



DELEGATE HANDBOOK

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In anticipation, we welcome you to the Council, and prayerfully hope that it will be a meaningful and productive gathering for The Orthodox Church in America.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

I greet you with love as we assemble this week in Bellevue, Washington for the 16th All American Council, the first such gathering to be held in our Diocese of the West.

Let us remember the theme selected for this Council, "A Household of Faith." We have the opportunity to share in this bond of being members of an Orthodox Family through our participation in the Divine Services, especially the reception of the Holy Eucharist, our gathering for the plenary sessions, and the various fellowship opportunities that we will have. My hope and prayer is that each participant in this Council will truly embrace the opportunity to grow closer with each other and to build a stronger "Household of Faith."

A highlight of this Council is the Strategic Plan. This Plan was mandated by the 15th All American Council in Pittsburgh. During the past triennium, members of the Strategic Plan Committee, under the direction of the Holy Synod of Bishops and the Metropolitan Council, have labored to create a working plan to help us guide our Church through the future years. The work of the Committee has also included dialogue and feedback from clergy and faithful throughout our Orthodox Church in America. During the week's sessions and breakout groups, we will have further opportunity to play an important role in developing this Plan.

I pray that this Council will truly be a significant event in the life of our Orthodox Church in America, and that each and every participant will be filled with God's love, joy and peace, which you can take back and share with your fellow parishioners.

Assuring you of my Archpastoral blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of the West of the Orthodox Church in America, it is my great honor to welcome you all to the 16th All American Council held here in beautiful Bellevue, Washington.

We are particularly pleased to host this important gathering on the West Coast for the first time in the history of our young Church. We are delighted to share the scenic beauty of the Pacific Northwest with you and pray the saints who have walked here will bless us with their presence. In particular, we warmly welcome the delegation from the Diocese of Alaska. We hope that our selection of the Seattle area has made it possible for them to participate in this All American Council as never before.

As we gather as "the household of faith", it is our hope and prayer that, together, we will celebrate the diversity which our humble Church embraces. In the forty-one years of our Autocephaly, the 217 years since those first travel-weary monks from Valaam first set foot on this continent and the even earlier presence of the first settlers from Siberia who brought their Orthodox faith with them across the Bering Strait, what began as an attempt to plant the Orthodox Faith among the native peoples of a remote part of the Russian Empire has been transformed into a local Church rich in the languages and traditions of many cultures and peoples. In a very special way, we have been given the opportunity to reflect Christ's desire to gather all mankind to Himself, into His Body, the Church.

So let us all with a spirit of kindness, charity, patience and goodwill, do the important work that has been set before us and be good stewards of the great gifts that have been bestowed upon us.

Again, welcome to the Diocese of the West!

+Benjamin
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Faith was brought to the New World through the tireless witness of the saints, faithful immigrants, and Native peoples who proclaimed and celebrated, suffered and struggled for their new life in Jesus Christ in His Holy Orthodox Church. Our Faith was first delivered to the peoples of Alaska. Over time, it spread down the west coast of the United States, ultimately joining with immigrant and local Orthodox communities across the Midwest, the East, Canada, and Mexico.

With joy, we welcome the delegates of the 16th All-American Council to the great Pacific Northwest, to Puget Sound, and to Seattle, the Gateway to Alaska. Majestic firs, rugged mountains, and azure waters form the backdrop to the "Emerald City" and its environs. Here, gathered in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue, we welcome the "Household of Faith." Within this household, we pray that your visit will provide you with new opportunities to greet old friends and to make new ones as we gather in worship and thoughtful deliberation. We hope you take advantage of your time here by visiting the many civic attractions our area offers, and by enjoying the natural wonders of the Northwest.

We are honored to be hosting the first All-American Council held west of the Mississippi. Our work could not have been accomplished without the support of our colleagues on the Local Executive Committee, our local subcommittee chairs, and the many volunteers who now join to welcome you.

In Christ,

Archpriest John Pierce

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INTRODUCTION

Every three years, the bishops, clergy and lay delegates of the Orthodox Church in America gather together in Council. The Church assembles for various reasons: to pray together, to discuss the state of the Church, to share experiences and thoughts, and then to deliberate and to make decisions affecting her life. Historically, the Church has gathered to elect the primate, revise the statutes, hear reports on all aspects of the Church's life and work and thus, set priorities for that work. Just as importantly, we gather to pray, to learn from one another and have fellowship. This year's Council is as critical as ever as we gather to discuss the past and chart the future through the release of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was mandated by the 15th All-American Council in order to address the issues of the past and make corrective actions for the future. The Plan went through various stages of focus, review and presentation in order to arrive at the presented form. However, the work does not end with the presented Strategic Plan but rather continues through the extensive discussion at this Council combined with recommendations for action. As such, the Plan will continue to evolve over the next triennium.

In order to facilitate discussion at this Council, there will be two breakout sessions dedicated to discussing critical issues in the Church. The groups will gather separately and then come together with concrete observations and recommendations. It is hoped that this will allow for a wide participation and lead to concrete plans and actions. This, in turn, will lead to a Church-wide focus for the next ten years and possible structural changes for the future operation of the Orthodox Church in America. We all owe a debt of gratitude for the many people who donated so much time and talent to this Plan.

Clearly, some Councils have had very particular tasks to perform, as was the case in Pittsburgh in 2008 when we nominated and elected a new Metropolitan. Other Councils may not have such particular tasks but nevertheless are as important, for they give us the opportunity to reflect together about the life of our Church. Councils give us the opportunity to gather, as the local Orthodox Church in America, to affirm what we are called to be here in North America. Thus, the very act of gathering together every three years is an essential aspect of what it means to be the autocephalous Orthodox Church in North America.

We are gathering at this 16th All-American Council at a time when much of the confusion and uncertainty of the past has been laid to rest but new questions have arisen. Most importantly, the question continues to be raised as to what it means to be an autocephalous Orthodox Church in North America. This autocephaly is a great gift that has been bestowed upon us all and we are responsible for maintaining its integrity and spirit. This same autocephaly has come into question with new developments in world Orthodoxy including the challenge of Chambesy and the subsequent Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Bishops in North America. Likewise, the challenge of being an Orthodox Church in a pluralistic North American society, with all of its social and political changes, comes to the forefront of recent discussions. In the end, how we exercise that

gift of autocephaly and engage a society with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our true calling as the Orthodox Church in America.

As we gather together, let us seriously consider the unique legacy, which has been entrusted to us by our forefathers, the bishops, priests, and faithful who brought Orthodoxy to North America. Let us remember the sacrifices and efforts of those who built churches, monasteries and seminaries so that future generations would preserve Orthodox Christian traditions in this New World. Let us not forget the inspired bishops and teachers who articulated a theological and pastoral vision of North American Orthodoxy. Let us rise to the task of making that vision a reality, a light for the whole world to see.

