



## DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

### ADDRESS OF THE RULING BISHOP TO THE VENERABLE CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES TO THE 20TH ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Venerable Fathers and Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!

"Merciful and Almighty God, send to us the spirit of love to preside over us now in all our concerns and deliberations for the welfare of this diocese. We thank You for all the blessings of the past year, and pray, that obedient to Your commandments, we may advance together and prosper in the year ahead. Help us all to give of ourselves, to be ready to make sacrifices of time, energy and money for the extension of Your Kingdom. We beseech You to guide us in all of our decisions."

I greet and welcome all of you who have gathered for the 20th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Less than two months ago we had the distinct honor of welcoming into our diocese the primate, vnerable hierarchs, devout clergy and lay delegates to the Seventh All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America which we were privileged to host in the God-protected city of Philadelphia.

In acknowledging the good efforts and dedicated labors of the Chairman: Archpriest Rodion Kondratick; the Co-Chairman: Priest Eugene Vansuch and Mr. Alan Pcsolyar; all members of the Local Functioning Committee; and all of the clergy and faithful of our diocese who offered their kind support and cooperation, we have received many commendations of praise for a job well done. It was the largest gathering ever of the highest legislative and administrative authority of the Orthodox Church in America. The Council was filled with much enthusiasm and proved to be indeed a meaningful and fruitful Council. To all who labored for the success of this endeavor, I express my admiration, sincere thanks and deep appreciation.

The theme of the recent, and now historic Council, was Church Growth, wherein all of us - the bishops, clergy and laity of our Church, were reminded of our obligation to fulfill Christ's command to bring the Gospel to all. The work which was done in preparation for the Council, together with the deliberations and resolutions during the Council, will have been in vain if they are quickly forgotten and do not receive our immediate attention. We all have a responsibility to do our part in this great task which can be accomplished by removing all complacency and fear of new ways and constantly growing in our personal understanding of, and obedience to, the Word of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a component part of the Orthodox Church in America, we have assembled to consider the following: review the life of our diocese; to consider and approve measures to strengthen the Orthodox Faith and Piety, Religious Education and Charities of our diocese; to formulate our plan to carry out the program of Church Growth on a diocesan and parochial level; and to discuss financial means to fulfill these aims by adopting a budget that will meet our present needs as well as allow for future development.

In reviewing our diocese, the vital statistics reveal the following:

1. OFFICIAL CENSUS

A. Membership

- (1) Clergy: 1 Bishop; 33 full-time priests; 3 part-time priests;  
1 priest on leave of absence; 5 retired priests; and  
2 Proto-deacons
- (2) Laity: 6583 adults; 1380 children
- (3) Parishes: 30 viable parishes; 8 non-viable parishes; 1 mission parish
- (4) Deaneries: 3
  - (a) Frackville: 8 viable; 3 non-viable (Centralia, Lykens, Shenandoah)
  - (b) Philadelphia: 9 viable; 1 non-viable (Buckingham)
  - (c) Wilkes-Barre: 13 viable; 4 non-viable (Dallas, Dundaff, Stroudsburg, Uniondale)
  - 1 Mission (Williamsport)

2. MEETINGS

- A. Diocesan Assembly - Annually
- B. Diocesan Council - Quarterly
- C. Deanery - Quarterly
- D. Departmental - According to need

3. ARCHPASTORAL VISITATIONS

- A. An attempt is made to visit parishes atleast once annually.  
NOTE: During the forthcoming year, when archpastoral visitations are made, arrangements will include meetings with the pastor, parish council, church school teachers and children, all parish organizations and the faithful of the parish to afford the opportunity to observe the full life of the parish. Parishes planning special celebrations in 1984 are to notify the Chancery as soon as possible .
- B. Celebrations during the past year included:
  - St. John the Baptist Church - Nanticoke - blessing of renovated church interior
  - St. Nicholas Church - Philadelphia - blessing of renovated church interior
  - Holy Trinity Church - Stroudsburg - blessing and dedication of newly purchased and renovated church
  - St. Herman Church of Buckingham, Shillington and Wallingford - celebrated their Tenth Anniversary

