



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

61ST ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

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!

As previously announced, the 61st Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will be held on Monday, July 18 at 1:00 pm in Baltimore, Maryland, the venue of the 20th All-American Council. Specifically, it will be held in the Johnson Room of the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel, 401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore. Additional information about the AAC may be found at <https://www.oca.org/aac/>.

Elections of Diocesan Council members and auditors will be conducted at the Assembly as usual.

SPECIAL NOMINATING ASSEMBLY

At the request of His Grace Bishop Daniel, Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the Midwest, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has agreed to convene and preside over a Special Assembly. This shall take place immediately following the regular Assembly.

The sole purpose of this Assembly shall be the nomination of a candidate for the vacant See of Chicago and the Midwest. The nominated candidate will be presented to the Holy Synod of Bishops for canonical election as our new Diocesan Bishop.

Furthermore, we have received a communication from His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Secretary of the Holy Synod, stating the following:

“The only candidate who is fully vetted by the Holy Synod is His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, who has served the Diocese of the Midwest first as Administrator while Archbishop Paul of blessed memory was alive, and now as Locum Tenens since the repose of His Eminence.”

In accordance with usual practice for solemn diocesan gatherings, clergy are asked to wear their riassa, and priests their cross.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration form or registration cost for this Assembly. AAC registrants from the Diocese of the Midwest will automatically be registered for the Diocesan Assembly. Changes and additional registrations may be made by emailing Philip Sokolov at chancery@domoca.org—for example, if a parish is sending a different Lay Delegate to the Assembly than to the AAC. The Statute of the OCA, the Diocesan Bylaws, and the bylaws of the parish in question should be consulted to determine the proper accreditation of delegates.

CALL FOR REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Officers, district deans, and ministry leaders are asked to email reports to chancery@domoca.org.

The annual parish census is now included in the Parish Council Confirmation Form; therefore, no parish report is required ahead of the Assembly. Rectors and Priests-in-Charge are asked to send their district dean any information about parish life that might be included in their deanery reports.

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

Additional information, including the full schedule and agenda and the resolution form, will be posted as it becomes available on the Diocesan Assembly web site at <https://domoca.org/2022-diocesan-assembly/>.

In Christ,



Philip Sokolov
Secretary to the Bishop