The theme of this Council was selected from *Galatians 6:1-10* where the Apostle Paul speaks to the people about how each of us should bear the load for the other. In doing so, we should first examine ourselves and be the person who does what is good on behalf of all. It is only by us banding together as a family, or as the Apostle Paul calls it "*the Household of Faith*", for each others mutual spiritual growth that we really can engage the challenges as a Church. This means that disagreement does not equate to division and acceptance does not equate to submission. But rather as the Apostle Paul states in the passage, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*"

Being a delegate to the All-American Council is an honor and responsibility. You have been chosen by your parish or institution to act on their behalf at the deliberations that will occur. However, you will also function as the representative of the Council to your parish or institution. The conciliar process of arriving at decisions, made in truth and love, can only come about when we are open, honest and respectful with each other, and also willing to accept the "will of the Holy Spirit," as it becomes manifest at the Council. For this to happen, you are encouraged to spend time in quiet prayer and reflection before the Council. Please also spend some time in preparation for it by learning about how the Council works and what will occur during its sessions. For this purpose, the Preconciliar Commission has prepared this handbook. It will help you understand our roles and responsibilities as delegates. Please spend some time reading it before your arrival in Seattle.

ROLE OF THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL

According to the Statute of The Orthodox Church in America, "*the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Church is the All-American Council*" (Art. III, Sec. 1). All parishes are required to send delegates to the All-American Council.

Composed of the bishops, the parish clergy and an equal number of lay delegates, with limited provision for representation from church-related institutions, the purpose of the Council is to represent, to make present the local Orthodox Church, which is in communion with other local churches worldwide.

This year's All-American Council is unique in that it is the first one being held on the West Coast. While this has meant extra travel for some, it also allows the Alaskan clergy to participate fully for the first time. Likewise, it allows many people to have a glimpse of the Orthodox experience on the other coast. There is a rich history of Orthodoxy in the Pacific region and that experience goes to the root of our Orthodox Church in America. We are the only Christian church in North America that went from West to East and as such we tap into a unique heritage.

This Council is also unique in that we have had a pre-registration of delegates into working groups. This allows for a broad spectrum of delegates to participate in extensive discussions on critical issues in the Church. This broader participation will assist in guiding the Church through the next years. It is critical that everyone participates and has a voice.

Every Council agenda is packed. This is a reality of gathering together and trying to fit as many programs and pieces together as possible. This does not mean that everyone has to participate in every event. However, it was decided that by offering as much as we can at this Council, we will give a positive picture of the OCA and also allow as many interests and special concerns as possible to be addressed. By going to the working groups, forums and receptions, you will be able to see the lively and broad activity of the Church.

As preparation for the 16th All-American Council, participants and parishes are specifically asked to:

- ✓ Prepare through prayer for the All-American Council and ask for wisdom and guidance for all participants.
- ✓ Reflect on the theme of "Household of Faith" as it will guide our discussions before, during and after the Council.
- ✓ Participate in the Working Groups and specifically read the Strategic Plan and any follow-up material for specific Working Groups (available on the OCA website).
- ✓ Share insights, concerns, and hopes on a variety of issues affecting the life of the Church not only on a continental level but also on a local and individual level.
- ✓ Explore and propose concrete plans and actions by which The Orthodox Church in America can participate in a vision that will continue to bring the Church to all people.
- ✓ Contribute to an open, honest and transparent dialogue between clergy, laity, parishes, diocese and the Church.
- ✓ With your fellow parishioners and in your personal life, determine to pray for and support the work of the All-American Council.

It is not the goal of this All-American Council to resolve all the issues that we face as a Church but rather to set a clear path that we will all follow as we move forward for the next three years. The dialogue, initiatives, resolutions and information that are gathered from the Council will be utilized and implemented over the next three years to ensure a healthy future. We also pray that the discussions and results will enable us as a Church to grow a vision of The Orthodox Church in America, the autocephalous Orthodox Church in this land.

FEATURES AND STRUCTURES OF THE 16TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL

The 16th All-American Council will try to address as many required reports as possible while still allowing a thorough discussion of the Strategic Plan. Thus, there will be less time for reports and more time for small group discussion. It is hoped that this will give the Council a different feel. There are a few agenda items that need to be accomplished such as the reports on the work of the Central Administration and Departments, budgetary issues and the election to Church-wide offices. But it is also hoped that more issues will be dealt with in a positive and proactive manner through discussions and resolutions. Especially after hearing comments from many people, the Preconciliar Commission was committed to planning a more open feel to this Council. Some people also felt that reports took too much time and that there was little opportunity for discussion. This AAC will see a mixture of limited reports being presented with other reports being the responsibility of the delegates to read beforehand to allow more time for discussions. There will be plenty of time provided for initiatives and resolutions to be debated.

As a note, special arrangements have been made with Ancient Faith Radio to podcast the sessions over the Internet so that the faithful in the Church may follow the Council. There will also be interviews and discussions on the events featured on the OCA website and Ancient Faith Radio. The entire Council will also be video and audio taped.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

The Liturgical services are at the heart of the 16th All-American Council and form the basis for all that we do together. To honor the local region, many parishes will close for the weekend prior to Council for a joyful Hierarchical Liturgy. At this Council we will celebrate the multi-cultural gift of the OCA by integrating different languages and customs. We plan to have parts of the services in as many languages as is possible to demonstrate the diversity of the OCA. In addition, we will have the gift of the Our Lady of Sitka icon present throughout the Council and serve an Akathist on Wednesday evening. We will also have the relics of the different North American saints present for veneration.

The Council will begin on Monday evening with a Moleiben. Divine Liturgies will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. There will be Vespers on Tuesday evening and an Akathist to Our Lady of Sitka on Wednesday evening.

All delegates should attend the liturgical services. Singers are encouraged to help sing the services with the mixed choir. The Council will also afford us the opportunity to hear sermons and scriptural reflections from various clergy in the OCA. Time will be set aside in the evenings for confession in the Chapel.

All clergy who will be asked to serve are requested to bring gold vestments. Those clergy who desire to receive communion are asked to bring gold cuffs and stoles. Deacons will wear a full set of gold vestments when either serving or receiving communion. Clergy are asked to wear black cassock, black riassa and pectoral cross for all sessions, other ranks of clergy are asked to wear black cassock and black riassa (if appropriate) or black cassocks alone during the sessions. Lay people are asked to dress conservatively to all services and sessions as is appropriate for Church occasions.

