

**New York City Deanery**  
Diocese of New York and New Jersey  
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**Diocesan Assembly, November 9, 2010**  
**Dean's Report**

Your Grace, Father Chancellor, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Delegates and Observers to the Diocesan Assembly.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is my privilege as a Dean to give the report of the New York City Deanery.

This is our first Diocesan Assembly under the archpastoral leadership and guidance of His Grace, Michael, Bishop of New York and New Jersey. This year started a new chapter in history of our Dioceses and our parishes. I believe we all are very happy that God has given His blessing to us.

There are fifteen parishes in the New York City Deanery, including St. Nino Georgian Mission in Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, NY, under the care of Archpriest Alexander Tandilashvili (temporary located in St. Mary Antiochan Parish) and Belarusian Mission, Minsk Icon of Mother of God Chapel in Brooklyn, Sheepshead Bay, NY, under the care of Reverend Igor Yakunin and SS. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home on Staten Island, under the care of Reverend Fr. Aaron Archer Jr.

Monthly meetings were hosted by different parishes of the New York City Deanery. Unfortunately attendance at our meetings was not satisfactory, sometimes less than 50% attendance. During these meetings we discussed our Deanery and Diocese issues. We discussed the problems in our churches in the USA and abroad. Up until June 2010, we spend a great deal of time on discussing the difficult situation in St. Nicholas Church in Whitestone. With the arrival of the new priest to the Whitestone parish in July 2010, Archpriest Fr. Joseph Woodill completely changed the situation in this parish.

At one of our Deanery meetings Hieromonk Michael (Dahulich) (now Bishop Michael) had a very interesting discussion with our clergy about the future of our Diocese. This conference had a very good attendance.

Lenten Mission Vespers/Fellowship were held at the following parishes:

- Orthodoxy Sunday- Feb. 21- St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral- Brooklyn, NY,
- St. Gregory Palamas - Feb. 28- Holy Trinity Church- Brooklyn, NY,
- Cross Veneration - March 7- Our Lady of Kazan Church- Sea Cliff, NY,
- St. John Climacus- March 14- St. Nicholas Church- Whitestone, NY,
- St. Mary of Egypt March 21- St. Mary Magdalen Church, at Columbus Ave., NY, NY.

Our Great Lent Clergy Confession took place on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at the Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, New York, NY.

On Bright Monday, the New York City Deanery had a very nice dinner. During this informal dinner Bishop Elect (now Bishop Michael) met with priests and their families. It was a good occasion to spend time together. We were all grateful to His Grace Bishop Michael for this gathering.

On August 28, 2010 our Deanery had a beautiful picnic at Holy Trinity Parish at East Meadow, NY. Again we enjoyed spending time together with our Bishop, priests and our families.

On October 11, 2010 New York City Deanery had a conference in Woodside NY. It was a two-session Open Forum on the subject of the "Strategic Plan- Draft" of the Orthodox Church in America under guidance of our chairman, Chancellor, Archpriest Fr. Joseph Lickwar. Deacon John Zarras gave a very interesting introduction and presentation on the subject.

Recently almost all parishes of our Deanery were visited by Bishop Michael. All visitations took place in a very warm and friendly atmosphere.

All of the parishes in the New York City Deanery have priests assigned, or attached to them and are serving regularly.

All of the parishes in the New York City Deanery have churches and rectories in good condition except Christ the Savior Church, New York, NY and St. John the Theologian Church, Shirley NY. These parishes do not have rectory buildings.

St. Nino Mission has already bought building and property in Staten Island NY where a new church will be established.

Minsk Icon of Mother of God Chapel in Brooklyn, Sheepshead Bay, NY was organized and is managed by Fr. Igor himself. There is still a lot of work to do.

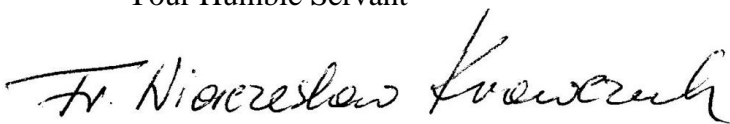
We welcome to our Deanery Archpriest Fr. Joseph Woodill, Reverend Fr. Aaron Archer Jr. and Deacon John Diamantis.

I personally thank the clergy of the New York City Deanery for their continued dedication and hard work in serving the Holy Orthodox Church.

I wish to give special thanks to our Chancellor, Archpriest Fr. Joseph Lickwar and Archpriest Fr. Alexey Karlgut for their help in resolving the difficult situation in the St. Nicholas parish in Whitestone, NY.

On behalf of the clergy of the New York City Deanery, I ask for your prayers and support as we continue to do the work set out for us by our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Church.

Your Humble Servant



Archpriest Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk  
Dean of New York City