4. DIOCESAN DEPARTMENTS

A. In our desire to offer the best service and assistance to the parishes and faithful of our diocese, concerning every area of Church Growth, it was resolved to reorganize all departments. The following appointments are hereby announced:

- (1) Department of Religious Education  
Reverend John Kowalczyk, Chairman  
John Ermolovich, Kathleen Harmanos, Sarah Jubinsky, Serge Kapral
- (2) Department of Missions  
V. Rev. Daniel Ressetar, Chairman  
David Martin
- (3) Department of Youth  
V. Rev. Daniel Donlick, Chairman  
Martin S. Paluch - Matushka Dolores Donlick  
David Brzuchalski
- (4) Department of Lay Ministry and Stewardship  
Rev. Claude Vinyard, Chairman  
Matushka Efrosinia Vinyard - Helene Paprota  
Michael Stenko - David Shewczyk
- (5) Department of Music  
Rev. Theodore Heckman, Chairman  
Basil Kraftician
- (6) Department of Insurance  
Russell Dugan, Chairman  
Marie Hudak - Robert Barney
- (7) Department of Public Relations  
Rev. Daniel Kovalak, Chairman  
Deborah Taylor - George Taylor
- (8) Department of Ways and Means (Diocesan Development)  
V. Rev. Rodion Donkratick, Chairman  
Jason Kappanadze - Paul Gozick  
Peter Kohudic - John M. Boyko

NOTE: In the immediate future, the Departments will meet and begin their work. We ask the support and cooperation of all the clergy and faithful of our Diocese to assure success in all of their endeavors.

5. COURT LITIGATIONS

A. In the court litigation involving St. Basil Orthodox Church in Simpson, PA, we were granted a permanent injunction of February 14, 1983. The dissidents did appeal the decision but to date we have heard nothing further concerning the appeal. The dissidents did organize another parish under the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

- B. In the court litigation involving St. John the Baptist Church in Mayfield, PA, the Temporary Injunction was granted to the dissident group who have placed themselves under the Synodal Jurisdiction. We have appealed this decision and await further direction and action by the Court. Those parishioners loyal to the Orthodox Church in America are attending St. Michael's Church in Jermyn, PA.
- C. Some dissidents from Holy Resurrection Cathedral Parish took the parish into court litigation. The court ruled in favor of the Cathedral Parish. It was necessary to suspend and excommunicate some of the dissidents.
- D. The Synodal Jurisdiction has decided to establish their Mission which for years they have attempted to locate in the Wyoming Valley area, in the city of Wilkes-Barre. They are also organizing a parish in the Old Forge area.

NOTE: We are pleased to report that some of the dissidents from Simpson, Mayfield, Old Forge and Wilkes-Barre, have since repented of their actions and have returned to membership in their parish and the Orthodox Church in America. It will be a slow process, but we are convinced that in time, through love, compassion and patience, the majority of them will do the same.

#### 6. DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- A. The first step of the Diocesan Development Project, the construction of a Diocesan Center to house the ruling bishop which includes a large conference room and an office for the Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer has been completed. During the first "open house", approximately 1000 of our diocesan family visited the Center and since then hundreds more. Most of them have confirmed that the Center was well-constructed, in good taste, and well-designed to meet the immediate needs.

A detailed financial report will be presented concerning the cost of the present project. To date there remains an outstanding debt of approximately \$175,000.00. Although monies have been raised in the campaign, unfortunately, much of it has been absorbed by interest costs. Many of the people have not as yet participated in the campaign. It is my recommendation that this assembly give serious consideration to adopting the necessary measures to raise the funds in an equitable manner by which the mortgage could be liquidated or atleast reduced to a point where the diocese would not be involved in such high interest payments.

There are other projects that should be undertaken but must be tabled unless we can raise the needed funds.

