

REPORT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS DEANERY  
To the Diocesan Council of the Midwest Diocese OCA  
Archpriest Paul Wesche, District Dean  
Thursday, May 22 2025

The Minneapolis Deanery welcomes Archpriest Andrew Jarmus. Released from the omophor of Archbishop Alexander of the Bulgarian Archdiocese, he is received by Archbishop Daniel of Chicago into the Diocese of the Midwest. He will assume his new position as Dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Minneapolis on Aug 1. He joins Archpriest Paul Hodge, who was released from the Antiochian Archdiocese and received into the OCA, and into the Diocese of the Midwest by Archbishop Daniel, in early September of 24, to serve as Rector of Holy Trinity in St Paul. And, he joins Priest Peter Ries, who, upon his graduation from St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY, was appointed Rector of Holy Myrrhbearers in St Cloud in June of 24.

The Dakotas Mission District hosts a District-wide event on August 8 & 9. The Dean of the Minneapolis Deanery will present reflections on St Herman of Alaska and the Holy Virgin Theotokos to those assembled. Vespers and Divine Liturgy concelebrated by the DMD clergy will be the centerpiece of this gathering. Singers from throughout the District will form the choir. The DMD can now receive donations on the diocesan website. Click on the Donate Now button and enter, Dakotas Mission District, and follow the prompts. A newsletter, as one strategy for overcoming isolation and bringing the faithful of the DMD together, was launched last year. It is published quarterly and includes news of events throughout the District. The annual 'synaxis' of DMD clergy was held in Bemidji last September. The synaxis was attended by the District Dean and by our Diocesan Chancellor, Fr Herman.

We continue to seek meaningful ways to support and promote the evangelical and missionary purpose of the clergy and faithful of the DMD.