



DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

49th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

St. Nicholas Church, Salem, MA

OCTOBER 26-27, 2012

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

The 49th New England Diocesan Assembly will convene on October 26-27, 2012, hosted by Saint Nicholas Church, Salem, MA. 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 48th Diocesan Assembly. Another email, early in September, will contain the proposed budget for 2013. All parishes are receiving this packet in electronic form only.

Please note that the deadline for the hotels are **September 23rd**, 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 49th 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, 2012. Please note that lay delegates whose parish fair share is not current will be seated as observers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

FR. DAVID KOLES



+ *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
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August 2012

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I extend this invitation to you to participate in the 49th 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 Theophan Whitfield and the parishioners of St. Nicholas 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 Eucharist Liturgy is our greatest joy.

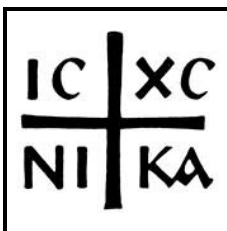
It is in this light that I once again think of our gathering together in the Boston Deanery during this beautiful time of year on Friday and Saturday October 26-27 in 2012 for this 49th Annual Assembly as the “Synaxis of the Diocese of New England.” Defined by the dictionary “Synaxis” means the gathering 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



St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

64 Forrester Street -- Salem, MA 01970

978-744-5869

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America
Diocese of New England

June 26, 2012

Dear Fathers and Mothers, Brothers and Sisters,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With joy and affection, the parish family of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church welcomes you to Salem, MA. It is a blessing for us to host the 49th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

From Connecticut to Maine, autumn brings out the best in New England. This is the season during which the beauty of town, countryside, and shoreline emerges so vividly. The colors of autumn complement the bounties which now fill our shops and markets. The harvests are in, and visitors are hungry for the tastes and sights of a New England at its most inviting.

Salem has a unique profile among the many historical sites in New England. This is a city which honors the American principle of religious toleration, having learned a hard lesson in the trials of 1692 when the innocent few were accused and persecuted by a zealous majority. For this reason, Salem takes special care to promote cooperation and understanding among religious traditions. It is sometimes said that faith is a private matter among the residents of New England. This is not quite the case in Salem. Many arrive here looking for a taste of the Divine, and for this reason Salem is a wonderful place to do the Lord's work as Orthodox Christians. Although there is much in the October air here in Salem that can cause alarm -- you will see an overemphasis on Halloween during your visit -- the atmosphere throughout the year is one of good will and mutual admiration among Christian brothers and sisters. "Lord, it is good for us to be here" (Matthew 17:4).

Saint Nicholas celebrated its centennial in 2001, and we are grateful for God's blessings as we move more deeply into our second century of ministry here on the North Shore of Massachusetts. Like many of our sister parishes, we have moved in recent decades towards a parish community that includes a mixture of backgrounds and languages. We still have descendants of the Galicians who established Saint Nicholas in 1901, but our family also includes newer immigrants from a variety of Orthodox countries. Increasingly, there are converts, and for the first time in a decade or two, the birth rate at Saint Nicholas has moved sharply upward! The good Lord has blessed us, and we have hope that through us the Holy Spirit will continue revealing the light and truth of Jesus Christ to those who seek to worship the Father "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

There is much that will keep us busy as we gather in holy assembly, but my hope is that you will have time to enjoy the local color and comforts of Salem and the North Shore. The Saint Nicholas parish family is here to make your stay a rewarding one. If there is something which we can do to enhance this time of prayer, work, and fellowship, please do not hesitate to ask.

With joy in the risen Christ,

Priest Theophan Whitfield, rector

HOTELS

Boston Marriott Peabody

8A Centennial Drive
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
978-977-9700 ♦ 800-228-9290

[Boston Marriott Peabody](#)

To reserve a room call the above number. Special room rate of \$149.00 plus tax, negotiated for the Assembly, and reference St. Nicholas Church Group for reservations.