It is awesome to realize that, as we sit here in South Canaan today, deeply concerned about our present needs and setting the future course of our Diocese, that we are united in faith with every other Orthodox Christian in the world. We are not 39 individual, rebellious, little groups coming together with 39 selfish motives, but we are united in Faith...we are that mystical Body of Christ in Eastern Pennsylvania, charged by God Himself to preach, to teach and to reach the people of this area with His Gospel and the Truth of Orthodoxy. These are not just pretty words to sit and meditate on. This is reality - this is Orthodoxy and this is what we must believe and this must guide us in our actions.

But reality can be harsh. It seems that it is becoming increasingly so today. The gap between the teachings of the Church and the standards of society is widening. The temptations to leave the Church are becoming ever more persuasive. What is our response? The time has come for us to face these harsh realities with the strength of togetherness; not as individual priests and parishes starting from nothing, each attempting to carry out its mission. And here we see, once again, the age-old wisdom of our Faith and the Fathers who created the Diocese, and not the parish, as the smallest, indivisible part of Church Administration.....so that none of us would have to fight the battles alone, so that the bishop, surrounded by his flock, could overcome difficulties without straying from the path of Truth.

The difficulties are many. Just in the past five years, this diocese has lost hundreds of children and adults to other Faiths, or just to the world. Just point your keen eyes at your parishes. Look for the young people who were baptized there, who were altar boys there, the young girls who were active in the choir or Church School. Those who gave of their time and talents for the parish. Where are they? Are they at college or at work living in an area where there is no Orthodox Church nearby where they can strengthen themselves and seek guidance? Or did they just leave because they were disappointed or disillusioned? Is it important that we be concerned about them? It is not only important that we be concerned about them but that we do something about it.

At least outwardly, it appears from the census figures that are reported, that our Church is getting smaller and smaller. Our educational efforts are not coordinated or standardized; Orthodoxy remains to be a well-guarded secret; basic Church discipline is waning; key people are exhausted and burned out while others sit idly by, offering neither encouragement nor constructive support; spirituality and personal knowledge of Christian Truths and the Church's reason for being --- the necessary ingredients for Church Growth --- would seem to be at a low point. The list goes on, but fortunately even with all of this, there are many, many marvelous and beautiful, positive happenings in the Church. Who can correct our course?

Too often, we have faced our problems with a deafening silence and paralyzing inaction. Whatever the reasons, whoever is to blame...let's put those things behind us. As your bishop, and especially after witnessing the enthusiasm and dedication of the great number of people who worked for the 7th All American Council, I have a vision of a diocese mobilized for action, a diocese buzzing with talented and enthusiastic people, providing services for your parishes that you could not hope to provide on your own: Church education, drug abuse information, moral guidance, dissemination of information inside and outside the Church - there is no end to the possibilities. There are many opportunities for individual and communal growth. Are we going to let those opportunities just sit and through our inactivity cause Orthodoxy in Eastern Pennsylvania to shrink even smaller? If we allow this to happen, then we are not obedient to the Word of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to bring the Gospel to all.

Let this Assembly be a new beginning, a launching pad for the most vibrant activity and dedication ever witnessed; a beginning of a long-term realigning of attitudes and priorities toward our common goals; the beginning of an invigorated diocese, increasingly able to provide for you, the faithful clergy and laity; contributing to your efforts in decisive, meaningful and helpful ways. We need your ideas, your interest, your dedication. And we need them now ...beginning with this Assembly.

May Almighty God guide us as we seek to discern His will and with oneness of mind, harmony of spirit, good intention and wise action, make those decisions which will be for the benefit of His Holy Church.