BREAK OUT SESSION AND WORKSHOPS

The major theme of the 16th All-American Council is the Strategic Plan. You can find a copy of that plan on the OCA website at <http://oca.org/PDF/NEWS/2011/2011-0519-studypaperstratplan.pdf>. It is strongly recommended that each delegate and observer thoroughly read the Plan before arriving in Seattle. There will be four Plenary Sessions dedicated to the Plan which will, in turn, assist the Church in focusing on the next triennium projects and initiatives. The Second Plenary Session will consist of an overview of the Plan and allow for questions. The Third and Fifth Plenary Session will be break-out sessions so that a more in-depth discussion can be had on ten identified areas of focus from the Plan. Each delegate has been asked to pre-register for a working group. There will be additional material for each working group posted on the OCA website prior to Seattle. These working groups will have a facilitator and two recording secretaries to assist in the discussions. It is planned to have two to three initiatives come out from the two sessions that will be presented for consideration by the Council as a whole. The Seventh Session will be dedicated to discussing those initiatives and presenting them to the Council for consideration. As an additional report, Alexei Krindatch, who has produced a number of publications on statistical analysis of Orthodoxy in North America, will be giving a short presentation on the results of recent surveys and its application to the Orthodox Church in America.

Due to a very tight agenda, there will be a limited number of workshops presented by the departments. These are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and participation is entirely voluntary. It is well worth your while to participate in them since they will have experts in the various areas and inform you on the work of the Church by the different departments. A specialist in that area will moderate the workshops and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences and information. These forums are open to all the delegates and observers.

STATUTE CHANGES AND RESOLUTIONS

As provided in the Statute of The Orthodox Church in America, the All-American Council provides an opportunity to consider Statute Amendments and Resolutions for the Church. Statute Amendments have been submitted, reviewed by the Statute Committee and have been publicized according to the Statute. They are posted online and are included in the Appendix. According to the Statute, there can be no further amendments considered for this Council. The Statute Amendments will be voted on at the Sixth Plenary Session.

Resolutions can be submitted prior to and at the Council itself. Those resolutions that have been submitted and reviewed by the Resolutions Committee are included in the Appendix. Other resolutions may be submitted on the floor but must be cleared by the Resolutions Committee. This committee will be appointed at the First Plenary Session. There will be opportunities at every session to offer and to vote on resolutions. The procedures are found later in this handbook. The resolutions will be printed and distributed prior to the vote and will be posted on the large screens in the plenary hall during the actual vote on the resolution.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America states that the reports of the Church must be distributed thirty days prior to the Council. These will be posted on the OCA website. These are no longer mailed due to cost saving measures. It is strongly recommended that each delegate download the reports and print them. A notebook with dividers will be provided for all delegates at the Council. The reports are divided into a number of sections. There are the reports of the Central Church officers as well as from each of the departments, committees, commissions and institutions. The oral reports from a number of these will be spread throughout the Plenary Sessions. The written reports should be read beforehand. The Metropolitan will give an opening address with time for reflection by members of the Holy Synod. The officers will give a short oral report at the Council and then open the floor for discussion. There will also be a report by a member of the Metropolitan Council on their work and a report from the different department chairpersons.

The Treasurer and financial team will present their reports during the Fourth Plenary Session. The written reports will be distributed with the other reports. Incorporated in these reports are the financial statements to date, the proposed budget and the report of the Internal and External Auditors. There will also be a report by the Pension Board and Orthodox Health Plans. There will be a chance for questions and discussions about these reports with the financial team. Integral to the reports will be the passing of the assessments to fund the budget. It is recommended that any resolutions relating to the financial aspect of the Church be held until the end of the financial report.

FORMAL DINNER

A Formal Dinner will be held on Thursday evening. The dress code for the dinner will be black cassock, black riassa and pectoral cross for clergy and business attire for lay people. All delegates are strongly encouraged to attend the formal dinner, as it was included in the assessments. The procedure for the dinner reservation is that after you register for the Council then proceed to the formal dinner reservation table to make your seating and meal selection. You will receive a ticket which should be brought to the formal dinner itself. There will be a reception prior to the formal dinner with an cash bar. The dinner reservations table will be open until Wednesday in order to facilitate preparation. Any special dietary needs or requests will be honored if submitted in due time prior to the Council and the dinner itself.

DISPLAYS AND VENDORS

The Evergreen Ballroom has been designated for vendors for the delegates and observers to visit. There will also be displays in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom and the Evergreen Ballroom. Displayers will normally be departments and institutions of The Orthodox Church in America that highlight the work being done in the Church. Vendors from different companies will be offering items for sale to the delegates. St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's bookstores will each be present. There will also be special displays of selected SCOBA organizations.

A highlight of this All-American Council will be the story booth located in the lobby of the Evergreen Ballroom at the History and Archives booth. This is provided for all participants to give a recorded video account of special events in people in the life of the Orthodox Church in America. The purpose is to preserve the story of our "Household of Faith" for future generations. Everyone is asked to participate and recount a story of our Church, our parishes and its leaders and people so that future generations and historians can utilize them.

As part of the new website, we are providing a portrait booth so that clergy (priests and deacons) can have their formal portrait taken for inclusion in the clergy directory of the website. Every clergyman is encouraged to participate and the booth will be located in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom where Plenary Sessions will be held.

There will be plenty of time to peruse the exhibitors and they will normally be open between sessions. A map and guide to the exhibits will be available upon registration.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

Every parish and institution of the Orthodox Church in America is to be represented at the All-American Council. Each parish is allowed by the Statute to send its rector and a lay delegate to the Council. Assigned associate priests and corresponding laypersons are also permitted to attend as delegates. Church institutions and monasteries are represented as well. Attached clergy or deacons cannot be considered delegates. If there is a question on the status of a clergyman, please speak to your diocesan bishop for clarification. All delegates are expected to register for the Council and to send the registration forms to the Chancery. These will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate bishop for approval. Any problems with registrations should be addressed as soon as possible. According to the Statute, each parish and institution sending delegates must be current on their assessments in order to have voting privileges. Again any questions on assessments should be addressed as soon as possible. All registration forms can be found at the OCA website. Delegates are responsible for their own hotel and travel arrangements unless indicated. There are special rates available from the Bellevue Hyatt that should extend for two days prior to and two days after the Council. The delegates must handle any special requirements or needs including extended stay time at the hotel.

Upon arrival at the Council, the delegates need to register for the Council. Registration can be found in the lobby outside the Grand Ballroom on the second floor. Registration will begin on Saturday, October 29 at 3:00 PM and continue into the evening. Registration will be open every day. For those arriving late, registration will be moved to the secretarial room in Birch/Balsam on Tuesday.

Registration Booths will be set up alphabetically according to last name. Upon registration, you will be given a badge with entrance tickets for the plenary sessions. These tickets must be presented to the Credentials Committee representatives before each session to ensure control and rapid count. They will be stationed at the entrance doors to the Grand Ballroom. Each type of delegate (clergy, lay and observer) will enter by the marked doors. These tickets will be color coded to enable easy counting of different delegate status. Do not lose these tickets, as you will not be allowed entrance to any session without them. There will be special passes issued for guests, VIPs or special observers but they do not have voting privileges.