Danvers Courtyard by Marriott

275 Independence Way
Danvers, Massachusetts 01923
978-777-8630 ♦ 800-321-2211

To reserve a room with **one King bed**, please use the link below:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosdv?groupCode=sncsnca&app=resvlink&fromDate=10/25/12&toDate=10/27/12>

To reserve a room with **two Queen beds**, please use the link below:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosdv?groupCode=sncsnbc&app=resvlink&fromDate=10/25/12&toDate=10/27/12>

To reserve a room call the above number. Special room rate of \$174.00(Queen) / \$164.00(King) plus tax, negotiated for the Assembly, and reference St. Nicholas Church Group for reservations.

The cut-off date for special rates has to be **September 23rd!**
DO NOT delay in making reservations.

Driving Directions

From South/West

**To St. Nicholas Church – 64 Forrester Street, Salem, MA 01970
phone: 978-744-5869**

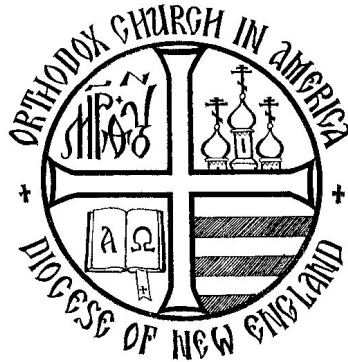
I 84 to I 90 (MASS Pike) East - 44.5 miles
Exit 14 take ramp right for I 95 North (Waltham/NH) - 26.0
Keep left onto Route 128 North - .6
Exit 26 take ramp right for Lowell Street toward Peabody Square/Salem - .2
Turn right onto Lowell Street - 1.3
Lowell Street becomes Main Street /Peabody - .5
Main Street becomes Boston Street /Salem - .5
Turn left onto Route 107/Bridge St. (Dunkin Donuts on left corner) - 1.0
Turn right to continue on Bridge St (just past St. Peter St.) - .3
Turn right onto Webb St. - .3
Turn right onto Forrester St. - .01

DIRECTIONS TO BOSTON MARRIOTT PEABODY

I 84 East to I 90 (MASS Pike) East - 44.5 miles
Exit 14 take ramp right for I 95 North (Waltham/NH) - 26.0
Keep left onto Route 128 North - .6
Exit 28 take ramp right and follow sign for Forest St/Centennial Dr. - .7
Bear right onto Centennial Drive - .2
Turn right into Peabody Marriott - .1

DIRECTIONS TO DANVERS COURTYARD BY MARIOTT

I 84 East to I 90 (MASS Pike) East- 44.5 miles
Exit 14 take ramp right for I 95 North (Waltham/NH) - 26.0
Keep left onto Route 128 North - .6
At Exit 24 take ramp right and follow signs for Endicott St.- .2
Turn right onto Endicott St. - .3
Turn right onto Independence Way (into shopping mall)- .1
Turn right to stay on Independence Way (around back of shopping mall) -.1
Turn right into Danvers Courtyard by Marriott



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Parish lay representation at the 2012 New England Diocesan Assembly is as follows:

| Boston Deanery | | Connecticut Deanery | |
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| Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston | 2 | Three Saints, Ansonia | 1 |
| Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Chelsea | 1 | Saints Peter & Paul, Bethel | 2 |
| Saint Mark of Ephesus, Kingston | 1 | Holy Ghost, Bridgeport | 1 |
| Holy Annunciation, Maynard | 1 | Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, Clinton | 1 |
| Saint Nicholas, Salem | 1 | All Saints, Hartford | 1 |
| Dormition of the Virgin Mary, Cumberland | 1 | Saints Peter & Paul, Meriden | 1 |
| | | Holy Trinity, New Britain | 1 |
| | | Holy Transfiguration, New Haven | 1 |
| | | Saint Nicholas, Norwich | 1 |
| | | Saint Nicholas, Pittsfield | 1 |
| | | All Saints of North America, Salisbury | 1 |
| | | Christ Savior, Southbury | 1 |
| <u>Northern Deanery</u> | | Saints Peter & Paul, Springfield, MA | 1 |
| Holy Resurrection, Berlin | 1 | Holy Assumption, Stamford | 1 |
| Holy Resurrection, Claremont | 1 | Saints Cyril & Methodius, Terryville | 2 |
| Saint Jacob of Alaska, Northfield Falls | 1 | Nativity of the Holy Virgin, Waterbury | 1 |
| Holy Trinity, Springfield, VT | 1 | Holy Trinity, Willimantic | 1 |

