

# REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL SECRETARY

TO THE

October 21, 1995 # 32ND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY # October 21, 1995  
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Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, Secretary

The intent of my report is to present highlights of the Diocesan Council Meetings held since the last Diocesan Assembly, October 8, 1994, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Old Forge, PA. The Diocesan Council met in three sessions:

112th Session - Thursday, December 8, 1994 --- St. Tikhon's Sem. Conference Room  
113th Session - Tuesday, March 28, 1995 ----- " "  
114th Session - Thursday, September 21, 1995 - " "

His Eminence Archbishop HERMAN chaired all three Diocesan Council Meetings with the following representatives:

Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer: Fr. John Kowalczyk [present at all three meetings]  
Diocesan Deans: Fr. Vladimir Fetcho [present at one, excused twice]  
Fr. Joseph Martin [present at two meetings as Dean]  
Fr. Daniel Ressetar [present at one meeting as Dean]  
Fr. John Udics [present at all three]

## Deanery Representatives:

Frackville: Fr. Michael Hatrak [present at all three]  
Mr. Douglas Rudenko [present once, excused twice]  
Philadelphia: Fr. Eugene Vansuch [present at all three]  
Mr. Christopher Rowe [present at all three]  
Wilkes-Barre: Fr. Andrew Shuga [present at all three]  
Mr. John Zoranski [present twice, excused once]  
At-Large: Fr. Stephen Karaffa [present at all three]  
Mrs. Marie Proch [present at all three]

Metropolitan Council Representative: Fr. Joseph Martin [present at one meeting as Representative]

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## 112th DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 1994

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### DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Several minor changes/additions, mainly typographical errors, were noted in the Minutes and will be corrected for distribution.

### REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP

His Eminence reported on the following:

- A. Ordination to the Diaconate of Jude Lepine at Holy Assumption Church, Phila.
- B. Archpastoral visit to St. Herman's Parish in Gradyville, PA
- C. Reported on the progress at Holy Trinity Parish, Stroudsburg, PA
- D. The Canonical Orthodox Bishops Conference at Antiochian Village.
- E. Bishops Sobor of the Orthodox Church in Russia regarding the tension and relationship between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Synod in Exile.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Fr. John Kowalczyk's report covers the period July 1, 1994 to September 30, 1994. He reports a Checking Account Balance of \$90,496.33 with Income of \$83,422.08. Expenses are \$173,918.41. Checking Account Balance and Location of Funds is \$90,446.41.

### ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Itinerary of His Eminence from March 28, 1994-September 25, 1994.  
Philadelphia Deanery has scheduled a Parish Council Conference in May, 1995, and extends an invitation to all parishes of the Diocese to participate.



A Clergy Conference will be scheduled prior to the beginning of Great Lent.  
Four Diocesan Scholarships to Seminary students will be awarded.  
The Millenium Project needs to be finished with a cupola. The Diocesan Bell Tower needs funds to complete the project.  
Initial indications from our parishes indicates a decrease in the Diocesan Census.  
His Eminence will contact parish priests regarding parish membership rolls.

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113th DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 28, 1995

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REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP

His Eminence reported on the following:

- A. Upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration of Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Uniondale, PA
- B. Consecration of St. Herman's Orthodox Church, Gradyville, on June 18, 1995.
- C. Progress report on the building project at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Stroudsburg, PA
- D. Decreasing attendance at St. Andrew's Dallas, PA poses the possibility of the parish closing by the end of the year.
- E. Possibility of a mission in Milford, PA is being investigated.
- F. A large number of Russian immigrants are residing in the Lancaster, PA area. Fr. Daniel Ressetar has asked the Archbishop to investigate a possible to take care of their needs.
- G. Fr. Vladimir Petorak will retire on June 30, 1995.
- H. Fr. John Terrell will be leaving his assignment at St. Michael's Parish, Wilmington, DE on June 30, 1995.
- I. Decisions of the Spring Session of the Holy Synod include the following:
  - a) Elevation of Bishop GREGORY of Alaska to rank of Archbishop;
  - b) Election of Fr. George Gula as Auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop GREGORY. His consecration is scheduled to take place in September, 1995 in Anchorage, AK.
  - c) Maintaining position of Status quo in regards to the Ukrainian Orthodox Diocese (Bound Brook) until full information is received on their reception under the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.
- J. Establishing the dates for the Diocesan Parish Council Conference and Diocesan Assembly.
- K. Announcing the Archbishop's 5 year program in preparation for the year 2000.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER

Fr. John's report covers the period October 1, 1994 to February 28, 1995. He reports a Checking Account Balance of \$90,046.41 with Income of \$149,607.25. Expenses are listed as \$160,831.99. Checking Account Balance and Location of Funds is \$78,821.57.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

The itinerary of His Eminence from April, 1994 - March, 1995.  
The Diocesan Parish Council Conference has been set for June 24, 1995, in Bethlehem, in preparation for the upcoming 11th AAC. Since the Conference will be held in June, the date of the Diocesan Assembly will be October 14, 1995.  
Dental Plan information for the Wilkes-Barre Deanery was distributed listing additional options available to the participants.  
DRE programs will be listed in the upcoming issue of ALIVE IN CHRIST.



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114th DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1995

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REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP

His Eminence reported on the following:

- A. Recent pastoral changes in St. Clair-Fr. Michael Hatrak; Lykens-Fr. Nicholas Wyslutzky; McAdoo-being serviced by local Wilkes-Barre Deanery clergy; Wilmington-Fr. Andrew Diehly, a Seminary student travels every weekend to the parish. Coatesville-Fr. Dimitri Voytilla has transferred to the parish in Lakewood, OH; Catasauqua-Fr. Gregory Horton will leave the parish on October 31, 1995, for a new assignment. Wilkes-Barre Holy Trinity Parish-Fr. John Mason has been granted retirement effective October 31, 1995.
- B. The Holy Trinity Parish in Stroudsburg needs to move from their present site to allow the new tenants to occupy the building. A small blessing will be held at the new Church site to allow the parishioners to occupy the building and immediately hold Divine Services while construction is to be completed on their new edifice.
- C. St. Andrew's Parish, Dallas, PA has asked His Eminence to allow them to continue as a parish, at least for another year.
- D. His Eminence asked Fr. Daniel Ressetar to comment on the status of the Russian immigrants in Lancaster. He reported that he has met with Fr. Veronis and other Orthodox clergy to help with the immigrants settling in Lancaster. At the present time, their spiritual needs are being met with the pastoral aid of Fr. Alexander Veronis.
- E. Fr. Michael Rachko has submitted a written request to His Beatitude through the office of His Eminence to return to the OCA. His request is under study by the Office of the Metropolitan.
- F. The Milford, PA mission is on hold until a priest is available for assignment.
- G. Status of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church has not changed.
- H. St. Mark Parish, Wrightstown, PA is experiencing financial difficulty. His Eminence asks that we consider their plight when we discuss the budget for the coming year.
- I. The Consecration of Fr. Innocent to the Episcopacy as the Auxiliary Bishop in Anchorage, was a beautiful three-day spiritual event. Over 750 people attended daily services around the Consecration. His Beatitude was accompanied by His Eminence Archbishop HERMAN, His Eminence Archbishop KYRILL, His Grace Bishop JOB and His Grace Bishop SERAPHIM as co-celebrants of the Episcopal Consecration. There were many clergy and faithful from the "lower 48" that made the trip to participate in the consecration services.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER

Fr. John Kowalczyk's report covers the period March 1, 1995 to August 30, 1995. He reports a Checking Account Balance of \$78, 821.67 with Income of \$183,407.87. Expenses are listed as \$175,559.36. Checking Account Balance and Location of Funds is \$86,670.18.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

The itinerary of His Eminence will be included in the Diocesan Assembly Packet. The Graduation Issue of ALIVE IN CHRIST will be ready for distribution the last week of September. There had been some minor problems which held-up the printing schedule.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The date for the Assembly will be Saturday, October 21, 1995, as announced in the communication from the Diocesan Chancery.

The Agenda for the Assembly was submitted for review and with the exception of a minor change, the Agenda was approved by the Council.



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1995/96

His Eminence presented the Budget for 1995/96 and commented on its increase. The need for the Diocese to support an Aide to the Archbishop is important; increase in Pension and Social Security line items is necessary; and an over-all increase in line items based on actual expense costs for the previous year. The proposed budget reflected a \$3.00 per person increase to cover the expenses. Considerable discussion was held on the financial operation of the Diocese. In order to compensate for the additional increase in expenses and to allow the Mission Department to assume financial assistance for St. Mark's Parish in Wrightstown, the Council unanimously approved the proposed budget to reflect the needed changes. The Council further agreed to propose an increase to the Diocesan Assessment of \$5.00 per person bringing the Assessment to \$20.00 per person.

