



DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

57th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Salem, MA

NOVEMBER 6 - 7, 2020

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

The 57th New England Diocesan Assembly will convene on November 6-7, 2020, hosted by St. Nicholas Church, Salem, MA. Registration begins on Friday morning at 9:30 A.M. Clergy and Lay delegates are reminded that this is a two-day assembly, and all are expected to be present on line for the entire assembly.

I have included a Tentative Schedule for the Assembly. Being that this is the first Diocesan Assembly being held by a Zoom Meeting the times will change. Please watch for an email closer to the Assembly date that will have a more accurate time schedule.

Details regarding registration for the assembly - including delegate accreditation forms are included in this attachment. You will receive an additional email with the minutes from the 56th Diocesan Assembly. Additional emails will follow with all reports for the Assembly including the proposed budget for 2020. All parishes are receiving this packet in electronic form only.

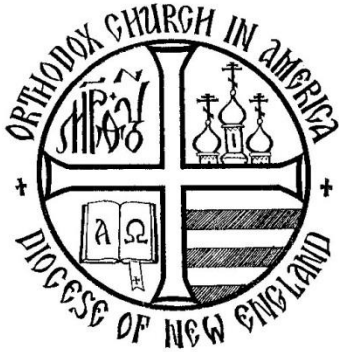
As indicated in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the parish lay representative(s) are to be chosen by election — either at a general parish meeting or a parish council meeting, according to local practice. The number of lay representatives corresponds to the number of assigned (not attached) clergy — priests and deacons — in the parish. Vacant parishes may elect and send one (1) lay representative. Accordingly, lay representation to the 57th 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 ending on August 31, 2020. Please note that lay delegates whose parish fair share is not current will be seated as observers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alexia Tassmer

September 2020



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Tentative Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Friday November 6, 2020

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	57th Assembly Registration	On Line Zoom Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Opening Service of Thanksgiving	
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	1 st Plenary Session	
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	2 nd Plenary Session	

Saturday, November 7, 2020

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	3 rd Plenary Session	On Line Zoom mtg
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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 19, 2020 to:

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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 57th 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).

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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OBSERVER REGISTRATION FORM

PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

The undersigned observer has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 57th 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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