Each delegate will receive a bag containing a notebook, additional material including maps, agendas, local information and items to assist at the plenary sessions. **It is vital that delegates bring the reports downloaded from the website as they will not be available at the Council.** Each delegate must also register for their dinner seating.

Any special requests or needs can be addressed to the secretariat room during the Council. Minutes of the plenary sessions will be approved by the bishops each day and distributed at the next plenary session. Other documents to include resolutions, reports,

and election material will be made available in a timely manner to each delegate at the sessions.

Each delegate is asked to come to the sessions in a timely manner prior to the session beginning and to dress appropriately. There will be signs posted throughout the hotel directing people to different locations as well as an electronic bulletin board to assist in finding different locations and to post important messages.

There are many places in the adjacent mall and locale for meals in all prices ranges. We have provided longer meal breaks so that people can move to any of the locations to eat. Delegates and paid observers will receive tickets for the Formal Dinner on Wednesday night. All other meals are one's own. A list of the many easily accessible restaurants in the area will be included in the registration packet.

DELEGATE PARTICIPATION

In order to have delegates seated at the Council, parishes must have:

- ✓ Remitted all financial obligations to The Orthodox Church in America, including the All-American Council assessment, and
- ✓ Filed the necessary registration information with the Preconciliar Commission.

When you arrive at the Council, you must register to verify that your credentials are in order. You will receive voting cards, an official folder for your Council papers, and other information. As a delegate you are expected to be present at all plenary sessions of the Council and participate in as many workshops and luncheon discussion forums as you can. In addition, there are Church Ministries' displays, diocesan displays, bookstores, vendors and fellowship activities for you to take part in.

PLENARY SESSIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS

Two vice-chairpersons assist the presiding officer of the Council, one from the clergy and one from the laity, in conducting the proceedings of the Council in an orderly manner. This Council will have an outside professional parliamentarian rather than a committee which will allow for more participation. The parliamentarian will clarify rules of order and ensure that the Council adheres to Robert's Rules of Order. Any disputes will be referred to him for decision. There will be a secretariat that will take the official minutes of the Council.

As provided by the Statute, a simple majority vote shall determine most decisions of the All-American Council. Voting is usually done by a show of cards, but certain matters, including elections, will be decided by secret ballot.

Both "round table" discussion and floor debate can be employed during plenary sessions. With such a large number of people participating, round table discussion enables everyone to speak freely, while floor debate moves a resolution to a decision.

For obvious reasons, floor debate must be reasonable, respectful and focused. If necessary, the following guidelines for consideration of a resolution will be used:

- ✓ Delegates to the Council may submit resolutions prior to the Council or at the Council. A resolution must be submitted in writing and must first go to the Resolutions Committee.

- ✓ The Resolutions Committee will judge the merits of the resolution and if they deem it appropriate, will recommend it to the Holy Synod. The Resolutions Committee may also deem it appropriate to consolidate resolutions and redraft them if necessary. If the Holy Synod deems the resolution appropriate for consideration by the Council, it will be brought to the floor of the Council.

- ✓ During the appropriate Plenary Session, the Resolutions Committee will present the proposed resolution(s), which is related to the topic of that session. The introduction will serve to give background information, to explain the development of the resolution, and formally to place the resolution before the Council.

- ✓ Once before the Council, all resolutions will be open for general debate and possible amendment. Amendments must be presented to the chair in writing but need not be submitted to the Resolutions Committee in advance; they must be germane.

- ✓ The debate on the resolution shall be limited to no more than ten speakers, five in favor, and five in opposition, speaking alternately, as recognized by the Chair. Each speaker shall have up to three minutes to discuss the resolution. If deemed necessary, additional speakers may be invited to speak.

- ✓ Debate on any amendments to resolutions shall be subject to the same limitations as for resolutions; when an amendment is the pending order of business, the delegates shall speak to the merits of the amendment only.

- ✓ A delegate may speak only once on any pending matter.

- ✓ If, during the consideration of a resolution or an amendment, it appears to the Chair that a period of informal discussion would be appropriate, he may propose such. If the Council verbally agrees, then a five-minute period of round table discussions will take place.

✓ Once an amendment has been disposed of (i.e., adopted or rejected), debate shall resume where it left off on the proposed resolution, as (possibly) amended.

✓ If appropriate, the Chair may call upon qualified persons to speak to technical points of a resolution or amendment; these interjections shall not be considered as part of the ten-person debate.

✓ In compliance with the Statute, the resolutions of each session are examined by the Holy Synod at the end of the session and voted upon. No resolution shall be valid unless approved by a vote of at least a majority of the bishops attending the Council. Their approval, or reason for disapproval, is then reported to the Council at the beginning of the following plenary session.

Robert's Rules of Order will be strictly followed during all sessions of the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Any other matters may be brought up to the assembly during the time allotted for "Other Business." However, these matters may not be resolved by the enactment of impromptu resolutions. Those concerns will be minuted and referred to the appropriate office or department for further study or action.

NOMINATIONS TO CHURCH-WIDE POSITIONS

In accordance with the Statute and resolutions of former All-American Councils, delegates of the Sixteenth All-American Council will elect people to positions on the:

✓ Metropolitan Council (1 clergy position for a six year term, 1 clergy position for a three year term, 1 clergy alternate, 1 layperson position for a six year term, 1 layperson position for a three year term and 1 layperson delegate). The persons with the highest vote total will receive a six-year term, the next highest will receive the three year term and the third highest will be the alternate.

✓ Pension Board (1 clergy positions for a six year term and 1 clergy alternate, 1 layperson position for a six year term, 1 layperson position for a three year term and 1 layperson delegate). The persons with the highest vote total will receive a six-year term, the next highest will receive the three year term and the third will be designated as alternate.

✓ Due to the Statute Amendment passed at the Fifteenth All-American Council, Article III, Section 15 is no longer in effect. There will no election for an Auditing Committee

which is now appointed by the Metropolitan Council of qualified professionals. See the OCA Statute for exact wording of this amendment.

Only delegates to the All-American Council may be nominated for election. Delegates who have reached the statutory limitation of their service in a Church-wide office are not eligible to be nominated or elected. See the Statute for these limitations.

During the 1st, 2nd and 4th Plenary Sessions, nominations will be received from the floor for possible candidates (who are Council delegates) for Church-wide positions. If the nominee accepts the nomination, he or she will complete and submit a biographical information form to the Nominations Committee by the end of Wednesday's sessions.

The Nominations Committee will meet Wednesday and review the resumes of the nominees. Based upon this review, the Committee will then prepare a slate of candidates and present the slate to the Council during 6th Plenary Session to be held on Thursday morning.

During this plenary session, each delegate will receive a voting form. This form will include the names and resumes of all those who were nominated by the end of day on Wednesday. Election results will be announced at the 6th Plenary Session on Thursday morning, with the installation of members to the Metropolitan Council, Audit Committee and Pension Board at the end of the 8th Plenary Session.