Further budgetary review followed with the Council unanimously endorsing the Diocese to provide a salary subsistence to Fr. Theodore Heckman of \$750.00 per month. Under the guidance of His Eminence, the subsistence will be provided on a month to month basis until determination is made that the subsistence will no longer be required.

OTHER MATTERS

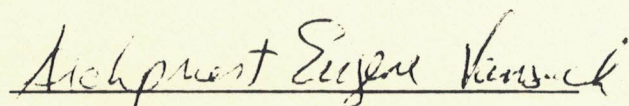
Fr. John Udics reported on the status of a new mission developing in Dover, DE. He has been asked by His Eminence to oversee the needs of the 30 or so people involved with the desire to establish a parish.

Mrs. Marie Proch expressed concern over the small support given to the Diocesan Church School Conference in Bethlehem and the Picnic at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia. She inquired about any program in the Philadelphia area to meet the needs of the rising number of Russian immigrants. Fr. John Udics responded by mentioning what local parishes are doing to help the needs of the Russian immigrants.

Bishop KALLISTOS will be in America in November and will attempt to make a visit to St. Tikhon's Seminary. Should that occur, His Eminence will schedule a Clergy Retreat to coincide with the episcopal visit.

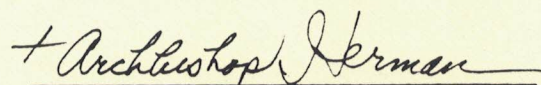
The above represent highlights from the Diocesan Council meetings since the last Diocesan Assembly. I will entertain any questions from the Assembly concerning the content of my report.

Respectfully submitted,



Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, Secretary

Diocesan Council



+ His Eminence Archbishop HERMAN



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1995/96  
(\$5.00 increase in assessment)

EXPENSES:

ADMINISTRATIVE - Salaries and Expenses

The Office of the Archbishop	\$9,600.00	
Pension	1,155.00	
Discretionary	2,400.00	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	2,000.00	
Social Security	1,840.00	
Travel Expense	5,400.00	
Payroll Taxes	270.00	
Term Life Insurance	738.00	
Aid to the Archbishop	4,800.00	
Pension	576.00	
Social Security	735.00	
The Office of Secretary/Treasurer	4,800.00	
Pension	576.00	
Social Security	<u>735.00</u>	
		\$35,625.00

DIOCESAN CENTER - Chancery & Residence

PA Power & Light (electricity & heat)	\$5,500.00	
Telephone (additional Telephone)	3,500.00	
Insurance	3,000.00	
Center Maintenance (painting, etc)	<u>10,000.00</u>	
		\$22,000.00

DIOCESAN DEPARTMENTS

Metropolitan Council	\$1,000.00	
Diocesan Magazine	25,000.00	
Public Relations	2,500.00	
Religious Education & Youth	5,500.00	
Department of Lay Ministry & Stewardship	3,000.00	
Scholarship Fund	5,000.00	
Clergy Assistance Program	1,500.00	
Continuous Education for Clergy	<u>3,500.00</u>	
		\$47,000.00

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS

Missionary	\$15,000.00	
Charity	6,000.00	
Office Supplies & Printing	3,500.00	
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	1,500.00	
C.P.A. (Audit & Reports)	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		\$27,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES - 1995/96 Proposed Budget \$132,125.00

Proposed Income:@ \$18.00 5,088 Adults

Diocesan Assessments of Parishes	\$101,760.00	
National Mission Allocation	1,500.00	
Diocesan Magazine Ad Listings & Renewal	7,500.00	
Diocesan United Appeal	<u>21,365.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME - 1995/96 Proposed Budget		\$132,125.00

\* The Diocesan Magazine total expenses covers the expenses for the regular articles and information for the Diocesan Departments of Religious Education & Youth and Department of Lay Ministry and Stewardship





# WILKES-BARRE DEANERY

## REPORT OF THE WILKES-BARRE DEANERY TO THE 32nd DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery consists of 17 Parishes in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

### MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

Each meeting of the Deanery clergy is preceded by an Akathist or Molieben to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and are held at different churches throughout the Deanery. On December 13, 1994, the Deanery once again participated in the Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska which was hosted by St. John the Baptist Church, Edwardsville. A Library consisting of Video, Visual Aids and Cassette are available to the parishes of the deanery. A variety of pamphlets are available to the faithful of the Deanery. The Deanery is sponsoring a radio program each Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. The broadcasts air on WCDL, 1440 AM. The cost is \$60.00 per program and if anyone would like to sponsor a program or would like further information they are asked to contact Fr. Peter Dubinin at 489-0942.

