

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago Midway Airport • 10 June 2022

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the Ascension Troparion and blessing by His Grace, Bishop Daniel, at 10:05am.

II. ATTENDANCE.

His Grace, Bishop Daniel; Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer. Council Members: Archpriests Andrew Bartek, James Dank, Elijah Muller, Zachariah Trent; Priest Jacob Van Sickles; Mary Ann Bobulsky, Ellyn Gillette, Robert Graban, Elizabeth LeMaster, Simeon Morbey, Angela Zekios. Deans: Archpriests Dusan Koprivica, Timothy Sawchak, Alexander Kuchta.

Guests: Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Mother Maria of Paris Charity Ministry Leader; Priest Alexander Koranda, Communications; Philip Sokolov, Bishop's Secretary.

Absent: Archpriests Herman Kincaid, Andrew Clements, Paul Wesche, Benjamin Tucci, Joel Weir.

III. INTRODUCTION OF LOCUM TENENS:

Fr. Paul Jannakos welcomed His Grace, Bishop Daniel as Locum Tenens. His Grace gave some background information on himself.

IV. SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Fr. Koprivica read from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (27:1-44). Angela Zekios read the Gospel according to John the Theologian (17:18-26). Reflections on the reading from the Book of Acts were offered by Frs. Sawchak (describing his pilgrimage to Spruce Island, Alaska), Koprivica (describing his pilgrimage to Turkey in St. Paul's steps), and Jannakos (the Apostles encountered everything with joy). In reflecting on the Gospel, His Grace reflected that "we accomplish unity through Christ."

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING.

Approved.

VI. LOCUM TENENS REPORT.

Congratulations to Fr. James Dank and Matushka Susan on 42nd Anniversary. Appointed Administrator of the Diocese on March 15 and began to visit His Eminence, Archbishop Paul and to communicate with the Diocesan Chancellor and staff. His Grace praised the good organization of the Diocese and the arrangements and beauty of His Eminence's funeral. His Grace was appointed Locum Tenens upon His Eminence's repose and is involved daily in the life and work of the Diocese.

VII. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Expressed heartfelt appreciation for everyone who supported Archbishop Paul during his time in the hospital. Offered special thanks to Philip Sokolov for preparing the music for the funeral and to Fr. Koranda for his work at the Cathedral. Summarized Archbishop Paul's numerous accomplishments. We have been in correspondence with Archpriest Chad Hatfield and St. Vladimir's Seminary about the possibility of the seminary relocating to the Chicago metropolitan area. The Holy Synod has a candidate for us to consider nominating at the All-American Council (at a Special Assembly). Canonically, we are supposed to nominate a hierarchy within 90 days.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Financial records will be audited (last 6 months of 2021 and first 6 months of 2022) on July 10 – 12, 2022. Provided a detailed breakdown of the funeral expenses. Reviewed the year-to-date P&L and Balance Sheet. Distribution of the 1-month rebate will occur for parishes which have paid their full 13%. His Eminence, Archbishop Paul had stated that refund should be used by parishes for charitable purpose, if possible.

IX. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Motion by Rob Koncel to distribute the money from the Archbishop Job Memorial Fund to Orthodox camps within each Deanery. Seconded by Simeon Morbey. Motion carried. Fr. Jannakos and the Deans will implement this motion.

X. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT.

See written report. External review of Pension Plan is being conducted by Cheiron, Inc. and results will be available soon. A statute amendment changing the composition of the Pension Plan board will be presented for approval at the All-American Council.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT.

Busy first half of the year, mainly coverage of His Eminence's illness and funeral. 94 articles so far this year vs. 69 on the OCA website and 97 on Eastern Pennsylvania (mostly on parish life); NY/NJ 39; DOW 10; Canada 17. South, Western PA, New England, and Bulgarian 0. This shows the activity in the Diocese which in turn draws interest from people wanting to engage in the Diocese. Father Alexander encouraged parishes to submit articles.

XII. MINISTRY REPORTS.**A. MOTHER MARIA OF PARIS CHARITY**

See written report. Requested involvement from Development Director to raise awareness of the charity across the Diocese.

B. FAMILY LIFE

Driven by Archbishop Paul's weekly reflections. Recommended putting this on hold until the next Diocesan Bishop is in place.

C. ST. ANDREW OF CRETE (MUSICAL)

See written report. Conducted two workshops in Ohio (Mogadore and Cincinnati).

D. ST. MACRINA (VOCATIONS)

See written report. No diaconate candidates currently.

XIII. DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN.

Focused on two areas: Clergy Development and Laity Engagement. Clergy Development: Scheduling clergy retreats at locations within driving distance throughout the Diocese. Laity Engagement: Expanding pilot phase with an updated survey to gauge input on current and future parish-specific engagement opportunities.

XIV. DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

See written job description. Hiring activity will resume once the new Bishop is in place.

XV. OCCIF (ORTHODOX CHURCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND).

Finance Committee recommended moving \$200,000 from the Missions Project Fund and investing the money in OCCIF. Motioned by Rob Koncel and seconded by Bob Graban. Motion carried.

XVI. PROPERTY.

Postponed decisions regarding the sale of the Desloge, MO. and Burbank, IL. properties until a new Bishop is in place.