AFTER THE COUNCIL

As a delegate to the All-American Council, you represent your parish to the entire body of The Orthodox Church in America giving account for your parish's life and witness, its stewardship of resources and vision for the future. Likewise, you represent The Orthodox Church in America to your parish. Most of your fellow parishioners will never have the opportunity to witness a Council at work. Your impressions, as much as the details of the decisions and resolutions, are important to share with others when you return home.

Set aside some time when parishioners can look over your materials, can hear about the Council actions which affect them, can even re-debate some of the issues based on the direction decided upon at the Council. Help your parishioners understand the implications of the Council's decisions for their own spiritual life and ministry, and for the parish community's life and witness. Bring home the message that the diocese and the Orthodox Church in America support the mission of the parish. Continue to call attention to the fruitfulness of the Council as you see articles that indicate progress and accountability in the OCA website and *The Orthodox Church*. Your positive attitude can serve as an example to others and help The Orthodox Church in America fulfill its mission.

Not only do you have the responsibility to share what you have seen and heard and done at the Council, but having participated in the passage of the All-American Council decisions, you also bear some responsibility for their being understood and implemented by your parish. Whether you personally voted for or against a matter, once it is enacted by the Council and approved by the bishops, it represents the "mind of the Church" on the matter and thus deserves your support as you present it to your parish and follow its implementation. At that point you are, in effect, a spokesperson for The Orthodox Church in America to your parish, bearing witness to its conciliar decision-making process.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Any questions or concerns about the Council can be brought to the attention of the Holy Synod of Bishops, Central Church Administration, Metropolitan Council, the Preconciliar Commission or the Local Committee.

If there are concerns or issues during the Council, they may be addressed to members of the Preconciliar Commission who will meet each evening during the Council itself. Other immediate issues should be brought to the attention of the Local Committee or the Central Church Administration.



16th All-American Council
October 31-November 4, 2011
Seattle, Washington
“The Household of Faith”

PROJECTED AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 (PRE-COUNCIL)

Time	Event	Room
All Day	Arrival of Council Team	
All Day	Unload Truck	Spruce
3:00 PM	Meet with Hotel Staff	Lobby

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 (PRE-COUNCIL)

Time	Event	Room
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Chapel Set-Up	Grand Ballroom
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Council Registration and Formal Dinner Registration Set-Up	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Vestry Set-Up	Spruce
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
3:00 PM	Holy Synod Arrival and Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:00 PM	Great Vespers	Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 (PRE-COUNCIL)

Time	Event	Room
7:30 AM - Noon	Exhibit Area Preparation	Evergreen
8:30 AM	Vesting for Liturgy	Clergy (Regency E-F) Hierarchs (Regency G)
9:30 AM	Procession	Grand Ballroom
10:00 AM	Hierarchical Liturgy with Local Clergy	Grand Ballroom
12:30 PM	Holy Synod Brunch/Meeting	Larch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Secretarial Room Set-Up	Birch/Balsam
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pilgrimage/Tours	Meet in Lobby
Noon - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Area Load-in	Evergreen
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Council Registration/Formal Dinner Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Exhibit Area Open	Evergreen
7:00 PM	Holy Synod Dinner/Meeting	Larch
7:00 PM	PCC Meeting	Executive Boardroom
All Day	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 (DAY 1)

Time	Event	Room
7:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Secretarial Room Open	Birch/Balsam
8:00 AM	Holy Synod Breakfast/Meeting	Larch
9:00 AM - Noon	DOW Assembly	Regency E-F
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	DOMW Assembly	Cedar
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Council Registration/Formal Dinner Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Area Open	Evergreen
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Chaplains' Meeting	Executive Boardroom
Noon	Holy Synod Lunch/Meeting	Larch
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Budget Committee	Laurel
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	DOS Assembly	Regency A-C
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Story Booth	Evergreen Foyer
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Portraits Booth (Clergy)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Strategic Plan Facilitator Training	Maple
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Holy Synod/Metropolitan Council Dinner	Larch
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Plenary Session I	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Mollen</i>	
	<i>Call to Order</i>	
	<i>Welcome/Organization</i>	
	<i>Local Bishop Welcome</i>	
	<i>Local Committee Welcome</i>	
	<i>Metropolitan's Address</i>	
	<i>Reflections from Holy Synod</i>	
	<i>Questions</i>	
	<i>Housekeeping</i>	
9:00 PM	Credentials Meeting	Maple
9:00 PM	Nominations Meeting	Cottonwood
9:00 PM	Resolutions Meeting	Laurel
9:00 PM	PCC	Executive Boardroom
All Day	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (DAY 2)

Time	Event	Room
6:00 AM	Vesting for Liturgy	Clergy (Regency E-F) Hierarchs (Regency G)
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Secretarial Room Open	Birch/Balsam
7:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Exhibitor Area open	Evergreen
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Story Booth	Evergreen Foyer
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Portraits Booth (Clergy)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Recess	Local Sites
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Holy Synod	Larch

	Breakfast/Meeting	
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Council Registration/Formal Dinner Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer (Moves to Secretarial Room at 1:00 PM)
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Plenary Session II	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Reflection</i>	
	<i>Chancellor Report</i>	
	<i>Secretary Report</i>	
	<i>Strategic Plan Overview</i>	
	<i>Nominations Procedures</i>	
	<i>Resolutions</i>	
	<i>Housekeeping</i>	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Recess	Local Sites
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Synod Lunch/Meeting	Larch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Pension Board	Executive Boardroom
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Plenary Session III Strategic Plan Workshops	Breakout
	<i>Parish Development</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
	<i>Diocesan Relationships</i>	<i>Regency C</i>
	<i>Young Adults</i>	<i>Regency G</i>
	<i>Leadership/Management</i>	<i>Regency A-B</i>
	<i>Theological Education</i>	<i>Laurel</i>
	<i>Continuing Education</i>	<i>Cedar B</i>
	<i>Inter-Orthodox Relations</i>	<i>Cedar A</i>
	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Maple</i>
	<i>Evangelization</i>	<i>Regency E-F</i>
	<i>Contemporary Issues</i>	<i>Juniper</i>
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Vespers (confession available)	Grand Ballroom
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner	Local Sites
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Holy Synod Dinner/Meeting	Larch
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Strategic Plan Committee	Maple
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Reception STS/SVS	Regency A-C/E-G
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Department Workshops	
	<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>Juniper</i>
	<i>Institutional Chaplains</i>	<i>Cedar A</i>
	<i>Parish Revitalization</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:00 PM	Nominations Meeting	Cottonwood
9:00 PM	PCC	Executive Boardroom
9:00 PM	Resolutions Meeting	Laurel
All Day	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (DAY 3)

Time	Event	Room
6:00 AM	Vesting for Liturgy	Clergy (Regency E-F) Hierarchs (Regency G)
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Secretarial Room Open	Birch/Balsam
7:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Exhibitor Area open	Evergreen
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Story Booth	Evergreen Foyer

