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
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,

[Signature]

Archbishop of Boston, New England and the Albanian Archdiocese
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
DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

51st DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Dormition of the Virgin Mary

Cumberland, RI

OCTOBER 24-25, 2014

Tentative Schedule

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Friday October 24, 2014

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. | 3rd Plenary Session                | Dormition Church Hall           |
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)

*Hotel reservations are your responsibility; please see the above info concerning the September 30th Deadline!
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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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_______

(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.*