

The 51st Annual Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
AGENDA

Thursday, January 29, 2015

- 3-4 p.m. Check-in at Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem 18017
Registration at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Bethlehem
- 4 p.m. Great Vespers

SESSION I

- 5 p.m. Formal opening of the Assembly
- a. Presentation of Agenda
 - b. Report of Credentials Committee
 - c. Approval of Assembly Officers
 - i. Appointment of two vice-chairmen (one clergy and one layman) with confirmation by Assembly
 - ii. Appointment of Secretariat with confirmation by Assembly.
 - d. Message of Diocesan Hierarch Q & A
 - e. Minutes of the 50th Assembly
- 6 p.m. Dinner in parish hall

SESSION II

- 7 p.m. Round table discussion with Fr Nathaniel Symeonides (Director of the Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America) on the Assembly of Bishops, Proposals for Canonical and Regional Planning and the Great and Holy Council scheduled for 2016. *You may wish to read about the work of the Assembly prior to our Diocesan Assembly and be prepared to ask questions about how this work will affect all Orthodox Christians in North America. Please refer to the following links: <http://assemblyofbishops.org/news/research> ; <http://assemblyofbishops.org/news/2014/2014-committee-reports-now-available>.*
- 9 p.m. Little Compline St. Nicholas, Bethlehem

Friday, January 30th, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Reading of the Hours
- 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

- 10:00 a.m. Brunch
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation on Stewardship, Q & A --- Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Fr. Stephen Vernak and Mark Linnehan
- Q & A on Administrative Reports and Approval (Please read the reports prior to the Diocesan Assembly as they will not be read)
- a. Chancellor's Report
 - b. Diocesan Deans
 - c. Diocesan Treasurer
 - d. Diocesan Auditors
 - e. Metropolitan Council representatives
 - f. Diocesan Council Secretary
- Q & A Departmental Reports (Please read the reports prior to the Diocesan Assembly as they will not be read)
- a. Communications
 - b. Office of Church School Programs & Curriculum
 - c. Office of Young Adult Activities
 - d. Health Insurance
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Proposal of Budget for 2015
- 2:00 p.m. Old Business
- a. Diocesan Property
 - b. Diocesan By-Laws
- New Business
- a. Father John Jillions, OCA Chancellor
 - b. All America Council, Atlanta, GA
 - c. Revised Statute of the OCA
 - d. Date and Location of 2016 Assembly
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Prayer and Departure