### LENTEN MISSIONS

The clergy and faithful of the Deanery attended the Rite of Orthodoxy which was celebrated by Archbishop Herman at St. Mary's Church, Coaldale. They, also, participated in five Lenten Mission Services and the Sacrament of Holy Unction which was held at St. Michael's Church, Old Forge.

### CLERGY CHANGES

Fr. Vladimir Petorak was released as Rector of the Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre.

Fr. Joseph Martin was assigned as Rector of the Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre.

### PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, celebrated their 25th Anniversary on November 13, 1994.

St. Nicholas Church, Olyphant, celebrated their 90th Anniversary on October 30, 1994

SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Uniondale, celebrated their 75th Anniversary on June 17, 1995.

### DEANERY OFFICERS

Archpriest Vladimir Fetcho, Dean  
Archpriest Andrew Shuga, Vice Dean  
Priest David Shewczyk, Secretary  
Priest Stephen Karaffa, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

*Vladimir Fetcho*  
Archpriest Vladimir Fetcho, Dean

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# THE PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, Orthodox Church in America

## Report of the Dean - September, 1994 to September, 1995

Our Deanery clergy meet every other month at a different church. After singing an Akathist, we hold our business meeting, sometimes followed by a presentation on questions of common interest. We try to make our meetings productive, spiritually edifying and intellectually stimulating.

The clergy in the north of our Deanery actively participate in the events sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood. Our Deanery Clergy in the Philadelphia area regularly participate in the events sponsored by the Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood.

In September, 1994, our Dean participated in the Orthodox Church in America's two-day Stewardship and Leadership Development Program, at Saint Tikhon's Seminary.

On November 20, 1994, His Eminence Archbishop HERMAN ordained Jude Lépine to the Holy Diaconate at Assumption of the Virgin Church, Philadelphia, where the deacon is attached. We pray God will bless Father Deacon Jude and his family with Many Years.

Our Dean met with the new Orthodox community in Dover, Delaware. Until now, the community was serviced by a military chaplain, but the community is growing and needs to expand in its spiritual life. Their expressed desire is to form a mission parish.

The Annual Philadelphia Deanery Advent Mission Service and Lecture is a pan-Orthodox event. It was hosted by Saint Stephen's Cathedral, Philadelphia, December 11, 1994. The Akathist to Saint Herman of Alaska was concelebrated before an icon with his relics by our Deanery clergy and with clergy of other jurisdictions, and Father Thomas Hopko, Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, our speaker. Attendance is over 90 people.

Our Deanery clergy and faithful in Philadelphia participated in the pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of Waters held at Penn's Treaty Park on the Delaware River, on January 22, 1995. The crowd returned to our host Saint Nicholas' Church to thaw out at lunch.

During the first week of Great Lent, the annual Philadelphia area pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat was held, celebrating Matins in the mornings, and then Vespers after a Lenten lunch. The retreat is held in a different church each day, and the clergy and faithful of various parishes of our Deanery participate. Attendance at these services usually would fall off as we approached the end of the week. But this year, attendance grew each day, until, by Friday, over 30 people attended the services.

Three clergy transfers leave our Deanery sorely feeling the loss. Father John Terrell said good-bye to Saint Michael's Church, Wilmington, Delaware, in the Spring of 1995, and Father Dmitri Voytilla transferred from Saint Nicholas' Church, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, this August. Father Gregory Horton will leave Holy Trinity Church, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, later this month. We pray that God will bless them in their new assignments.

This year, the Deanery decided to hold our Lenten Mission services in conjunction with the two local Clergy Brotherhoods. The Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood and the Philadelphia portion of our Deanery jointly sponsored the Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers and the Mission Vespers on the five Sundays of Lent. The excited crowds were twice or even three times as large as any Deanery Mission service in recent memory. The speakers were chosen from among the local clergy, and a pan-Orthodox Choir sang the responses.



