held since last report.

LENTEN MISSIONS

The Bishop coordinated Mission Vespers during Great Lent. All 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, Wilkes-Barre. Churches not visited in 1982 will be visited in 1983.

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 Pray" published two years ago 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, produce under the supervision of Father Daniel Kovalak, are still available, free-of-charge, to the faithful of the Deanery.

VISUAL AID & CASSETTE LIBRARY

The visual aid & cassette library of the Deanery was expanded this past year. Father David Lisko of Olyphant coordinates all distribution. First consideration is given to the parishes of the Deanery.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are still available for third semesters Deanery Seminarians. There were no applicants in 1981-1982.

DEVELOPMENT "82" CAMPAIGN

Three meetings were held concerning "DEVELOPMENT 82 CAMPAIGN". All priests of the Deanery pledged their support of this campaign. The sum of \$25,000.00 in contributions and pledges was realized in this campaign.

CHAPLAINCIES

Father John Adamcio will coordinate visitations of area priests to the Allied Service Rehabilitation Center, Scranton Penna. Father Joseph Gallick will coordinate visitations of area priests to the new Allied Service Rehabilitation Center to be opened in the near future in Wilkes-Barre.

DONATION

A check in the amount of \$3,000.00 was presented Bishop Herman to help defray expenses of the recent court proceedings. An additional donation will be considered in the future.

DEANERY OFFICERS

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

Respectfully submitted,
Father George Pawlush.