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Portraits Booth (Clergy)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Recess	Local Sites
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Holy Synod Breakfast/Meeting	Larch
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Formal Dinner Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Plenary Session IV	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Reflection</i>	
	<i>Departments Reports</i>	
	<i>Treasurer Report</i>	
	<i>Internal Auditor Report</i>	
	<i>External Auditor Report</i>	
	<i>Metropolitan Council Report</i>	
	<i>Nominations</i>	
	<i>Resolutions</i>	
	<i>Housekeeping</i>	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Recess	Local Sites
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Synod Lunch/Meeting	Larch
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Pension Board	Executive Boardroom
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Pension Board Open Forum	Auditorium
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Plenary Session V Strategic Plan Workshops	Breakout
	<i>Parish Development</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
	<i>Diocesan Relationships</i>	<i>Regency C</i>
	<i>Young Adults</i>	<i>Regency G</i>
	<i>Leadership/Management</i>	<i>Regency A-B</i>
	<i>Theological Education</i>	<i>Laurel</i>
	<i>Continuing Education</i>	<i>Cedar B</i>
	<i>Inter-Orthodox Relations</i>	<i>Cedar A</i>
	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Maple</i>
	<i>Evangelization</i>	<i>Regency E-F</i>
	<i>Contemporary Issues</i>	<i>Juniper</i>
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Akathist to Our Lady of Sitka	Grand Ballroom
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner	Local Sites
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Holy Synod Dinner/Meeting	Larch
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Receptions IOCC/OCMC/FOCUS	Regency A-C/E-G/Cedar
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Strategic Plan Committee	Maple
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Department Workshops	
	<i>Christian Service</i>	<i>Juniper</i>
	<i>St. Catherine College/Hellenic College</i>	<i>Larch</i>
	<i>Evangelization</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:00 PM	Nominations Meeting	Cottonwood
9:00 PM	Resolutions Meeting	Laurel
All Day	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (DAY 4)

Time	Event	Room
6:00 AM	Vesting for Liturgy	Clergy (Regency E-F)

		Hierarchs (Regency G)
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Secretarial Room Open	Birch/Balsam
7:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Exhibitor Area open	Evergreen
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Story Booth	Evergreen Foyer
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Portraits Booth	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Recess	Local Sites
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Holy Synod Breakfast/Meeting	Larch
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Plenary Session VI	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Reflection</i>	
	<i>Elections</i>	
	<i>Resolutions Voting</i>	
	<i>Statute Voting</i>	
	<i>Krindatch Presentation</i>	
	<i>Pension Board Report</i>	
	<i>Election Results</i>	
	<i>Housekeeping</i>	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Recess	Local Sites
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Synod Lunch/Meeting	Larch
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Plenary Session VII	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Reflection</i>	
	<i>Final SPC Discussion</i>	
	<i>Reflections from Holy Synod</i>	
	<i>External Affairs</i>	
	<i>Resolutions</i>	
	<i>Housekeeping</i>	
7:00 PM	Reception	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:45 PM - 10:00 PM	Formal Dinner	Grand Ballroom
7:00 PM - Midnight	Exhibit Area Closed and Booths taken down	Evergreen
All Day	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (DAY 5)

Time	Event	Room
6:00 AM	Vesting for Liturgy	Clergy (Regency E-F) Hierarchs (Regency G)
7:00 AM - Noon	Secretarial Room Open	Birch/Balsam
7:00 AM	Hierarchical Liturgy	Grand Ballroom
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Recess	Local Sites
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Holy Synod Breakfast/Meeting	Larch
6:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Exhibitor Area Load-out	Evergreen
10:30 AM - Noon	Plenary Session VIII	Grand Ballroom
	<i>Opening Reflection</i>	
	<i>Orthodox Health Plan</i>	
	<i>Military Chaplains</i>	
	<i>Other Business</i>	

	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	
	<i>Installation</i>	
	<i>Closing Prayer</i>	
11:00 AM	Exhibit Area must be empty	Evergreen
Noon	Breakdown of Council Set-Up and Departure	Grand Ballroom
Noon - 1:00 PM	Holy Synod/ Metropolitan Council/ PCC Luncheon	Cedar A-B
Until Noon	Friends of Bill W	Madrona

APPENDIX A

(SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS)

PROPOSED STATUTE AMENDMENT I

Rationale

The following proposal seeks to amend Article X.5.b of the Statute. The amendment attempts to clarify the following: someone may be considered a parishioner in good standing, even if he or she confesses to a priest other the parish priest. Confession outside of their parish must be done with the blessing of the parish priest.

The rationale for this proposal concerns the statutory requirement that the member confess "in his home parish" annually. As is known, it is common for some parishioners to confess to a priest at another parish. In addition, family members of a priest confess to other priests. Under current OCA Statute, people who confess elsewhere, including priests' wives and children, are not technically "voting members" and should not vote at parish meetings. If the OCA or one of its parishes becomes involved in legal action which hinges in part on a vote, this definitional inconsistency could become a problem. The idea of any amendment would be simply to conform the statute to the existing practice in the OCA.

Current Statute: Article X.5 Parishioners

Parishioners are those who, by virtue of their Baptism and Chrismation, are members of the Body of Christ and strive to live in accordance with their high calling (Eph. 4:1) as Orthodox Christians. No one can be a member of the parish if he openly betrays the teaching of the Orthodox Church, or if he leads a life or acts in a manner condemned by the Holy Canons as incompatible with the name of Orthodox Christian.

A "voting member" of the parish is a member [as defined in Article X, Section 5(a)] at least eighteen years of age, who partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in his home parish at least once a year; has belonged to the parish for a period as may be fixed by the parish; and regularly fulfills such financial obligations as may be established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and parish.

Proposed Amendment

A "voting member" of the parish is a member [as defined in Article X, Section 5(a)] at least eighteen years of age, who receives the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year in his home parish or, with the permission of the parish priest, elsewhere; who receives Holy Communion at least once a year in his home parish; has belonged to the parish for a period as may be fixed by the parish; and regularly fulfills such financial obligations as may be established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and parish.

PROPOSED STATUTE AMENDMENT II

Rationale

The following proposal seeks to amend Article V.1 of the Statute. The amendment attempts to clarify an ambiguity in the length of terms and term limits for members of the Metropolitan Council who are elected by the Diocesan Assemblies or the All-American Council.

Current Statute: Article V.1 Organization

The Metropolitan Council is the permanent executive body of the Church Administration which exists for the purpose of implementing the decisions of the All-American Council and continuing its work between sessions. It shall consist of the Metropolitan as Chairman, the Chancellor, the Secretary, the Treasurer, two representatives from each diocese, one priest and one layman to be elected by the Diocesan Assemblies, three priests and three laymen elected by the All-American Council. Vacancies occurring among diocesan representatives are filled by the respective dioceses.

Two alternates are to be elected by the All-American Council, one priest and one layman, to fill vacancies occurring among members elected by the All-American Council. All elected members, whether representing the several dioceses or those elected by the All-American Council, may succeed themselves in office for one term only. The Metropolitan Council may, between meetings, delegate a committee consisting of the Chancellor, Secretary, Treasurer, and two other members to meet in conjunction with the Lesser Synod of Bishops upon their invitation, to discuss normal church administrative procedures. This committee shall report back to the Metropolitan Council concerning all actions and decisions.

Proposed Amendment

The Metropolitan Council is the permanent executive body of the Church Administration which exists for the purpose of implementing the decisions of the All-American Council and continuing its work between sessions. It shall consist of the Metropolitan as Chairman, the Chancellor, the Secretary, the Treasurer, two representatives from each diocese, one priest and one layman to be elected by the Diocesan Assemblies, three priests and three laymen elected by the All-American Council. Vacancies occurring among diocesan representatives are filled by the respective dioceses. Two alternates are to be elected by the All-American Council, one priest and one layman, to fill vacancies occurring among members elected by the All-American Council. The Metropolitan Council may, between meetings, delegate a committee consisting of the Chancellor, Secretary, Treasurer, and two other members to meet in conjunction with the Lesser Synod of Bishops upon their invitation, to discuss normal church administrative procedures. This committee shall report back to the Metropolitan Council concerning all actions and decisions.

All elected members of the Metropolitan Council, whether representing the several Dioceses of the Church or those elected by the All-American Council, shall serve a term of three years from the time of their election by a Diocesan Assembly or All-American Council. All members of the Metropolitan Council may succeed themselves in office for one term only for the maximum period of service of six years on the Metropolitan Council by any individual; any Member of the Metropolitan Council having served two consecutive terms, being six consecutive years in office, may, on the expiration of three years after the completion of the sixth year of such service, be reelected to the Metropolitan Council, either by a Diocese of the Church or by the action of the All-American Council. In the event of a change in periodicity of the All-American Council, as provided for in Article III.3, those members of the Metropolitan Council elected by the All-American Council shall serve until the convening of the next All-American Council.

APPENDIX B

(SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LIST OF SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS IS NOT COMPLETE DUE TO CONTINUING REVISIONS ON A FEW RESOLUTIONS. IT WAS DECIDED AT THE RECENT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL MEETING THAT THOSE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE SHORTLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PROPERLY VETTED AND PREPARED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SUBMITTING BODY. THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE LESSER SYNOD AND THE GENERAL COUNSEL. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PRESENTED BUT RATHER THAT THEY ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REVISION. THERE WILL ALSO BE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION 1: SEMINARY SUPPORT

Submitted by St Vladimir's Seminary, with unanimous approval of the SVOTS Board of Trustees, May 2011

WHEREAS the Orthodox Church in America no longer supports the seminaries of the OCA through a special appeal or as a line item in the budget, and

WHEREAS the three seminaries of the OCA are the primary institutions for the formation of future priests and centers for theological education for both clergy and lay leadership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this All-American Council encourages each OCA parish and mission to support the seminary of its choice through a sacrificial gift of 1% minimum of its annual operating budget.

RESOLUTION 2: OUTREACH TO AFRICAN AMERICANS

Submitted by Fr Moses Berry, with the consent of the Resolutions Committee, July 31, 2011

WHEREAS there are deep resonances between the faith of the early Church and the heartfelt Christianity born out of the American slaves' experience, especially characterized by the "sad joyfulness" common to the Desert Fathers and Mothers and to the suffering, underground church of the African American slaves, and

WHEREAS African Americans have been and are still significantly under-represented in the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Orthodox Church in America,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Orthodox Church in America, at every level of church life, promote and encourage education about the shared heritage of Black and White Americans and the necessity for increased efforts to evangelize the African American community.

RESOLUTION 3: INTERNET BEHAVIOR

Submitted by the Philadelphia Deanery, July 30, 2011

Whereas those in positions of authority in the Church, both clergy and laity, should be held to a higher standard of public behavior, and

Whereas we are called by the Scriptures to carry each other's burden (Gal. 6:2), rather than to publicly expose the nakedness of others (Gen. 9:22), and

Whereas information and views that are posted on the internet for public access by those in positions of authority in the Church can lead others to believe that these are official views of the Church and the exhibition of public behavior not in accordance with the Gospel can easily be used by others to slander the Church Herself, and

Whereas the internet and other means of mass communication have only recently entered into the life of the Orthodox Church and need our evaluation as to the appropriateness of their use:

We, the All-American Council of the OCA, resolve to exhibit such behavior in the public domain of the Internet as behooves Orthodox Christians.

Furthermore, we humbly request the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA to develop a set of guidelines for proper behavior in the public domain to be followed by all those who hold positions of authority in the Church.

RESOLUTION 4: ASSESSMENT RATE

Subject of Resolution: Central Church Administration Assessments
(Fair Share) Reduction

Submitted To: Preconciliar Commission Resolutions Committee
His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek, Chair
Archpriest John H. Erickson, Vice-Chair
Priest Victor Gorodenchuk
Gregory Nescott, Esq.
Dr. David Wagschal

Submitted By: Diocese of New York and New Jersey
Orthodox Church in America

WHEREAS we affirm and support the vision of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, clearly articulated at the 15th All-American Council upon his election as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, regarding the absolute necessity of strengthening the dioceses and parishes of the Church and decentralizing efforts of evangelization and Christian outreach;

WHEREAS we affirm and support the vision articulated and blessed by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America in the Draft Strategic Plan of the Orthodox Church in America (Version 5.7) on strengthening and growing the dioceses and parishes of the Church, where “in the celebration of the Eucharist we become the Body of Christ and are equipped with all that is necessary to work out our own personal salvation, in and through Christ, and to bring this salvation to the world” (page 7);

WHEREAS the CCA fair share assessments levied upon the participating dioceses and, thereby, the diocesan parishes constitute a financial hardship in distressed economic circumstances and hinder the ability of a diocese to properly attend to strengthening parishes, establishing parishes, and all other financial needs and requirements toward fulfilling the vision and mission of the Church;

WHEREAS the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America gives to the All-American Councils the authority to set the rate of assessments to fund the Central Church Administration (CCA);