XVII. DEANERY REPORTS.

A. Chicago. See written report.

B. Cleveland. See written report.

C. Indianapolis. No report.

D. Kansas City. See written report.

E. Michigan. See written report.

F. Minneapolis. No report.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS.**A. EPISCOPAL NOMINATION**

The process is outlined in the OCA Statute. A special assembly is convened to nominate a candidate, who is then presented to the Holy Synod for election. The canons clearly direct that this is to take place within 90 days of the repose or departure of the previous bishop. The Holy Synod has been diligent in vetting candidates who are eligible. Sometimes (ethnic dioceses) a candidate is vetted only for a specific diocese. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon has a candidate eligible for us to nominate. Perhaps in July at the AAC.

B. NEW RESOLUTIONS

None for the Assembly Meeting in July.

C. AGENDA FOR 61ST DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Presented draft agenda. Motion Morbey/Dank. Motion carried. Election of Assembly Officers and Committees: Vice Chair – Chancellor; Secretariat – Fr. Kincaid, Sokolov; Nominating Committee – Fr. Koprivica, LeMaster, Zekios; Resolutions Committee – Fr. Van Sickel, Morbey; Tellers – Deacons.

XIX. NEXT MEETING.

December 1 & 2.

XX. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn (Simeon Morbey/Angela Zekios). The meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Reader Philip Sokolov & Ellyn Gillette
Compiled and edited by,
Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Diocesan Secretary*

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January 1 - June 8, 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
Convocation Income		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Outreach Income			
Late Vocations	4,600.00	6,000.00	-1,400.00
Total Outreach Income	4,600.00	6,000.00	-1,400.00
Restricted Income - Monastery		600.00	-600.00
Special Contributions		11,450.00	-11,450.00
Temp Restricted Income			
Scholarships			
Support our Seminarians Appeal	2,575.00	0.00	2,575.00
Total Scholarships	2,575.00	0.00	2,575.00
Total Temp Restricted Income	2,575.00	0.00	2,575.00
Tithe Income	461,391.72	535,543.74	-74,152.02
Uncategorized Income		249.96	-249.96
Total Income	\$468,566.72	\$567,643.70	\$ -99,076.98
GROSS PROFIT	\$468,566.72	\$567,643.70	\$ -99,076.98
Expenses			
Clergy and Parish Resource Exp			
Hospitality	1,249.01	3,000.00	-1,750.99
Liturgical Supplies		1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Clergy and Parish Resource Exp	1,249.01	4,500.00	-3,250.99
Diocesan Chancery Office			
Seminars & Meetings	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Diocesan Chancery Office	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Family/Youth Ministry		4,000.02	-4,000.02
Health Insurance			
Bishop	1,210.30	2,500.02	-1,289.72
Secretariat	7,612.50	73,612.50	-66,000.00
Total Health Insurance	8,822.80	76,112.52	-67,289.72
Insurance			
Auto		2,250.00	-2,250.00
Liability	7,587.75	1,000.02	6,587.73
Life			
Diocesan Keyperson		1,999.98	-1,999.98
Total Life		1,999.98	-1,999.98
Property		4,600.02	-4,600.02
Total Insurance	7,587.75	9,850.02	-2,262.27
OCA Expenses			
OCA Tithe	44,971.61	203,506.62	-158,535.01
Total OCA Expenses	44,971.61	203,506.62	-158,535.01
Office Expense			

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	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Background Checks	1,666.85	1,000.02	666.83
Bank Service Charges	124.00	100.02	23.98
Dues & Subscriptions		210.00	-210.00
Internet Service Provider	655.24	799.98	-144.74
Licenses & Fees		124.98	-124.98
Miscellaneous		499.98	-499.98
Office Supplies	391.60	1,500.00	-1,108.40
Postage and Shipping	18.98	499.98	-481.00
Psychological Evaluations	1,000.00	1,249.98	-249.98
Telephone	1,572.24	4,500.00	-2,927.76
Total Office Expense	5,428.91	10,484.94	-5,056.03
Payroll Expenses			
Workers' Comp	439.75	649.98	-210.23
Total Payroll Expenses	439.75	649.98	-210.23
Professional Fees			
Accounting	3,240.00	3,250.02	-10.02
Counseling	500.00	750.00	-250.00
Family Website Support		600.00	-600.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	1,042.65	1,300.02	-257.37
Legal		600.00	-600.00
Payroll Preparation		249.96	-249.96
Website Support	539.13	4,210.02	-3,670.89
Total Professional Fees	5,321.78	10,960.02	-5,638.24
Program Expense			
Candles		750.00	-750.00
Charity	1,624.00	750.00	874.00
Convocations		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Late Vocations	4,800.00	6,000.00	-1,200.00
Mission Development	4,500.02	2,500.02	2,000.00
Mission Grants		23,400.00	-23,400.00
Seminarian Scholarships			
Budgeted Portion	12,000.00	15,000.00	-3,000.00
Fundraisers Portion	10,178.40	6,850.02	3,328.38
Scholarships- Other		1,000.02	-1,000.02
Total Seminarian Scholarships	22,178.40	22,850.04	-671.64
Total Program Expense	33,102.42	70,050.06	-36,947.64
Rectory Allowance		6,000.00	-6,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Burbank Rectory Repairs		4,500.00	-4,500.00
Labor	810.00	1,800.00	-990.00
Maintenance	648.92	100.02	548.90
Repairs		249.96	-249.96

