



The Orthodox Church in America  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! Over the past years the Diocesan Office and our Deans have struggled to provide coverage for each and every parish as we have a significant number of vacancies. This year, we will have five clergy no longer serving the Diocesan parishes.

As a priest in Michigan in 2000, when asked to provide coverage for a priest taking vacation the standard stipend was \$250. Given the rising costs of cars, tires, gasoline, insurance, etc., an increase is long overdue. Some jurisdictions require parishes to pay mileage as well as a stipend. We will keep things simple. All substitute clergy are to be coordinated through the respective Deans. They will continue to do their best to provide coverage for every parish with the following compensation guidelines:

- A. All parishes are expected to compensate our supply priests \$350.00.
- B. The same compensation will be expected for Funerals.
- C. Those parishes desiring Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal services should discuss this with their Deans. This will depend largely upon available clergy.

We will continue to make every effort to insure the Sacramental and pastoral needs are met and we appreciate your cooperation.

Yours in Christ,

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+ Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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