Sadly, this cooperation and excitement was lacking in the response facing those in the northern half of our Deanery. The Lehigh Valley Clergy Brotherhood's Mission services were not so well attended, and though Philadelphia Deanery clergy were regular in their participation, cooperation of the other clergy of the Lehigh Valley was not very good. It is probable that the lack of response was directly connected to the confusion over the situation of our Ukrainian Orthodox brothers and sisters. We can only hope that since this was our first year, next year will be better. But now our Deanery clergy have to face the difficult decision of whether it's best for the faithful of the whole Deanery to return to Deanery Mission Vespers again, or to continuing our participation in Vespers with the local Clergy Brotherhoods.

At our June Deanery meeting, we elected Father Theodore Heckman to be our Secretary-Treasurer.

On June 18, Archbishop HERMAN consecrated the new Saint Herman's Church in Gradyville, Pennsylvania. We congratulate the faithful and ask God to grant Many Years!

On June 24, our Deanery hosted the Diocesan Parish Council Conference at Saint Nicholas' Church in Bethlehem. Father Eugene Vansuch led the discussion about the various proposed changes in the Statutes being considered by the All-American Council.

Father Gregory Horton was President of the Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood for 1995. The Lehigh Valley Clergy Brotherhood sponsors an Orthodox Christian Education Program in Northampton, Pennsylvania. The program provides Orthodox religious education three times a week to Orthodox students enrolled in a local parochial elementary school. The students attend weekly Liturgy and feast day Liturgies at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, located near the school and serviced by local Orthodox clergy. In it's first year of operation, the program has enrolled 15 students. The faculty of the program includes local Orthodox educators and Father and Matushka Horton who taught liturgical music. (For more information, call the School's Principal, Mr John Barna, 610-262-2231.)

The Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood is sponsoring an education program for certification of Church School teachers. The Brotherhood is also planning an "Eastern Churches Conference" in December, which will gather speakers from all walks of Orthodox life to address a large variety of subjects in a one-day conference. Our Dean is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood.

In memory of Archpriest Vladimir Borichevsky (+1990), Archbishop HERMAN, Archpriest Theodore Heckman, and Archpriest John Udics celebrated the Divine Liturgy and Panikhida on September 9, 1995, with the faithful of the Deanery and other local Churches at Saint Mark's Church in Wrightstown, founded by Father Vladimir. Saint Mark's hopes to make this memorial an annual event.

Saint Stephen's Cathedral (1971), Philadelphia; Archpriest Daniel Geeza, Cathedral Dean  
Holy Trinity Church (1899), Catasauqua; Priest Gregory Horton, Rector  
Assumption of the Virgin Church (1913) Philadelphia; Archpriest John Udics, Rector, Dean  
Saint Michael's Church (1915), Wilmington, Del.; vacant  
Saint Nicholas' Church (1916), Coatesville; vacant  
Saint Nicholas' Church (1916), Bethlehem; Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, Rector  
Saint Nicholas' Church, Philadelphia (1917); Archpriest John Bohush, Rector  
Holy Trinity Church (1928), Pottstown; Archpriest Nicholas Yuschak, Rector  
Saint Herman's Church (1974), Gradyville; Priest John Perich, Rector  
Saint Mark's Church (1974), Wrightstown; Archpriest Theodore Heckman, Rector, Secretary

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Ps. 127:1



After His Eminence, Archbishop Herman, assigned Father Joseph Martin, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in McAdoo, dean of the Frackville Deanery, and spiritual advisor for the Central Pennsylvania FROC District, to Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre as pastor, he appointed Father Daniel Ressetar as acting dean of the Frackville Deanery and temporary Central Pennsylvania FROC District spiritual advisor.

A deanery meeting was held on August 15 in Frackville and elections took place. The elected Frackville Deanery officers have been confirmed.

Very Reverend Daniel D. Ressetar, Dean  
Very Reverend Michael Hatrak, Assistant Dean  
Reverend John Onofrey, Secretary  
Very Reverend Michael Hatrak, Treasurer

Because of more parish responsibilities and long travel time to the Diocesan Center, His Eminence approved Father Michael Hatrak to assist the newly elected dean when necessary. Father Michael Hatrak, in addition to his current assignment as rector of SS. Peter and Paul Church in Minersville, is also rector of Saint Mary Church in Saint Clair.