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	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Supplies	2.95	750.00	-747.05
Total Repairs and Maintenance	1,461.87	7,399.98	-5,938.11
Salaries & Wages			
Bishop			
Life Insurance		1,999.98	-1,999.98
Pension - DMW	5,880.68	6,392.28	-511.60
Salary	39,222.95	39,922.80	-699.85
Social Security	3,000.55	3,972.06	-971.51
Total Bishop	48,104.18	52,287.12	-4,182.94
Bishop's Keleunik			
Salary	11,295.00	10,500.00	795.00
Total Bishop's Keleunik	11,295.00	10,500.00	795.00
Bookkeeper		4,095.00	-4,095.00
Chancellor			
Pension - DMW	1,954.14	1,496.94	457.20
Salary	22,326.08	14,969.76	7,356.32
Social Security	1,707.95	1,145.16	562.79
Total Chancellor	25,988.17	17,611.86	8,376.31
Secretariat			
Pension - DMW	2,283.81	2,392.32	-108.51
Salary	27,704.94	23,923.20	3,781.74
Social Security	2,119.43	1,830.12	289.31
Total Secretariat	32,108.18	28,145.64	3,962.54
Total Salaries & Wages	117,495.53	112,639.62	4,855.91
Service Contracts	976.36	2,404.98	-1,428.62
Stipends			
Communications Director			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Communications Director	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Deans			
Chicago			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Chicago	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Cleveland			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Cleveland	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Indianapolis			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Indianapolis	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Kansas City			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00

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	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Total Kansas City	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Michigan			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Michigan	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Minneapolis			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Minneapolis	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Deans	12,600.00	12,600.00	0.00
Late Vocations Coordinator			
Stipend	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Total Late Vocations Coordinator	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Secretary			
Stipend	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Secretary	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Treasurer			
Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Treasurer	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Youth Coordinator			
Stipend	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Youth Coordinator	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Stipends	25,200.00	25,200.00	0.00
Travel			
Automobile Expense	390.21	600.00	-209.79
Bishop	5,460.08	9,000.00	-3,539.92
Bishop's Keleunik	34.05	1,000.02	-965.97
Chancellor	1,468.47	999.96	468.51
Deans		600.00	-600.00
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	211.68	8,000.00	-7,788.32
Late Vocations		250.02	-250.02
Metropolitan Council		1,000.00	-1,000.00
Secretariat	165.97	300.00	-134.03
Total Travel	7,730.46	21,750.00	-14,019.54
Utilities			
Electric	472.45	1,200.00	-727.55
Gas	796.12	799.98	-3.86
Water & Sewer	104.60	249.96	-145.36
Total Utilities	1,373.17	2,249.94	-876.77
Total Expenses	\$262,161.42	\$567,758.70	\$ -305,597.28
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$206,405.30	\$ -115.00	\$206,520.30
Other Expenses			

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	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Bishop's Discretionary Fund		600.00	-600.00
Depreciation Expense			
Depreciation- Buildings	377.54	0.00	377.54
Depreciation- Computers	777.35	1,401.67	-624.32
Depreciation- Equipment	279.58	559.14	-279.56
Depreciation- Furniture	222.47	444.93	-222.46
Depreciation- LHI	828.84	851.63	-22.79
Depreciation- Vehicles	937.63	1,875.25	-937.62
Total Depreciation Expense	3,423.41	5,132.62	-1,709.21
Taxes and Licenses	6.00	124.98	-118.98
Total Other Expenses	\$3,429.41	\$5,857.60	\$ -2,428.19
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -3,429.41	\$ -5,857.60	\$2,428.19
NET INCOME	\$202,975.89	\$ -5,972.60	\$208,948.49

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Balance Sheet

As of June 7, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank of America Checking- (8445)	317,114.76
Checking Accounts- Restricted	
Archangel Michael Checking- (6674)	106,073.72
MMP Checking - (9966)	15,930.70
Total Checking Accounts- Restricted	122,004.42
Portfolio Investments	
MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	52,183.98
MS Liquid Asset Fund	572,323.33
Mutual Funds	36,179.75
Stocks	237,642.26
Total MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	898,329.32
MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	18,084.67
Mutual Funds	291,452.18
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	309,536.85
Total Portfolio Investments	1,207,866.17
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	19,932.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	19,932.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	19,932.00
Total Savings Bonds	59,796.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$1,706,781.35
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable Parishes	-30.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ -30.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expenses	4,580.31
Total Other Current Assets	\$4,580.31
Total Current Assets	\$1,711,331.66
Fixed Assets	
Automobiles	
Accum Depreciation- Vehicles	-12,189.13
Vehicles	18,752.48
Total Automobiles	6,563.35
Buildings/ Property	
Accum Depreciation- Buildings	-2,139.37
Buildings	62,255.74
Total Buildings/ Property	60,116.37

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	TOTAL
Computer Equipment	
Accum Depreciation- Computers	-9,303.69
Computers	15,546.83
Total Computer Equipment	6,243.14
Equipment & Machinery	
Accum Depreciation- Equipment	-3,634.42
Equipment	7,827.99
Total Equipment & Machinery	4,193.57
Furniture and Fixtures	
Accum Depreciation- Furn & Fix	-2,634.99
Furniture & Fixtures	7,107.86
Total Furniture and Fixtures	4,472.87
Leasehold improvement	
Accum Depreciation- LHI	-6,316.75
Leasehold Improvements	49,729.50
Total Leasehold improvement	43,412.75
Total Fixed Assets	\$125,002.05
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,836,333.71
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Business Credit Card- 9080	3,232.22
Total Credit Cards	\$3,232.22
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to OCA Assessments	0.64
Due to 19th AAC Spec. Assess.	-68.40
Due to 20th AAC Accessment	-17,629.05
Total Due to OCA Assessments	-17,696.81
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
IN Withholding	2,250.93
OCA Pension Payable	1,798.10
OH Local Tax	1,234.63
Total Payroll Liabilities	5,283.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ -12,413.15
Total Current Liabilities	\$ -9,180.93
Total Liabilities	\$ -9,180.93
Equity	
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	
Arch Michael Church- Restricted Assets	105,917.72
MMP- Restricted Assets	-27,069.30

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	TOTAL
Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets	78,848.42
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
ArchBp Life Ins Reserve	20,800.24
ArchBp Scholarship Reserve	19,159.22
Auto Reserve	23,857.83
General Operating Reserve	44,465.55
Legal Reserve	79,616.23
Maintenance Reserve	53,634.41
Mission Funds Reserve	300,568.01
Monastery Reserve	16,870.68
Perpetual Care Reserve	100,010.44
Special Visit Reserve	5,315.75
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	664,298.36
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	9,932.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	9,932.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	9,932.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	29,796.00
Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	
MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	0.00
8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8772 Exc & Closed End Funds	42,029.39
8772 MutualFunds	9,347.03
8772 Stock	163,128.89
Total 8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	214,505.31
8772 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8772 Exc & Closed End Funds	19.06
8772 Mutual funds	30.89
8772 Stock	-211.09
Total 8772 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	-161.14
Total MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	214,344.17
MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	0.00
8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8774 Mutual Funds	76,358.83
Total 8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	76,358.83
8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	0.00
8774 Mutual Funds	266.33
Total 8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	266.33
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	76,625.16
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	290,969.33
Unrestricted Net Assets	621,199.14
Net Income	160,403.39

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	TOTAL
Total Equity	\$1,845,514.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,836,333.71

Report of Diocesan Metropolitan Council Representatives

Since the prior report submitted for the December 2021 Diocesan Council, the Metropolitan Council met by videoconference on February 9-10, and in a special meeting on April 11. Since agenda items were covered over multiple meetings, this report is presented by subject area.

Chancery and archives: No viable offers have been received on the Westwood property (Syosset Chancery). The Realtor contract has expired, and the Property Committee is considering what type of agent is needed and how it is to be marketed. A problem is that the property is assessed for tax purposes at \$11-12 Million, which leads to approximately \$250,000 annual property tax fee. The OCA does not pay this, but any purchaser would be stuck with it. The question of whether to seek to attempt to reduce the assessment was being considered.

The Property Committee presented a resolution to begin the relocation process of the Chancery by establishing an office in the greater Washington, D.C. as early as July 2022. Metropolitan Tikhon and Priest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America, would both relocate at the same time while the rest of the staff remains at Westwood until the beginning of 2023. The resolution carried, with one opposed and one abstention.

Archives: a resolution was approved (none opposed, 2 abstentions) by the Metropolitan Council to authorize the Chancellor and Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America to engage Saint Vladimir's Seminary in logistical and contractual discussions for the purpose of preparing a written agreement, for presentation and approval of the Metropolitan Council in summer 2022.

Pension Plan: An external review of the OCA Pension Plan is currently being conducted by Cheiron, Inc. This review was commissioned via a request for proposal, budgeted and approved by the Metropolitan Council. The results will be available soon, definitely before the AAC. A proposed Statute Amendment, to be presented for approval at the AAC was approved by the MC with 22 voting yes, nobody voting no, and 3 abstentions. As explained on the OCA website (<https://www.oca.org/files/aacs/20thAAC-proposed-statute-amendment-pension.pdf>) this would (1) Codify some of the basic expectations of the Pension Plan's regular reporting to the Metropolitan Council, and (2) Change the composition of the Pension Board to make for more direct representation of the key constituents, Plan participants and Employers. The proposed Statute Revision provides that the 3 members and 1 alternate appointed by the Metropolitan shall be subject to the endorsement of the Metropolitan Council and subsequent confirmation by the Holy Synod.

Other Proposed Statute Revisions: A proposed Statute Amendment "in the attempt to prevent possible conflicts of interest of Metropolitan Council members who are also employed by the Central Administration", stated "Elected members of the Metropolitan Council, whether Diocesan or at large, may not be employed, whether as full-time or part-time employees or as stipended volunteers, by the Central Administration of the Church or any of its Offices, Boards, or Departments." This proposed amendment was rejected by a vote of 3 yes, 22 no and 2 abstentions. The rationale was that it was not needed and could limit the availability of stipended volunteers and part-time employees in an organization of our size.

One additional proposed statute amendment provides for the statute to reflect the reorganization and reporting structure of the OCA Chancery that has been in effect since 2019. The MC approved this, for presentation at the AAC by a vote of 24 yes and 3 no.

Financial: Andrew Smith, Treasurer of the OCA, offered his report in which he reviewed current financials, proposed amendments to the 2022 budget, and introduced representatives from Satty & Partners who reported on the external audit. Ms. Maha Adranly, one of the three internal auditors, presented the auditing report noting the good health of the finances of the Orthodox Church in America, and thanking Mr. Andrew Smith and Ms. Susan Wisnewski for their hard and diligent work.

Work is progressing on the proposed Funding Resolution for presentation at the AAC. Those Dioceses not contributing at the 34% rate (including the DOM) continued to pay at the 40% rate in 2022, absent the authority of an AAC in 2021, which had been postponed. The current intent is that those Dioceses "shall remit 38% in 2023, 36% in 2024 and 34% in 2025, based on current year "budgeted net operating revenue." This would be defined similar to how we determine net income for our parishes, exempting pass-through accounts.

Metropolitan's Report: His Beatitude met briefly with His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew at his hotel during his recent visit to the United States; and then participated in the "Opening of the Doors" ceremony at St. Nicholas Shrine at the 9/11 memorial. His Beatitude received a visit from two bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (MP), His Grace Bishop Viktor of Barshevskii and His Grace Bishop Dionysii of Pereyaslav-Khmelnitskyi, both vicars of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry. He served at the March for Life with multiple other bishops at the liturgy. He has spent extended time in D.C. His plan is to continue with the steps to locate a residence in D.C., by July 1, 2022, with the chancery staff relocated by mid-2023. It has been determined that the Metropolitan should reside in and have his office in his diocese. At the present time, the D.C. office would be a branch office of the chancery (considering tax implications for the Syosset property). While he may not be able to prepare a second edition of the Four Pillars, he has completed a ten-part podcast series called "Our Apostolic Voyage". He will communicate with the broader Church his thoughts on our mission, including the benefits of a relocation to the Washington, DC, area. He has also engaged two part-time remote staff members – Dn. Peter Ilchuk, who will be assisting with correspondence and calendar, and who will travel with His Beatitude on occasion. Fr. John Mikitish will help with drafting documents and with some aspects of external relations. His Beatitude asked treasurer Andrew Smith to engage the Finance and Investment Committee of the MC to formally review compensation structure for all chancery officers and staff, including the Metropolitan, and assure they are in compliance with the compensation guidelines of the OCA.

Chancellor's Report: Fr. Alexander Rentel reported that he tested positive for COVID on December 1 and experienced relapses, and only felt good for one day between Thanksgiving and Nativity. The sickness forced him to cancel an overseas trip and events closer to home. He implores us to take every precaution; to receive the vaccine and the booster. Fr. Alexander was involved in nearly every aspect of the visitation of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion November 10-16. He has completed evaluations of all Chancery personnel, including a self-evaluation of their work and collaborative work, a list of goals and projects they hope to accomplish during the coming year, a list of challenges and how these can be faced, and a list of areas they would personally like to develop.

Fr. Alexander announced that after his review, he changed Fr. Kyle Parrott's title from Acting Director of Communications to Director of Communications. Emily Waters has been engaged as the acting ORSMA Coordinator. Judge Lanier is retiring as General Counsel and the formal process has begun to find his successor.

Secretary's Report: Fr. Alessandro Margheritino reported on the status of the Westwood property, including boiler problems and the de-cluttering work that is ongoing, throwing away broken and unnecessary items collected for the past few decades. In preparation for the planned move of the archives to St. Vladimir's Seminary, work is also proceeding to de-clutter non-archive items such as books and icon cards. With the help of Fr. John Schroedel and Barry Migyanko, he is considering Airtable as a possible replacement of the current Microsoft Access database. With the help of a seminarian intern, they have begun digitizing parish folders, and once done, will move on to digitizing clergy folders.

Office of Pastoral Life Report: Archpriest Nicholas Solak highlighted the attached report from the Office of Pastoral Life that included updates on the Thriving in Ministry and the Clergy Synaxis programs. He introduced Protodeacon Jacob Frimenko to report on the recently conducted Clergy Health Synaxis Survey. Protodeacon Jacob, a Professor of Management and Professional Leadership, summarized the methodology and results of a survey conducted within the Clergy Synaxis program to gauge personal spiritual, emotional, and physical health of clergy. In extensive discussion that followed, the importance and value of the program and survey were acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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June 6, 2022

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JUNE 2022 REPORT

Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Director

- I. The past year has seen little activity with the ministry, for several significant reasons:
 - 1) Loss of momentum since Covid.
 - 2) Committee members have ceased participation.
 - 3) Virtually no requests for financial assistance.
 - 4) Little interest within the diocese.
- II. Following Archbishop PAUL's repose, \$1,506 has been donated through the ministry page on the diocesan website.
- III. Suggestions:
 - 1) Reconstitute the ministry with new volunteers in a particular locality to focus primarily on that area. From there it may be able to replicate in other localities/chapters.
 - a. This may require new leadership.
 - 2) Investigate the needs within the diocese:
 - a. Do parishes starting new ministries want assistance/feedback from parishes which have existing ministry models?
 - b. Might a potential development director begin as a volunteer?
- IV. Conclusions: The ministry has great potential, but without a clearly defined need, realistic goals to meet that need, and committed volunteers, it will continue to stall. I invite feedback on how to best move this ministry forward.

Presented to the Diocesan Assembly Last Fall

Established and blessed by His Eminence, Archbishop PAUL in 2020, the St. Andrew of Crete Musical Ministry's goal is provide focused, relevant and practical educational offerings to diocesan choirs, choir directors and musical leaders.

Recognizing the need for professionalism and accountability, we are proposing that the qualified and experienced providers of these events be fairly compensated for their time and effort.

Also recognizing that many of these educational opportunities will be needed by mission parishes and/or smaller, possibly financially struggling parishes, these costs may need to be covered by Diocesan funding/donations.

However, ALL parishes should strive to be educated, both musically and liturgically, to offer beautiful and well executed music in worship. This education can take on many forms:

- Workshops/Conferences (Focused on Need)
- Ongoing Choir Director Mentorship
- Online Publications
- Online Resources

Since then.....

1. November 21, 2021 Workshop in Mogadore, OH Elena Monahan, Basil Kochan, Fr. Gregory Ealy Approx 30 participants Focused on Pre-Christmas/Christmas Music
2. Weekend of March 18 – Workshop at Christ the Savior Church in Cincinnati OH. – 20 participants. Planning ongoing mentoring and musical “consulting” with Michelle Jannakos

In the next month or so will “regroup” via Zoom to begin planning for Fall.

Will continue to work on website and Philip Sokolov is working on his contribution of an online journal, hopefully to be released around Theophany, 2023

Always open to input and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Midwest Diocesan Council, 10th of June 2022.

Report

ALL COHORTS outside of KC presently online through zoom. Partly pandemic, partly because of poor interest in several deaneries, and the desire to put students in a cohort as soon as they are interested and not to wait for a local deanery to have a required number of students.

Cohorts: **Detroit**—started as part of diocesan zoom online course, people in different online cohorts; **Indianapolis**; (Dayton)—alternate Bulgarian OCA diocesan cohort finished this last year. **Cleveland**— started as part of diocesan zoom online course—lack of local deanery faculty and buy-in; **Chicago**—several cohort cycles, still online; **Minneapolis/St.Paul**—no cohort; **KC deanery**—finishing cohort cycle at present.

21 students continuing, not counting 27 graduating this past year or in the next month or two.

Upcoming 9th Conference, in Milwaukee, featuring Fr. Silviu Bunta, August 12th-13th. Successful 8th Annual Summer Conference, 2nd year in Milwaukee: August 6-7. Featured speaker was Dr Richard Zaleski.

As of July we had exactly 32, with some of the 14 KC students set to graduate. 13 in the Bulgarian Diocese/ Indianapolis Deanery cohort finished in 2021. The remainder of the students are primarily in Chicago, with a few in Michigan and Cleveland Deaneries.

Students, POTENTIALLY planning to petition for ordination to the Bishop and seek approval at next Synod meeting: at least 4. Many catechist certificates will be sent out soon. The 4 (or more) students at present completing the curriculum cycle are all in KC area (first time we have DV students there).

The total cost of tuition per student for each course is now \$500. We still may implement the addition of \$50 approved by the Diocesan Council if we get around to subscribing to educational software service to manage administration and teacher-student interfaces (assignments, syllabi, testing, etc.).

Please let us know if there are other students or faculty. If you desire to start a local program, please contact Fr. Elijah Mueller at the email and phone number above.

Fr. Elijah Mueller

Draft Diocesan Development Director Position Description – Summary

June 7, 2022

As directed by the Diocesan Hierarchy, the Chancellor, and the Diocesan Council, the Development Director will:

1. Plan, develop, organize, and direct all Midwest Diocese's fundraising activities including the major gifts program, annual fund, planned giving, special events and capital campaigns.
2. Deliver a coordinated, sustained effort from year to year that
 1. Promotes and supports parishes and their charitable efforts throughout the diocese;
 2. Anticipates, identifies and addresses changes in resource needs and opportunities associated with these efforts;
 3. Continuously informs and educates the faithful on the work and needs of the Diocese.
 4. Provides channels to fund this work on a continuous basis.

Together with Archbishop Paul of blessed memory, a detailed draft position description was developed (Jan-Feb 2022) as a part time position that allows working remotely.

Report of the Chicago Dean for Bishop's and Diocesan Council meetings June 9 and 10, 2022

We have had three vacancies in the deanery, two of which have been filled, with one in the process of being filled:

-Since the repose of Fr. Stacey Richter, Fr. John Russin had served at St. Elizabeth Church in Chesterton, IN and by all accounts did a wonderful job. Archbishop Paul wanted him to avoid having any administrative duties there, so I attended monthly Parish Council meetings on Zoom and was available for any other needed consultation. Archbishop Paul ordained Dn. Anthony Saunders to the priesthood at St. Tikhon Seminary to serve at St. Elizabeth parish. Fr. Anthony graduated at the end of May and began his service in Chesterton this week.

