

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, including St. Nino Georgian Mission in Staten Island, NY, under the care of Archpriest Alexander Tandilashvili and the 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 is under the care of assigned priests from Diocese (Reverend Fr. Aaron Archer Jr. retired).

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. Over ten months until October 20, 2012 we spend a great deal of time discussing the situation in the Holy Trinity Church Brooklyn NY. On October 20, 2012 Fr. Vladimir Alexeev return to his position as rector of the parish. Right now, the situation starting stabilizes.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012 the New York City Deanery had a very nice dinner. 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 February 12, 2012 we had a very nice DDB Appreciation dinner hosted by the Holy Trinity Church in East Meadow.

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

- Orthodoxy Sunday- March 4- St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral- Brooklyn, NY,
- St. Gregory Palamas – March 11- St. Andrew Church , Dix Hill, NY
- Cross Veneration - March 18- St. Nicholas Church- Whitestone, NY,
- St. John Climacus- March 25- Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY
- St. Mary of Egypt April 1- St. Nino Mission, Staten Island NY

Our Great Lent Clergy Confession took place on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at the Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, NY, NY.

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

We congratulate Fr. David Coven with installation as a rector of Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers; Congratulation to Fr. Seraphim Joa; Fr. John Diamantis and Dn. David Chow with ordination and welcome to our Deanery

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.

- St. Nino Mission holds services in their own building in Staten Island, NY. Mission is growing.
- The Belarusian Mission, Minsk Icon of Mother of God Chapel in Brooklyn, Sheepshead Bay, NY, is looking for bigger space and more convenient location (transportation)
- The Transfiguration Cathedral in Brooklyn NY is under renovation. Work is in progress and it is estimated to be done in 5-6 months.

Our Deanery priests received awards:

- Jewelry Cross - Fr. John Klingel,
- Palitza - Fr. John Bartholomew
- Kamilavka - Fr. David Covan
- Protodeacon - Dn. Patrick Baumgarth

On June 24, 2012, the Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow NY, hosted the Parish Council Workshop. The workshop was very successful. Participants were very happy to gain interesting information on how to better run parishes to make them more effective. Thirty two people from the New York City Deanery took part in this workshop.

On July 2012 St. John Chrysostom Church, Woodside NY organized nice Deanery picnic.

I wish to give special thanks to our Chancellor, Archpriest Fr. Joseph Lickwar, Archpriest Fr. Alexey Karlgut, Rev. Fr. Alexander Ioukλιαevskikh and to all who served in the difficult situation in the Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn, NY.

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

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