Respectfully submitted,

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+HERMAN,  
Bishop of Philadelphia  
and Eastern Pennsylvania

8 October 1983

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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 on September 11, 1983 at St. Tikhon's Monastery-Seminary Complex, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

**The 82nd Diocesan Council Meeting - December 20, 1982 - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania**

1. Diocesan Assembly Minutes for the annual assembly were approved by the Diocesan Authority and the members of the Diocesan Council upon motion by Fr. Ressetar and Second by Mr. Brzuchalski.
2. The Treasurer's report was presented by Fr. Kondratick for the period ending December 20, 1982. Parishes that were delinquent in each deanery of the Diocese would be visited by the District Dean of the specific deanery.
3. His Grace, Bishop Herman stated that at the next Diocesan Council Meeting a secretary would be appointed from the council to take the minutes of the council meetings.
4. A complete report was given by Bishop Herman and Father Petorak, Dean of the Cathedral on the legal actions that were initiated by members of the former church council of the Cathedral against members of the new church board which were elected into office at a special parish meeting on Sunday, November 7, 1982. The court ruled in favor of the newly elected church council and board of trustees. Father Petorak thanked Bishop Herman, fellow clergy and the laity who supported them during this tragic time in the life of their parish.
5. His Grace, Bishop Herman reported that a favorable decision was received by Judge Munley in support of the Orthodox Church in America for St. Basil's Church, Simpson, Pennsylvania.
6. His Grace advised that Judge Walsh is taking his time in granting a re-hearing for a preliminary injunction granted in favor of the Dissidents of St. John's Church, Mayfield, Pennsylvania.
7. It was reported by the Bishop that Archpriest Basil Stroyen was released of his duties as the Administrator of St. Andrew's Church, Dallas, Pennsylvania and Archpriest Rodion S. Kondratick was appointed temporary Administrator.
8. Father Joseph Martin and Mr. David Brzuchalski were elected as Representatives to the Metropolitan Council for a one-year term.

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9. The Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania was selected for the Sunday of Orthodoxy Service on Sunday, March 27, 1983 at 4:30 p.m. The Homilist would be the Archpriest Yaroslav Sudick of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, New York.

The 83rd Diocesan Council Meeting - March 29, 1983 - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

1. Diocesan Authority Report - His Grace, Bishop Mark of Boston was granted a three-month leave of absence by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America at its recent Spring session of the Great Council of the Holy Synod of Bishops held in New York.
2. Bishop Herman appointed Mrs. Marie McCarty as Diocesan Council Secretary to help the Diocesan Secretary-Treasurer, Fr. Kondratich with his work and various responsibilities.
3. Mr. Russell Dugan presented a comprehensive report concerning the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan for the Diocese. It was noted that many participants are not paying their premiums on time and Mr. Dugan was instructed to place a small service charge on those people who are not making timely payments. Discussion took place concerning other alternate plans of insurance due to the high cost of our present plan and Mr. Dugan was instructed to investigate this entire matter and report on same.
4. All American Council - Mr. Alan Pscaylor, Vice-Chairman of the 7th All American Council hosted by our Diocese in August, 1983 reported on all aspects of the council to date. He was advised to keep the council informed at its regular meetings in May and July.
5. Following a lengthy discussion, the Diocesan Secretary-Treasurer will investigate all avenues of fund raising with various companies in the area and that at the next Diocesan Council meeting a full discussion would take place concerning the financial stability of our fund raising endeavors.

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84th Diocesan Council Meeting - May 19, 1983 - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

1. The Treasurer's report was presented by Fr. Kondratich for the financial period ending April 30, 1983 which included statements of assessment accounts for 1981, 1982 and the period of January 1, 1983 through April 30, 1983 with assessment account balances.
2. As there were no volunteers to chair the various departments, with the exception of the Insurance Department with Mr. Russell Dugan as chairman and Marie Hudak as his assistant, His Grace, Bishop Herman stated he will make the appointments to the various departments with a description of the tasks and goals of each department.
3. His Grace, Bishop Herman gave an informative report on the status surrounding the aspects of the situation as it now stands reference the Court cases in Eastern Pennsylvania.
4. The Extension Program to be held at St. Tikhon's Seminary is a program not only for our own Diocese but throughout the United States. Response has been good to date recording 12 interested individuals.
5. Bishop Herman reported that due to the non-occupancy of the former Orphanage building, it was in need of much repair. The building was converted to all electric heat and other minor repairs at no cost to the Diocese. The first floor is rented to a Seminary student and the second floor will be rented between June 1 and June 15. Both apartments rented.
6. Following discussion on the place and length of the upcoming Diocesan Assembly, it was established that the Assembly be for one day and held in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.
7. Diocesan Center - Mr. Paul Gozik reviewed the program '82 Development', which was initiated by Mr. Pawluch and himself, and implemented in the Wilkes-Barre and Frackville Deaneries and was deemed successful. He noted the problems encountered, specifically in recruiting volunteers to carry out the program. It was decided to complete the program in the Philadelphia Deanery before entering into a new Phase.

