



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

63ND ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
MOGADORE, OH ☩ OCTOBER 7-9, 2024

To all Rectors, Priests-in-Charge, Diocesan Council Members, Auditors, and Lay Delegates of 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 63nd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will be held at our St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore, Ohio, in the Cleveland metropolitan area. As always, our assembly 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 Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky as our speaker and homilist. Father Timothy is the rector of Holy Apostles Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and will offer us a challenging two-part presentation entitled, *“A Parish Grows in Pennsylvania: Practical Advice for Church Growth.”*

The opening session, including the Meeting of the Chicago-Tikhvin Icon and the Archbishop’s Address, is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7. The closing session ends at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9. Delegates flying into Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) are urged to take into account these starting and ending times in their travel plans, as well as the hour-long drive between Cleveland and Mogadore. The Akron-Canton Airport (CAK), some 20 minutes away from the church, might be a viable travel option for at least some delegates.

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/diocesan-assembly-registration/>.

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 regarding a priest's or deacon's status as "assigned" or "attached."

HOTEL

As previously announced, a block of rooms was reserved at the Comfort Suites Hartville-North Canton, 953 Edison St NW Hartville, OH 44632, a comfortable 15-minute drive from the church. Our group rate is \$109.00 plus tax per room, whether single or double. If you haven't done so already, please make your reservations by calling the hotel at (330) 587-4347 and mentioning our "Diocese of the Midwest" group name.

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE & REPORTS

Additional information, including full reports and other documents for delegates, is being posted to the diocesan website as it becomes available: <https://domoca.org/2024-diocesan-assembly/>. Please remember that, as has been the practice for several years now, printed packets will not be provided at the venue.

I pray for the Lord's blessing on our common work, fellowship, and worship, and look forward to our gathering in Mogadore—especially around the Chalice.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. N. Lochmatow', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Priest Nikolai V. Lochmatow

Diocesan Secretary