

New York City Deanery
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Orthodox Church in America

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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 Dean to give the report of the New York City Deanery.

There are fifteen parishes in the New York City Deanery. Situation in NYC Deanery is stable, except for the Belarusian Mission, Minsk Icon of Mother of God Chapel in Brooklyn, Sheepshead Bay, NY, under the care of Reverend Igor Yakunin was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. The Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn slowly stabilizes. The full restoration of the Transfiguration Cathedral in Brooklyn is almost over after 10 years of hard work.

Monthly meetings were hosted by different parishes of the New York City Deanery. Unfortunately attendance at our meetings was not satisfactory. During these meetings we discussed our Deanery and Diocese issues; we discussed the problems in our churches in the USA and abroad. We debated different ways of encouraging parishioners in taking part in the *A Vision for our Future* program, created by His Grace Bishop Michael.

Fr. Aaron Archer, former priest serving at SS. Cosmas & Damian Adult House on Staten Island passed away. Fr. Michael Mihalick, former rector of St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Dix Hill passed away. Memory Eternal for Fr. Aaron and Fr. Michael.

On Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 the New York City Deanery had a very nice dinner organized by Dn. Nicholas Garklavs . During this informal dinner His Grace 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 Feb. 24, 2013 we have had very nice DDB lunch organized by Fr. John Klingel in Dix Hill.

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

March 24- Sunday of Orthodoxy. His Grace Bp. Michael will serve at St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood NY

March 31 Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas. St. at St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Dix Hill, NY.

April 7 Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Yonkers . NY.

April 14 Sunday of St. John Climacus at St. Nicholas Albanian Church in Jamaica Est. NY.

April 21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Whitestone , NY

His Grace Bp. Michael served Lenten Vespers.

Our Great Lent Clergy Confession took place on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the St. John Chrysostom Church in Woodside NY.

All parishes of our Deanery were visited by His Grace 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 who are serving regularly.

All of the parishes in the New York City Deanery have churches and rectories in good condition.

Our Deanery priests received awards:

- Archpriest – Fr. Michael Dudas
- Gold Cross - Fr. David Cowan
- Gold Cross – Fr. Alexander Ioukλιαevskikh,
- Scufija – Fr. Igor Yakunin
- Double Orarion & Kamilavka – Dn. John Eby

On June 8, 2013, St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Dix Hill hosted the Parish Council Workshop with Fr. Constantine Nasr. The workshop was very successful. Participants were very happy to gain interesting information on how to better run parishes to make them more effective. Representatives from all parishes of the New York City Deanery took part in this workshop.

Many NYC Deanery priests participated in St. Tikhon's Conference in PA which took place on June 18 to June 20, 2013.

August 10, 2013 - Misconduct Prevention Church School Conference in Yonkers NY.

September 5 and 6, 2013 – Clergy conference in Clifton NJ. It was very interesting conference conducted by Matushka Natalie Stavrevsky. On this conference priests received credits to Continue Education Program.

I am happy to report that the situation in all the NYC Deanery parishes is good.

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

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