



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

**60th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest
Broadview Heights, OH
October 11-13, 2021**

To all Rectors, Priests-in-Charge, Diocesan Council Members, and Auditors in the Diocese of the Midwest

Dear Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Paul, the 60th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will be held at our very own Archangel Michael Church, located in Broadview Heights in the Greater Cleveland Area of Ohio. This year there will be a full, rich program extending the full three days.

Schedule

We are honored to be joined this year by a guest presenter, the Very Reverend Archpriest Stephan Meholick, Rector of Saint Nicholas Church in Marin County, California. Father Stephan will be offering a spiritual reflection regarding Sanctification of Time.

The initial Plenary Session, including the Address of the Archbishop, will take place on the evening of Monday, 11 October. Registrants from regions of the Diocese other than Cleveland are urged to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on 11 October, and to schedule departing flights for no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 October. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is the closest airport to the Assembly site. Flights are filling up quickly, so please secure these arrangements as soon as possible.

Registration

The registration fee for this year's Assembly is \$200.00 per delegate or observer. Rectors and Priests-in-Charge, please register yourself and your parish delegates and observers at <https://reporting.domoca.org/>.

Each parish should register its assigned priests and deacons, plus an equal number of lay delegates. One lay delegate is allowed from each parish not having an assigned priest. Lay delegates are elected at a parish meeting or by the parish council (consult parish bylaws). Laity who are not delegates may also attend as observers. Attached and retired clergy may attend without the right to a vote (and without an equal number of lay delegates). Rectors, please consult the Parish Directory on the OCA website if you are uncertain of a priest's or deacon's status.

Hotel

Accommodations have been procured at the DoubleTree Hotel Cleveland South, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio, at a rate of \$92.00 + tax. Please make your reservation as soon as possible by visiting <https://bit.ly/2TslzxN> or by calling (855) 610-8733, making sure to inform them that you are part of the Diocese of the Midwest group. For any issues with securing a reservation, please contact Mary Jane Lucak at mjlucak@aol.com.

Assembly Website

Additional information, including the full schedule and agenda, will be posted as it becomes available on the Diocesan Assembly web site at <https://domoca.org/2021-assembly/>. A call for reports will be issued in a later communication in August.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Sokolov', written in a cursive style.

Philip Sokolov
Secretary to the Archbishop