



DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

51st DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Cumberland, RI

OCTOBER 24-25, 2014

To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Councils and Faithful of the Diocese of New England,

The 51st New England Diocesan Assembly will convene on October 24-25, 2014, hosted by Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church, Cumberland, RI. Registration begins on Friday morning at 8:30 A.M. Clergy and Lay delegates are reminded that this is a two-day assembly, and all are expected to be present for the entire assembly.

Details regarding hotel accommodations, registration for the assembly - including delegate accreditation forms and travel details are included in this attachment. In the second attachment please find the draft minutes from the 51st Diocesan Assembly. Another email, early in September, will contain the proposed budget for 2015. All parishes are receiving this packet in electronic form only.

Please note that the deadline for the hotel is **September 30th**, the forms and banquet registration is **October 5th**. If you do not intend to be at the banquet please indicate so. We will be charged for all meals that are ordered.

As indicated in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the parish lay representative(s) are to be chosen by election — either at a general parish meeting or a parish council meeting, according to local practice. The number of lay representatives corresponds to the number of assigned (not attached) clergy — priests and deacons — in the parish. Vacant parishes may elect and send one (1) lay representative. Accordingly, lay representation to the 51st assembly is on the enclosed sheet.

In order to send voting delegates to the Diocesan Assembly, parishes must be current with their Diocesan and OCA Fair Share that is at least through the fiscal year just ended on August 31, 2014. Please note that lay delegates whose parish fair share is not current will be seated as observers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alexia Tassmer



+ Nikon

*Archbishop of Boston New England and the Albanian Archdiocese
Orthodox Church in America*

Most Rev. Nikon (Liolin) P.O. Box 149 Southbridge, MA 01550 508-764-3222
Email: bpnikon@aol.com

August 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I extend this invitation to you to participate in the 51st Annual Assembly of the Diocese of New England. For many it is a regular occasion and for others it will be a first.

I know that Father Vasily Lickwar and the parishioners of The Dormition of the Virgin Mary are anxiously awaiting and are looking forward to our arrival.

How joyous it is when the whole church gathers, Bishop, Clergy and Laity not only to determine and define our direction and activities for the coming year as “all things must be done in order.” Certainly, the business of operating is important but to join together in the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy is our greatest joy.

It is in this light that I once again think of our gathering together in the Connecticut Deanery during this beautiful time of year on Friday and Saturday October 24-25 in 2014 for this 51st Annual Assembly as the “Synaxis of the Diocese of New England.” Defined by the dictionary “Synaxis” means the gathering of the faithful, especially for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. I know all of you will want to participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy on Saturday Morning.

Included with this package you will find all pertinent information regarding accommodations, schedules, etc. I know that none of us will want to miss out on fully participating in the life of our church.

With my Love, Blessings and Prayers,

+ Nikon

Archbishop of Boston, New England and the Albanian Archdiocese

Holy Dormition Orthodox Church
71 Manville Hill Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864
(401) 658-0874

August 24, 2014

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia

Dear Archbishop Nikon, Reverend Priests and Deacons,
and Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Our parish is honored to host the 51st Annual Assembly of the Diocese of New England. Started in 1902 and founded in 1907, our parish is one of the oldest parishes of our diocese. Our parishioners are blest to be partakers of God's promise through the liturgical, sacramental and communal life of the Orthodox Church in our parish's original temple, which our ancestors built with their own hands from March to August in 1908. Our community is small, yet it labors diligently for God's glory and the salvation of His people. This past June, Metropolitan TIKHON and Archbishop NIKON led twenty seven clergy and altar servers in a Eucharistic celebration, joyfully marking the completion of the first phase of our temple's restoration and renovation. Hosting this year's assembly gives us an opportunity to continue in this joy by sharing it with you all as our guests.



The agenda of the assembly, beginning on Friday morning, October 24th, will take place at the Kirkbrae Country Club, 197 Old River Rd, Lincoln, RI 02865 (401.333-1300, fax 401.333-0050, www.kirkbrae.com), just a ten minute drive from the Holy Dormition Church. Vespers will also take place at the country club and will be followed there by the customary assembly banquet. On Saturday, a brunch and the assembly's closing plenary session will take place in the parish hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Dormition Church, on Fountain Street off Manville Hill Rd, in Cumberland. Night lodging accommodations are available for all delegates and guests at the Providence Marriot Downtown, One Orms Street, Providence, RI 02904 (401 272-2400, fax 401 273-2686) at the special group rate of \$149 per room. Reservations must be completed no later than September 30th, 2014, not only to assure securing the group rate but even to secure a room, since the dates of our assembly coincide with local college weekends. **Reservations can be made by telephoning the following toll-free number (866 807-2171) for the group, Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of New England.**

On behalf of the members of the Holy Dormition Parish and myself, I am privileged to welcome and to greet you all, in the Name of the Lord.

