

61st ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania
Archangel Michael Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE
January 23 & 24, 2025

AGENDA

Thursday, January 23

3-4 pm Check-in
Registration, Archangel Michael, Wilmington, DE

Session I

4 p.m. Formal Opening of the Assembly
A. O Heavenly King...
B. Presentation of the Agenda
 i. Credentials Committee Report
 ii. Appointment of Clergy and Lay Chairs
 iii. Appointment of the Secretariat (one clergy/one lay)
 iv. Nominating Committee/Tellers
C. Message of the Diocesan Hierarch – Q and A
D. Minutes of the 60th Assembly

5 p.m. Dinner at St Michael the Archangel
6 p.m. Daily Vespers at St Michael the Archangel (Lytia for the Departed)
7 p.m. Caring for those who care for us – V. Rev. Fr Nicholas Solak, Chair of the Department of Pastoral Life
8:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception

Friday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Reading of the Hours
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m. Brunch

Session II

(Please read all reports in advance as they will not be read or presented)

11 a.m. *Updated Credentials Report*
Q AND A ON DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND APPROVAL
Chancellor; Diocesan Deans; Metropolitan Council Report; Diocesan Council Secretary;
Auditors' Report; Communications; Missions; Camp, Retreats (summer camp & teen retreats; St. Alexis Toth Young Men's Group; Women's Retreat)

Session III

11:15 a.m. Treasurers Report & 2025 Budget
Old Business –
New Business –
Election of Diocesan Council and Auditors in the following order:

- Metropolitan Council (3 years) Clergy and Lay delegates (Danalisa Radu is willing to continue if nominated)
- One Clergy Delegate at large (3 years)

- Philadelphia Deanery by Caucus - Clergy Delegate 3 yrs., Lay Delegate 2 yrs. Currently, Fr Mark Koczak and Daria Cortese who are both eligible and willing to continue;
- Frackville Deanery by Caucus – Clergy Delegate 3 yrs., Lay Delegate 2 yrs. Currently, Dn. Peter Staller (eligible for reelection) and Russell Charowsky (ineligible for reelection)
- Wilkes Barre Deanery by Caucus – Clergy Delegate 3 yrs. And Lay Delegate 2 yrs. Currently, Fr. John Black and Christopher Yanovich who are both eligible and willing
- Auditors are not part of the Diocesan Council. Currently, Jennifer Bzik and Fr. Silouan Burns are eligible for re-election. Proto-deacon Sergei Kapral already served 6 years. We will elect one auditor for three years, one for two and a third for one year to create a healthy rotation.
- All elected positions after this year will be for three year terms.

Date and location of 2026 Diocesan Assembly

Closing Prayer