Other areas of expertise were sought and Mr. Jason Kappanadze was introduced and presented his thoughts and needs to research other avenues for a new program which can be started after the '82 Development' plan is completed in the Philadelphia Deanery.

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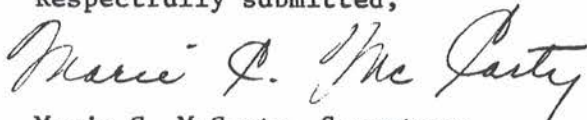
85th Diocesan Council Meeting - July 19, 1983 - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

1. Copies of the 1983 Budget were distributed and those present began the task of proposing a Budget for 1984 to the Diocesan Assembly.

After many considerations and intense concentration and reviewing line by line of the expenses and income, a motion was presented, seconded and carried to increase the Diocesan Assessments for 1984 to \$10.00 per soul and to include the mortgage payments as an expense line in the Budget and to add the difference as projected income.

2. Guest, Jason Kappanadze, who is working on the completion of Diocesan Center '82 and establishing a new fund raising program for 1984, summarized some of his ideas such as - since there seems to be misconception and misunderstanding as to what the Diocesan Center is, he plans to -
  - complete the 1982 drive in the Philadelphia Deanery with Bishop Herman
  - prepare an educational program on what the Diocesan Center is, what it means to us by way of timely newsletters to all on a timely basis., i.e., bi-weekly basis, messages from the Ambo, etc.
3. It was noted by Fr. Kondratick, Diocesan Treasurer that there will be a deficit of \$7,000 for 1983 to pay the mortgage and it was established that he transfer the necessary funds in order to make the payments.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie C. McCarty, Secretary  
Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania

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## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DIOCESE - 1984

### 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

PP&L (electricity)	\$ 4,800	
Telephone	1,800	
Insurance	2,000	
Center Maintenance	<u>1,400</u>	\$10,000

#### 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)	5,000	
Department of Religious Education	1,000	
Department of Stewardship & Lay Ministers	<u>400</u>	\$ 8,000

#### Miscellaneous

\$ 2,958

#### Office Supplies, Printing and Postage

\$ 3,000

#### Missionary

Department of Missions	\$ 4,800
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#### Diocesan Development Campaign

Mortgage payable	<u>36,000</u>
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### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$85,940

### Proposed Income

Assessments to parishes (6,594 adults at \$10.00)	\$65,940	<u>\$85,940</u>
Diocesan Drive	<u>20,000</u>	

39,564  
24,000  
41,964

(9,926)

October 8, 1983

The Frackville Deanery includes 11 parishes serviced by 8 full times priests.

LENTEN MISSIONS

The Bishop coordinated Mission Vespers during Great Lent. All the priests participated in the five Vesper services. On Holy Wednesday the Holy Unction Service was held in Coaldale with an excellent attendance. It is expected the be held once again the deanery during the coming year.

DEVELOPMENT "82" CAMPAIGN

The faithful of the deanery participated in this project last fall and contributed in excess of \$15,000.00 to this campaign.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

St. Herman's of Shillington - 10 years

Christ the Saviour of Harrisburg - 20 years

St. Mary's of Coaldale - 75 years in 1984

There were three meeting during the past year. Also, during the Lenten Mission Services meetings were held.

The officers are:

Fr. Joseph Martin, Dean  
Fr. James Jadick, SEcretary  
Fr. Michael Hatrak, Treasurer

## PHILADELPHIA DEANERY: DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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Dean: Very Rev. Daniel Geeza, St. Stephen's Orthodox Catholic Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA.