Archpriest Vasily Lickwar
Parish Rector

Hotel Information

Providence Marriot Downtown, One Orms Street, Providence RI 02904
(401) 272 – 2400 OR (866) 807-2171 fax (401) 273 – 2686
Special group rate of \$149 per night ***Rate only through September 30th***
Group: Orthodox Church of America, Diocese of New England

Directions to Holy Dormition Orthodox Church

From the south

*Route 95 North to Route 146 North to Route 295 North to Exit 10
Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 122 (Mendon Road)
Continue on Route 122 for 2.7 miles to Manville Hill Road
Turn Left on Manville Hill Road and continue down the hill for 3/10 mile.
Turn left onto Fountain Street. A sign for the church is on the left corner.
Go straight up the hill to the church.*

From the north

*Route 95 South to Route 295 South to Exit 10
Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 122 (Mendon Road)
Continue on Route 122 for 2.7 miles to Manville Hill Road
Turn Left on Manville Hill Road and continue down the hill for 3/10 mile.
Turn left onto Fountain Street. A sign for the church is on the left corner.
Go straight up the hill to the church.*

Directions to the Kirkbrae Country Club

The least complicated way is to go to Dormition Church in Cumberland, first, from whatever your point of origin may be and to proceed to Kirkbrae from the church according to the following instructions. The drive is 10 to 15 minutes.

Turn left from Fountain Street onto Manville Hill Road
Proceed down-hill and across the bridge over the Blackstone River
Pass through the intersection and proceed on Main Street to Old River Road
Turn left onto Old River Road for almost 2 miles
The Kirkbrae Country Club is on your left and the parking lot is on your right

From Kirkbrea Country Club to the Marriot

Exit the Kirkbrea Parking Lot turning right onto Old River Road

Proceed on Old River Road about 1/2 mile to Route 116 North

At traffic light (just after Lincoln High School on your left) ~ turn right onto 116 North

After three traffic lights turn right entering onto 146 South - Providence

Proceed on 146 South for almost nine miles and exit at the Admiral Street Exit

Turn left onto Admiral Street crossing a bridge

At traffic light turn right onto Branch Avenue

Proceed on Branch Avenue as it curves right ~ passing a liquor store and gas station on your left

At the traffic light turn right onto Main Street (the Marriot is visible on your right)

Turn right onto Orms Street and enter the Marriot Parking Lot

From Marriot Providence Downtown to Dormition Church

Exit Marriot Parking Lot turning left onto Orms Street

Turn Left onto Charles Street and proceed to Admiral Street Intersection

Proceed through the intersection and move into the left lane

Turn left onto the entrance for 146 North

Proceed northbound on 146 North to 295 North

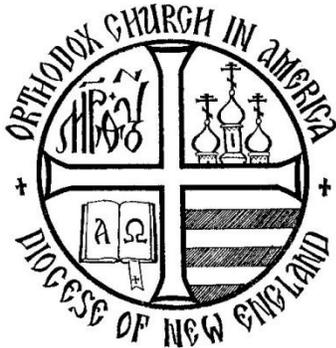
Enter 295 North and exit onto Exit 10 (Cumberland)

Turn right onto Route 122 (Mendon Road)

Proceed on Route 122 for almost 2 miles to Manville Hill Road ~ (Poppy's Restaurant on left)

Turn left onto Manville Hill Road and proceed down-hill ~ to sign for Dormition Church

Turn left at the black/white sign for the church on your left ~ and proceed up-hill to the church



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Tentative Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Friday October 24, 2014

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	51st Assembly Registration	Kirkbrae Country Club
10:00 a.m.	Opening Service of Thanksgiving	Kirkbrae Country Club
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	1 st Plenary Session	Kirkbrae Country Club
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Kirkbrae Country Club
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	2 nd Plenary Session	Kirkbrae Country Club
5:30 p.m.	Vespers and Confession	Dormition Church
6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Kirkbrae Country Club
7:00 p.m.	Banquet	Kirkbrae Country Club

Saturday, October 25, 2014

8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Dormition Church
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Brunch	Dormition Church Hall
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	3 rd Plenary Session	Dormition Church Hall



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CLERGY (PRIEST/DEACON) REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

PARISH _____

CITY _____

STATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please RETURN this form by October 5, 2014 to:

Alexia Tassmer

95 South Orchard St

Wallingford, CT 06492

Any questions please call **Alexia** at 203-284-0856 atassmer@sbcglobal.net

BANQUET- On Friday evening

_____ I will attend _____ I will not attend.

Meal Choice: _____ Grilled Salmon

____ Eggplant Rollitini (Vegetarian)

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DELEGATE / ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please circle if you are a delegate or an alternate)

PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

The undersigned has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 51st Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

Signature of Rector _____

Signature of Parish Secretary _____

PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: _____

Credentials _____

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DELEGATE / ALTERNATE

I am a member of my parish in good standing. I have received the mysteries of Confession and Communion at least annually for the past three years at my home parish. I am not under ecclesiastical interdict. I am not married outside of the Orthodox Church. I am not living in violation of Orthodox moral standards. I am not a member of any anti-church and/or secret societies (such as Masonic organizations.) I have contributed the required fair share remittances to the Orthodox Church in America and to the New England Diocese.

Signature of Delegate / Alternate (Circle One)

Date

(Any departure from the above mentioned qualifications must be explained on a separate sheet of paper by the observer and the Rector and submitted to the Diocesan Bishop (Administrator) through the Credentials Committee for approval by the Bishop or administrator.)

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DIOCESAN LAY COUNCIL MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

Signature of Rector _____

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BANQUET- On Friday evening

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OBSERVER REGISTRATION FORM

PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

The undersigned observer has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 51st Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

Signature of Rector _____

PARISH SEAL

Signature of Parish Secretary _____

APPROVED: _____

Credentials _____

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OBSERVER

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Signature of Observer _____ **Date** _____

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Please RETURN with the Assembly Fee of \$50.00 per person.

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The **Assembly Fee** covers all the reports, all meals and the banquet.
Checks are payable to the DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND.