



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

62ND ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
BURR RIDGE, IL ☩ OCTOBER 2-4, 2023

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 Daniel, the 62nd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will be held at our St. Peter & St. Paul Church in Burr Ridge, Illinois, in the Chicago metropolitan area. Our assembly this year will feature not only our work in the business of the church, but also multiple opportunities over three days for spiritual edification, fellowship, refreshment, and above all liturgical worship, culminating on the Pontifical Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning.

SCHEDULE

This year we are pleased welcome Father Daniel Greeson as our speaker and homilist. Father Daniel is the rector of St. Anne Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and will speak to us on the implications of doctrine for life, drawing especially from the preaching of St. John Chrysostom.

The initial session, including the Archbishop's Address, is slated to begin at 6:30pm on Monday, October 2. Registrants from regions of the Diocese other than the Chicagoland are urged to arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 2, and to schedule departing flights for no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4. Burr Ridge is roughly equidistant from O'Hare and Midway International Airports, and directly accessible from two major interstate highways (I-294 and I-55).

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for this year's Assembly is \$200.00 per delegate or observer. Rectors and Priests-in-Charge, please register yourselves 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. Parishes without a rector may be represented by their administrator or priest-in-charge. Moreover, one lay delegate is allowed from each parish without an assigned priest. Lay delegates are duly elected at a parish meeting or by the parish council, in accordance with the provisions of the respective parish bylaws. Attached and retired clergy may register to attend, with voice but without vote (and without a corresponding number of lay delegates). Laity who are not delegates may also register to attend as observers, with neither voice nor vote. Rectors, please consult the Parish Directory on the OCA website if you are uncertain of a priest's or deacon's status.

HOTEL


A block of rooms has been reserved at the SpringHill Suites Chicago Southwest, 690 N Frontage Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527, directly across from the church. Our group rate is \$124.00 plus tax for a king bed, and \$134.00 plus tax for double beds. Please make your reservations by the end of the day on **Sunday, September 17**, at the following address: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1689712298679&key=GRP>

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE & REPORTS

Additional information, including the full delegates' packet, will be posted to the diocesan website as it becomes available: <https://domoca.org/2023-diocesan-assembly/>. To that end, all reports must be submitted by email to Fr. Esteban Vázquez, Vice-Chancellor, no later than **Monday, September 18** at chancery@domoca.org.

I pray for the good outcome of our common work, fellowship, and worship, and personally look forward to welcoming everyone one of you to Burr Ridge!

Yours in Christ,



Archpriest Herman Kincaid

Diocesan Secretary &

Rector of St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Burr Ridge