Assistant Dean: Rev. Eugene Vansuch, St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Secretary: Rev. John Kowalczyk, Holy Assumption Orthodox Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Treasurer: Rev. Dimitri Voytilla, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA.

Other Member Parishes: St. Mark's Orthodox Church, Wallingford, PA. Very Rev. Vladimir S. Borichevsky

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Catasqua, PA. Very Rev. Michael Romanchak

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Coatesville, PA. Rev. Andrew Goidich

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Philadelphia, PA. Very Rev. John Bohush

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Pottstown, PA. Rev. Jacob Kulp

St. Herman's Orthodox Church, Wallingford, PA. Rev. Claude Vinyard

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE. Rev. Joseph Woodill

The Deanery meets quarterly with each meeting taking place in a different parish, due to the distance involved between parishes. Attendance at every meeting is very good considering the mileage travelled by member clergy. Meetings are held to formulate programs necessary to strengthen the spiritual life of the clergy and laity within the Deanery. Meetings also serve the member clergy as a "sounding board" or "forum" during which many lively discussions have taken place, and which have been educational and beneficial.

Mission services were held in Deanery parishes during the season of Great Lent and a spiritual Retreat was held for the clergy during Great Lent at St. Stephen's Cathedral with His Grace, Bishop Herman as Retreat Master.

Clergy and laity of the Deanery were involved in preparing for the 7th All-American Council held this past August in Philadelphia.

The annual Sunday School Teachers-Parents Conference will be held Saturday, October 22, at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Lecturers are Fr. Eugene Vansuch and Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky. Hopefully, a lecture series and retreat for the laity will be planned and held during the season of Advent.

Respectfully Submitted:

Archpriest Daniel Geeza, Dean

REPORT OF THE WILKES-BARRE DEANERY TO THE TWENTIETH DIOCESAN

ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA & EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery consists of 18 parishes in Northeastern Penna. serviced by 15 full-time priests.

LENTEN MISSIONS

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy the Rite of Orthodoxy was celebrated in Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. The clergy of the Deanery participated in five Lenten Mission Services and the Holy Unction Service which was served at St. Michael's Church, Old Forge.

PUBLICATIONS

The Deanery published a booklet entitled 'Prayers of Repentance' which was distributed to all parishes during Great Lent. Other publications, e.g., 'To Help You Pray' and others are being distributed to the sick and all the faithful of the deanery.

VISUAL AID & CASSETTE LIBRARY

Father David Lisko of All Saints Church, Olyphant co-ordinates the distribution of these educational materials.

DEDICATION

The newly acquired church edifice of Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg was blessed and dedicated by His Grace, Bishop Herman on Sunday, September 25th.

DONATIONS

A donation of \$2,000 was presented to Bishop Herman to help defray the expenses of recent litigation. This brought a total of \$5,000 donated by the Deanery to this fund. Prayer Books were donated to Bishop Herman for distribution during his recent trip to Russia. The pamphlet 'The Blessing of Motherhood' will be donated to St. Tikhon's Book Store for distribution.

TESTIMONIALS

In recognition of his many years of service as our Dean, Father George Pawlush was honored at a Testimonial Dinner on January 20th. On February 10th, His Grace, Bishop Herman was honored at a Testimonial Dinner marking the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopate.

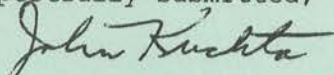
MISCELLANEOUS

In March the Deanery sponsored a presentation by officials of the Wyoming Valley Clinic and the NPW Department of Psychiatry. The presentation was made in St. John's Church, Edwardsville and the topic was the "Philosophical/Programmatic Aspects of Treatment" at these facilities. In the near future a tour of Chase State Correctional Institution will be made by the Deanery Clergy.

DEANERY OFFICERS ELECTED AND CONFIRMED THIS YEAR

Very Rev. John Kuchta, Dean  
Very Rev. Andrew Shuga, Vice-Dean  
Rev. John Adamcio, Secretary  
Very Rev. Vladimir Fetcho, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

  
Very Rev. John Kuchta, Dean