Father Nicholas Wyslutzky, while being attached to the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk (he is also the Saint Tikhon Bookstore manager), has been assigned as acting rector of Holy Ascension Church in Lykens.

The Very Reverend Michael G. Kovach is still attached to Christ The Saviour Church in Harrisburg. Retired, he is active as a supply priest when needed at other Orthodox Churches of various jurisdictions whenever he is not serving in Harrisburg on weekends and feast days.

Other priests of the Frackville Deanery are: Very Rev. Paul Ropitsky, pastor of Holy Ascension Church in Frackville; the Very Rev. Paul Borick, pastor of Saint Mary Church in Coaldale; Very Rev. Michael Evans, pastor of Saint Michael Church in Mount Carmel, who also serves occasionally at Holy Trinity Church in McAdoo in cooperation with retired priests of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery; and Father John Onofrey, pastor of Saint Herman of Alaska Church in Shillington.

GIFT: A gift of \$300.00 for the purchase of a "Panagia" was approved for Archimandrite Innocent (Gula), the recently consecrated Bishop of Alaska.

MISSION: The Frackville Deanery priests have been involved in helping establish a mission parish for the third time: The first was Saint Mark Church (1974) in Wrightstown, formerly in Doylestown; the second was Elevation of the Holy Cross Church in Williamsport (1977); and the third is the mission parish in Chambersburg (1995).

A Vespers was served by Father Daniel Ressetar Sunday afternoon on August 27, 1995. Because of the availability of a priest who is willing to serve free of charge for "two or more years", the mission decided to become part of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Comprising of some 30 people, most are members of Christ The Saviour Church in Harrisburg and Saint Catherine Church in Hagerstown, Maryland.



Father Peter E. Gillquist, Department of Missions and Evangelism, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, and Father Joseph Fester, Office of Development, Orthodox Church in America, have been in communication,

In addition, His Grace, Bishop Antoun, made appropriate contact with His Eminence, Archbishop Herman, about this.

The new priest is Father Theodore Pulcini who teaches at Dickinson College in Carlisle. Last Semester he taught at Saint Vladimir Seminary. On Sept. 10 he co-celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Christ The Saviour Church in Harrisburg with Father Michael Kovach and Father Daniel Ressetar. Regular liturgical services will commence at the home of Dr. Nagib Khalifa this week. An iconostas with icons has been built and property will be purchased soon. The potential to grow numerically is good.

LENTEN PRESENTATION: Sponsored by Christ The Saviour Church in cooperation with the Orthodox Council of Churches of South Central Pennsylvania, Father Thomas Hopko, dean of Saint Vladimir Seminary, will talk on "Family: God's Plan" at the church in Harrisburg on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be question-and-answer time.

Pre-registration by November 15 is preferred so proper food preparations may be made. A free will offering for the lunch, snacks, and drinks will be welcome. Everyone is invited, including the non-Orthodox.



Significant Events in the Calendar of His Eminence Archbishop Herman, compiled for the 32nd Diocesan Assembly by Archpriest John Kowalczyk, Chairman of the Department of Public Relations.

October 8 - presided over the 31st Diocesan Assembly held at St. Michael's Church in Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

October 14-17 traveled to Anchorage, Alaska for the canonization of St. Jacob, Enlightener of the Alaskan Peoples.

October 18 - participated in the Annual R.B.O. Convention in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

October 24-28 hosted the Fall Session of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

October 29 - traveled to Chancery in Syosset, New York on the 25th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood of Fr. Robert Kondratich.

November 6 - made an Archpastoral visitation to St. Michael's Church in Jermyn, Pennsylvania followed by a banquet with over three hundred people in attendance.

November 12-13 traveled to Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre and joined Metropolitan Theodosius in marking the 25th Anniversary celebration of the parish. This was followed by a banquet with over three hundred people in attendance.

November 20 - made an Archpastoral visit to St. Mary's Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and ordained Reader Jude Lepine to the Diaconate.

November 27 - made an Archpastoral visitation to Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

November 30 - December 2, participated in the Bishop's Conference sponsored by S.C.O.B.A. and held at the Antiochian Village

December 8 - presided over the 110th Diocesan Council Meeting held at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

December 11 - made an Archpastoral visitation to St. Michael's Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

January 22 -23 traveled to Washington D.C. and participated in the National March for Life by giving the invocation. Delivered the benediction at the Annual Rose Dinner held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel later that evening.