Reminder:

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012
First & Second Plenary Sessions

•A report from the credentials committee will be given at the beginning of each session

1. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS
 - A. Clergy Vice-Chair
 - B. Laity Vice-Chair
 - C. Secretariat
 - D. Nominations and Resolutions Committee
 - E. Credentials Committee
2. HIERARCH'S REPORT
His Eminence Archbishop NIKON
3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2011 MINUTES
4. PRESENTATION Very Rev. John Jillions, Chancellor of the OCA
5. DEANERY AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - A. Boston Deanery Very Rev. Vasily Lickwar, Dean
 - B. Connecticut Deanery Very Rev. David Koles, Dean
 - C. Northern Deanery Very Rev. Peter Carmichael, Dean
 - D. Metropolitan Council Rev. Robert Dick/Robert Popadic
 - E. ONE/Communications Rev. Joshua Mosher
 - F. ONE Stewards Protodeacon Paul Nimchek
 - G. Scholarships Mr. John Skrobat
 - H. Youth Rally Rev. John Hopko
 - I. Pension Board Mr. Greg Shesko
 - J. Choir Directing Program Very Rev. Steven & Matushka Cindy Voytovich
 - K. Scouting Very Rev. John Bacon
 - L. Cost of Living Adjustment for 2012 Mr. Greg Shesko
6. TREASURER'S REPORT
Mr. John Skrobat

7. AUDITOR'S REPORT
Rev. Michael Korolev

SATURDAY, October 27, 2012

Following Divine Liturgy & Brunch

Plenary Sessions 3

9. PRESENTATION Fr. John Bacon - Youth Protection Training
10. OLD BUSINESS
11. 2013 DIOCESAN BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT
Mr. John Skrobat
12. ELECTIONS TO THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL
 - Diocesan Secretary (3 year Term)
 - Diocesan Treasurer (3 year Term)
 - One clergy-at-large (3 Year Term)
 - Two laity-at-large (3 Year Terms)
 - One auditor, Non-Voting, (3 Year term)
13. RESOLUTIONS
14. NEW BUSINESS
15. NEXT DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND ADJOURNMENT
 - 2013 - Holy Ghost, Bridgeport, CT [CT Deanery]
 - 2014 - St. Jacob of Alaska, Northfield Falls, VT [Northern Deanery]
 - 2015 - ? ? [CT Deanery]



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Tentative Schedule

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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Friday October 26, 2012

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| 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. | 49 th Assembly Registration | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 10:00 a.m. | Opening Service of Thanksgiving | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | 1 st Plenary Session | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Lunch | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | 2 nd Plenary Session | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 6:00 p.m. | Vespers and Confession | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 7:00 p.m. | Social Hour | Boston Marriott Peabody |
| 7:30 p.m. | Banquet | Boston Marriott Peabody |

Saturday, October 27, 2012

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| 8:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Brunch | St. Nicholas, Salem |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | 3 rd Plenary Session | St. Nicholas, Salem |



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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, 2012** to:

Suzanne Kenney

64 Forrester Street

Salem, MA 01970

➤ Any questions please call **Suzanne** at 978-927-9574 yennek76@comcast.net

BANQUET- On Friday evening

_____ **I will attend** _____ **I will not attend.**

Meal Choice: _____ **George's Bank Cod** or _____ **Vegetarian.**

Meals will be served (not buffet).

*Hotel reservations are your responsibility; please see the above info concerning the **September 23rd** Deadline!



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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 49th 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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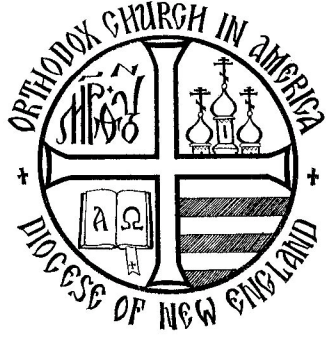
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DIOCESAN LAY COUNCIL MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

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 49th 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** _____

(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.)

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.