-Fr. Vladimir Wendling, pastor of St. George Cathedral in Chicago retired as of June 1st. I started negotiations with the council near the beginning of May to ratify a compensation package for their new "priest in charge". Archbishop Peter of the ROCOR ordained Deacon Nicholai Lochmatow (Archbishop Paul was in attendance, concelebrating the Liturgy) with the understanding that if after a year of service at St. George things were working out, he would be released to the OCA to continue there.

-Fr. Constantine Bodien will leave St. Nicholas Parish in Kenosha, WI and has been released to the Diocese of New England to serve at All Saints Church in Hartford, CT. I am presently in discussions with the Parish Council there, and next week we will have a Zoom meeting with a potential candidate.

Our annual post Pascha family gathering (the first after a two-year hiatus) was originally scheduled for the last Sunday in May. We had to re-schedule it after a number of difficulties arose. We were hosted by St. Joseph parish on Sunday, June 5. There was a social hour at 5:00pm followed by a catered meal. There were about 30 people present.

We will have our Deanery Summer Camp at Edwards YMCA Camp in East Troy, WI, Wednesday July 6 – Saturday July 9. The camp is for youth ages 11-18. An all-inclusive fee of \$150 is being charged and includes all lodging, meals, and activities.

We presently have Orthodox outreach taking place in WI and Aurora, IL:

Fr. Tom Mueller reports: Over the last year and a half, I have been conducting a chapel ministry, an outreach from SS Cyril and Methodius Parish in urban Milwaukee. You may remember that Holy Theophany Mission was exactly this sort of chapel outreach from the parish. It took a long time to develop and grow, but earned well-deserved mission status in 2021. There are two chapels, both part of "St Maria of Parish Chapel Ministries." They share my pastoral care and a common treasury, which stands at about \$4500, based entirely on stewardship participants and friends. Some of our treasury supports urban outreach at SS Cyril & Methodius.

The larger group, with 13 active members and a few friends who take part frequently, is Holy Nativity Chapel in Waukesha. Waukesha is the county seat of Waukesha County, an exurban county just west of Milwaukee County; it has 400,000 plus population, with no Orthodox parish. Bear in mind that it only takes me 20 minutes to get to the mission from my home close to

downtown Milwaukee. Many members of Milwaukee's two large Greek churches live in Waukesha County. I have no intention of trying to win them away, nor do I think this would work. I am the President of the Milwaukee Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (MOCCA) and I have excellent relations with the various SE Wisconsin churches, where I often substitute. We have one Sunday Liturgy and often a feast day service in Waukesha, where we meet in a room of a Park Headquarters building just east of downtown. We are having our first baptism tomorrow, of a 4 year old girl whose grandparents and father had been connected to SS Cyril and Methodius but had become quite inactive due to distance, I am also meeting tomorrow with the rector of St Matthias Episcopal Church, a kind of architectural jewel downtown on Main Street East. I think that, if they will make a rental agreement with us for some space, we would be much more visible, able to put a sign on the sidewalk during our services, and present a more churchly atmosphere to inquirers

The other chapel, St Maria of Paris Chapel, is in Plymouth, a small city in Sheboygan County, 55 miles north of Milwaukee. I often service this chapel from my year-round lake home 17 miles west. This group is very small, four families, usually just represented by the wife or mother of the family. There are some children but getting them to come will be work. These women, however, are very much in need of pastoral care where they are. They include a divorced mother living with her three children in a small apartment and working as a nursing assistant, and a widowed mother who lost a son to addiction and is trying to bring her daughter out of human trafficking. I feel blessed and humbled to be able to minister to these people. Here it's not about numbers or mission potential but rather pastoral need. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where the vicar and parish have been very hospitable to us. Again, one Sunday Liturgy and an occasional weekday service (for instance during Holy Week.)

I plan to continue this ministry as long as my strength and vitality hold out. I receive no compensation at this point, but I do get a mileage reimbursement. I should note that most of our members have connections to SS Cyril & Methodius, but have been constrained from active participation there because of distance, work schedules, or family responsibilities. This is the very recipe for a chapel ministry.

Fr. Joe Kopka reported on outreach effort in Aurora, IL: Mission / Outreach efforts in the Aurora, IL area began in August 2021, under the auspices of the DOM Mission Committee and shepherded by the clergy of St Joseph Orthodox Church in Wheaton. In March of 2022, the mission effort, informally given the patron St Maria of Paris, secured a new location. The Bureau Gravity building, 56 S LaSalle St in Aurora has provided use of space every Sunday afternoon. Great Vespers are served at 3p. Though heavily advertised in several venues, attendance has been limited to parishoners of St Joseph's, attracting no new people. Exploratory efforts are underway to find possible joint outreach scenarios with St Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora. Services will be on hiatus in June and July.

Cleveland Deanery Report
June 9, 2022

Served a deanery Unction Service on the Sunday of St Mary of Egypt at St Nick's in Mogadore.
Pan Orthodox Clergy and Faithful participated

Held a deanery meeting May 17 at St John's, Campbell.
Parishes returning to normal attendance
Good overall participation in Holy Week and Pascha
No major issues in the deanery

Archangel Michael Parish will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary November 4-6, 2022

Retirements

Fr Alexander Garklavs - Holy Trinity, Parma - June 30
Fr Andrew Nelko – St John's, Campbell - Nov 30
A Clergy / Wives Celebration will honor them on Sunday, Sept 25 at St Michael's
Woodside.

