

DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND BY-LAWS

1. The Diocese of New England (hereinafter referred to as Diocese) is comprised of the faithful Orthodox Christians united in local worshipping communities (hereinafter referred to as Parishes) within the territory assigned to it by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America. It is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut.

2. The Annual Diocesan Assembly is the annual corporate meeting. It is held in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. (See Appendix No. 1)

3. The Diocesan Council is the Corporate Board of Directors. Its composition and duties are determined by the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, these By-Laws, and the Diocesan rules of Procedure. (See Appendix No. 1 and No. 2)

4. In the event of any conflicting provisions the corporation and Statute of the Orthodox Church in America shall take precedence over those of the Diocese. The corporation and By-Laws of the Diocese shall take precedence over those of the parishes.

5. If the Diocese is dissolved or ceases to exist, all assets held in the name of the Diocese shall become the property of the Orthodox Church in America.

6. These By-Laws can be amended by a 2/3 vote at a Diocesan Assembly with the proviso that the exact text of any proposed amendment be mailed to all parishes for distribution to their members at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

APPENDIX No. 1 – The statute of the Orthodox Church in America dated November 1, 2015.

APPENDIX No. 2 – Diocese of New England Rules of Procedure

Amended and Adopted on October 29, 2016

At the 53rd Diocesan Assembly in Springfield, MA