



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

16th All - American Council

October 31 - November 4, 2011

Seattle, Washington

March 4, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We enter this year in anticipation of the 16th All-American Council to be held on October 31 to November 3, 2011. Once again the Orthodox Church in America will gather in meetings, fellowship and prayer. This All-American Council will be the first one to be held in the Pacific Northwest. We are particularly thankful for the Diocese of West and the local committee in the Seattle area for sponsoring this Council.

The Council will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue, which is in a suburb just east of Seattle. Flights to and from the Council are through Seattle-Tacoma Airport. The hotel is 30 minutes from the airport with convenient public transportation to Bellevue. We encourage you to look at the new Council website at <http://aac16.org>, which will provide detailed Council information including the distribution of all Council materials. The website will also be helpful in orienting you to the region.

As has been reported, there will be a special pilgrimage to Sitka, following the Council, for the consecration of the new bishop of Alaska. FOS Tours will also be handling the arrangements for this wonderful event; you can contact FOS Tours and check with the Diocese of Alaska website at <http://dioceseofalaska.org> for detailed information. To simplify your traveling arrangements, a package deal with FOS Tours is available for the All-American Council and the Sitka trip.

There will be some cost-saving changes regarding the distribution of the study materials and reports for delegates; they will only be available online for attendees to download. Each delegate is expected bring these downloaded materials to the Council with them. Binders and dividers will be provided at Council registration. These unnecessary printing and transportation costs represent a considerable savings and helps in keeping the Council assessments manageable.

Registration material, as well as, calls for resolutions and statute changes will be made available this spring. There will be a change to registration process in that each delegate will be asked to preregister for a specific *working group* which will meet for two sessions during the Council. These working groups are based on a recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee and will continue the ongoing discussions of the Strategic Plan that was mandated by the last Council. The recommendations that will come out from these working groups will then be presented to the Council's general assembly to determine initiatives.

We all look forward to the upcoming Council. Please continue to check the OCA and the All-American Council websites for further announcements and materials. We look forward to seeing everyone in Seattle as we gather as the "Household of Faith." I remain

Yours in Christ

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All American Council Website
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Alaskan and American Airlines are the official air carriers for the Sixteen All-American Council, and offer substantial savings for Council participants.

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Alaskan Airlines is providing members with a 7% discount on any published or promotional fare for qualifying passengers when booking online. Alaskan Airlines website: www.alaskaair.com and promotional code: **ECCMB2234** must be entered to receive the discount. Travel dates: valid from October 28 – November 07, 2011. The special discount code is not valid for travel from Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii. To verify baggage allowance, we recommend that you visit the Alaskan Airlines website.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

American is offering Council members a 5% *discount* on any published or promotional fare for qualifying passengers. American Airlines website: www.aa.com and enter the authorization code: **7SH1BE** must be entered to receive the discount. Travel dates: valid from October 28 – November 07, 2011. Website: www.aa.com for complete baggage allowance information.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The official hotel of the 16th All American Council is the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. A block of rooms have been reserved and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The hotel is offering Council members special rates – single or double occupancy from \$129 and for triple occupancy from \$154 per night plus the applicable taxes of 14.4%. These rates are valid 3 prior to and 3 days after the Council meeting dates based on availability. Please call 1-888-421-1442 or log on to: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3097532

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These discounted fares are available exclusively through FOS Tours & Travel, Inc. or by calling the airlines directly – you will incur a ticketing fee of \$20.00 from FOS Tours, American Airlines and Jet Blue for purchasing your tickets. Air Canada: 1-800-361-7585; American Airlines: 1-800-433-1790; JetBlue 1-888-538-2583 #4. You may also book your flights at each participating carrier's website – and enter the corresponding meeting number in their promotional code box for the discount; Discounts do not apply to Internet fares. Certain restrictions may apply and seats are limited.

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