St Vladimir's Camp

July 3-9 – Young Kids – Resident Priest - Fr Jan Cizmar
July 10-16 – Jr Olympics – Resident Priest - Fr John Baker
July 17-23 – Older Kids – Resident Priest – Fr John Steffaro

Respectfully submitted.

Fr Andrew Clements

Diocese of the Midwest

Diocesan Council Meeting June 10, 2022

Report of the Kansas City Deanery

Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean

- St. Raphael Mission in Quincy, IL recently purchased a new church building.
- Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, KS has hired Matthew Pantle as its youth minister.
- St. Nicholas Church in Lawrence, KS is now vacant. Fr. Michael Medis is serving the parish currently.
- Annunciation Church in St. James, MO recently received a loan from OCCIF for construction of new facilities.
- The Deanery clergy and families will be gathering at Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, KS on June 15-16 for worship and fellowship.

Michigan Dean Report June 2022

Christ is in our Midst!

The Michigan Deanery mourns for the Blessed Falling Asleep of our Beloved Archbishop Paul. With tears in our eyes we welcomed His Eminence's reposed body with a Panahida and Hierarchical Liturgy at his home parish at Holy Transfiguration Church in Livonia, MI on Bright Wednesday and Thursday. The services, the singing, and the fellowship was joyous and healing especially during Bright Week. His Eminence was laid to rest at Holy Dormition Monastery, in Rives Junction, MI. The Michigan Deanery would like to thank all the Hierarchs, clergy, parishioners and faithful participants in this celebration of His Eminence's life, ministry and glorious victory in Christ. God is good, and we thank Him for blessing us with His service and Archpastoral guidance and prayers.

All the parishes in the Michigan Deanery are fully open and back to full capacity in numbers pre-pandemic. All parishes reported a full capacity of parishioners that attended Pascha services. All Parishes received a good number of catechumens and converts this past Pascha. 16 for Holy Transfiguration (with 12 more now coming in); 11 for Holy Ascension, Albion; 4 for St Demetrius, Jackson; as well as a number for St. Mark's and for Holy Trinity. Catechumens are searching for Truth, deeper spiritual substance and stability in the world that we are living in now.

Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral's dining facilities will be open to the neighbors in need by the Fall of 2022. As of now, O.D.O. Food distribution has been "take out" lunches, or meals, feeding about 90 people a week, throughout the year. The Parish Council will establish a short term and long term goal calendar for the Parish as a guiding tool to use to move forward and to visualize progress in their parish growth and ministry. With Fr. Paul Albert planning on retiring next year, the parish needs to remain optimistic and confident in God's guidance for their parish.

St. Mark's Church completed its iconography (frescoes), They need to redo lighting, and redo the Church roof.

St. Demetrius has been helping 7 homeless families since this past Thanksgiving 2021, (who lost their housing after the pandemic rental subsidies stopped) We have fed them a Thanksgiving Meal, Christmas Baskets of food and presents, and an Easter Basket with Gas Cards and Grocery Cards.

Holy Trinity's St. Julianna Ministry of Mercy is growing fast for the West Side of Detroit. They adopted a sister parish St. Julianna in Russia. They assist in distributing Hygiene kits, meals, to the homeless. They participate in O.D.O. and Focus Detroit working with Adam Murphy. They also paired up with St. Vladimir's ROCOR church in Dexter, MI providing beds, and other needs for needy families in the Ann Arbor/Dexter area.

Holy Ascension is in the process of meeting with their architect to build a new Church Building. They continue to show amazing growth and evangelism for the western part of the Deanery.

Holy Transfiguration is experiencing an exciting growth in parishioners and catechumens. They will continue their iconography Frescoes on two wall panels.

The War in Ukraine with Russia has not affected any of our parishes with any negativity. Outside people actually come to our deanery parishes asking how can they help the people of the Ukraine, and we direct them to the Diocese website for donations, or the Ukrainian Culture Centers for their donations to help the refugees.

As I mentioned before in a previous report, the State of Michigan will be ground zero for the Right to Life. Pending on the Supreme Court announcement of the Roe v Wade going back to the states, it will be illegal for abortions in our state. Already the governor and trial judges are illegally trying to overturn the State of Michigan's Constitution and State Supreme Court's decision upholding the State's Constitution . All our parishes in our Deanery maintain a Pro-Life Stance, and we will need the help of the entire OCA to help our state, fight this good fight for the rights of the unborn. May we find the courage and strength to be the voice of the voiceless.

The overall spirit of our Deanery is to keep on moving forward, keeping positive and faithful. As we said our final Good bye to His Eminence Archbishop Paul, the seeds he planted in the Michigan Deanery are already taking root and ready to grow. With Faith and Love we thank God for His Eminence's Archpastoral ministry and we pray that through His Eminence's intercessions, that we will continue to grow and build God's Kingdom and proclaim the Good News to all.

Archpriest Fr. Dusan Koprivica

Dean of Michigan Deanery