January 25 - was the guest of Bishop Timlin of Scranton for dinner and led the Orthodox delegation for Christian Unity Week.

January 28 - was the guest speaker at the Annual Respect for Life Breakfast, held in Scranton, sponsored by the Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

February 3-4-5 participated in the first Annual St. Tikhon's Teen Winter Encounter

February 18 - Baptized Joachim Wyslutsky at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church

February 19 - joined Metropolitan Theodosius for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and installed the Rev. Peter Dubinin as Rector of All Saints Church in Olyphant, Pennsylvania.



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February 19 - attended the Annual Maslenitza Dinner at the Pasonick Hotel, sponsored by St. Tikhon's Century Association.

February 26 - traveled to St. Stephen's Cathedral and made an Archpastoral visitation. This was followed by a Banquet with over two hundred in attendance.

March 12 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at the Holy Ascension Church in Frackville, Pa.

March 12 - celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy Service at St. Mary's Church in Coaldale, Pennsylvania. The homilist was Fr. George Alexson

March 13 - attended the Pension Board Meeting in Syosset, New York.

March 16 - hosted a clergy retreat at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

March 19 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

March 19 - celebrated the Lenten Vesper Service at the Holy Annunciation Church in Scranton, Pa.

March 20 -23 participated in the Spring Session of the Holy Synod of Bishops Meeting in Syosset, New York.

March 26 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at the Holy Annunciation Church in Berwick, Pa.

March 26 - presided over the Lenten Vesper Service at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Scranton, Pa.

March 27 attended the Pension Board Meeting in Syosset, New York

March 28 participated in the Diocesan Council Meeting held at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, Pa.

March 30 attended the Board of Trustees Meeting of St. Tikhon's Seminary

April 2 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Church in Mt. Carmel, Pa.

April 2 - presided over the Lenten Vesper Service at Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

April 9 - served the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Resurrection Church in Aldan Station, Pa.

April 9 - celebrated the Lenten Vesper Service at St. Nicholas Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

April 16 - celebrated the Palm Sunday Liturgy at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

April 16 - served the Bridegroom Matins Service at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pa.

April 19 - presided over the Holy Unction Service at St. Michael's Church in Old Forge, Pa.

April 23 - celebrated the Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church

April 25 - celebrated the Bright Tuesday Liturgy at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church followed by a luncheon for the diocesan clergy family.

May 4 - attended the Pension Board Meeting in Syosset, New York.



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- May 7 - Key-note speaker at the ROCMOS convention in Wilkes-Barre.
- May 8 - attended the Pre-conciliar meeting in Syosset, New York.
- May 29 - 31 participated in the 91st Annual Pilgrimage.
- June 17 - celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Uniondale, followed by a banquet held at St. Michael's Hall in Jermyn, Pa.
- June 18 - participated in the Consecration of St. Herman Church in Gradyville, Pa. followed by a Grand Banquet in honor of the event.
- June 24 - attended the Parish Council Conference held at St. Nicholas Church in Bethlehem, Pa.
- June 25 - celebrated the Hierarchial Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the retirement of Archpriest Vladimir Petorak followed by a testimonial banquet.
- June 26 - July 1 participated at the annual summer camp at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, Pa.
- July 2 - traveled to Sts. Peter and Paul's Church in Minersville, Pennsylvania and celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood of V. Rev. Michael Hatrak.
- July 6 - 8 traveled to Anchorage Alaska on Church business.
- July 9 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and blessed new icons at St. Michael's Church in Old Forge, Pa. This was followed by a parish dinner at the Church Hall.
- July 14 - 22 attended and participated in the 11th All-American Council held in Chicago, Illinois.
- July 30 - celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. John the Baptist Church in Nanticoke, Pa.
- August 12 - participated in a Women's Retreat held at St. Tikhon's Seminary/Monastery in South Canaan, Pa.
- August 20 - attended the 3rd Annual St. Tikhon's Seminary Day Bazaar held at Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- September 10 - celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Church in Coaldale, Pa.
- September 16 - participated in the consecration of Bishop Innocent at St. Innocent Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska.
- September 21 - presided over the Diocesan Council Meeting held at St. Tikhon's Seminary.
- September 27 - attended the meeting of the lesser Holy Synod in Syosset, New York.