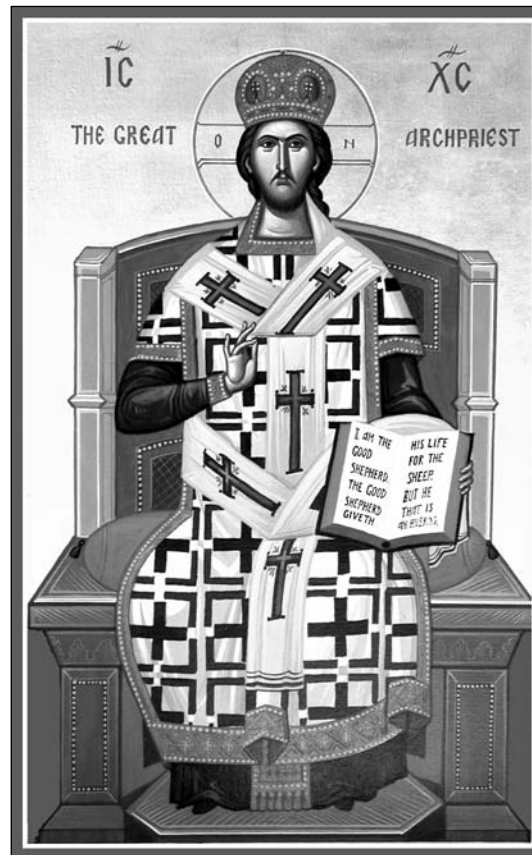
BE IT RESOLVED that the 16th All-American Council fix the CCA fair share assessment for each of the participating dioceses at an amount of \$50.00 per capita of the census of the participating dioceses, as determined each preceding year (2011, 2012, 2013) for the next triennium (2012, 2013, 2014);

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Council shall develop and prepare its budgets for the next triennium (2012-2014) at a level which is equal to no more than \$50.00 per capita of the applicable census of the participating dioceses.

Service of Prayer at the Opening of a Sacred Council

Service of Prayer at the Closing of a Sacred Council



A Service of Prayer at the Opening of a Sacred Council

Deacon: Bless, Most Blessed Master.

Hierarch: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People:

Tone 6 Common Chant
arr. from Lvov-Bakhmetev

A - men. O Heav - en - ly King, the Com - for - ter the Spi - rit
of Truth, who art every - where and fill - est all things;
Treasury of bless - ings and Gi - ver of Life:
Come and a - bide in us, and cleanse us from every
im - pur - i - ty, and save our souls, O Good — One!

GREAT LITANY

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Metropolitan _____, for the Holy Synod of Bishops, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For seasonable weather, for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by land, by sea, and by air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will hear the voice of petition of the members of the Sacred Council and fulfill all of their good desires and intentions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will send down the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding upon the members of this Sacred Council, opening their minds and lips and enlightening their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will grant them the Wisdom which stands by His Throne, making it abide in their hearts and teaching them what is for the good of His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That they may wisely remain constant in the Orthodox Faith and in all good works, a joy and comfort to all people and a strengthening of the Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will look down with His merciful eye on His Church and upon this Sacred Council, bestowing the grace of wisdom upon its endeavors in the successful building up of the life of the Church of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the members of this Sacred Council gathered from throughout this continent, awaiting the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and needful of God's help and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will instill in the members of this Sacred Council oneness of mind, harmony of spirit, good intentions and wise action for the benefit of His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Hierarch: For to Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

GOD IS THE LORD

Deacon: In the 8th Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself unto us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endures forever.

People:

Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Tone 8

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

God is the Lord and has re-vealed Him-self to us.

Bles - sed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Deacon: All nations surrounded me; in the Name of the Lord I withstood them!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.”

Deacon: I shall not die, but shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.”

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord’s doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.” then sings the troparions.

TROPARIONS

Tone 8 Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Soprano Alto
Tenor Bass

Bles - sed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast

re - vealed the fish - er - men as most wise by send - ing

down up - on them the Ho - ly Spir - it; through them

Thou didst draw the world in - to Thy net, O

Lov - er of man glo - ry to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 4 Alaskan Melody

Soprano Alto
Tenor Bass

O blessed Father Herman of A - las - - - ka,

North Star of Christ's ho - ly Church; the light of

your holy life and great deeds guides those

who follow the Orth - o - dox way. Together we lift

high the Ho - ly Cross you planted firmly

in A - mer - i - ca. Let all behold and glo - ri - fy

Je - sus Christ singing His Holy Re - sur - rec - - - tion.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Soprano Alto

Steadfast protectress of Christ - - - ians, con - stant

Tenor Bass

advocate before the Cre - a - - tor: do not despise

the cry of us sin - - ners, but in your

goodness come speedily to help us who call on

you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and

to intercede for us, O The - o - to - kos,

for you always protect those who ho - nor you.

PROKEIMENON / EPISTLE / GOSPEL

Deacon: Let us attend!

Hierarch: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: Let the radiance of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands!

Reader: Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations!

People: Repeats the Prokeimenon

Reader: Let the radiance of the Lord our God be upon us

People: Finishes the Prokeimenon

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Deacon: Let us Attend!

People:

Tone 4 Znamenny Chant

Soprano Alto
Let the radiance of the Lord our God be up - on us,

Tenor Bass

and es - tab - lish the work of our hands.

Reader: Brethren, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe, according to the working of His great might which He has accomplished in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and

made Him sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come; and He has put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the Church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

Hierarch: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: And to your spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People:

Tone 4 Znamenny Chant

Soprano Alto
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Tenor Bass

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Hierarch: Peace be unto all!

People: And to your spirit.

Hierarch: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Deacon: Let us attend!

Hierarch: At that time Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth having accomplished the work which Thou

gavest Me to do; and now, Father glorify Thou Me in Thine own prescence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou gavest Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou didst send Me into the world so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. The glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one.'

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATIONS

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan _____, for the Holy Synod of Bishops, for priests, deacons, monastics; and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray to the Lord our God, that He will look with mercy upon the members of this Sacred Council, and will send down into their hearts, their minds, and their lips the spirit of wisdom, of understanding, of godliness and of His fear; enlightening their minds with the light of His gracious understanding, that they may be adorned with all good works for the glory of His most holy name; for the benefit of His Holy Church; let us say: O Lord, hearken and mercifully have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Hierarch: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Again and again, falling down on our knees before our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Hierarch: O God, our God! Thou hast adorned us with Thine image and given us a free will. When Thou didst enter into the Temple in the middle of the feast, O most compassionate Master, Thou didst teach the people who were amazed at Thy doctrine, for David says: Come to me, children, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Thou didst also teach wisdom to Solomon. Look down even now, O Maker and Creator, upon the members of this Sacred Council, and grant them wisdom and understanding that they may learn Thy holy will; warm their hearts in love for Thee and for their neighbors; guide them on the way of truth and righteousness, keeping their hearts from all evil; unite them in one mind and in one heart, and let mutual brotherly love abide in their midst; bless them for the doing of good and useful things. We pray Thee, O most merciful Lord our God, the God of every compassion and consolation: Do not turn away Thy face from them, nor deny them their longing, for they have set their hope on Thee. Grant them peace and serenity, a unity of spirit, concord and fruitful action, and all those things needful for their temporal and eternal life. Thou knowest our needs, and dost grant and fulfill our requests even before we make them.

For Thou art the God powerful in mercy and gracious in strength, and to Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Wisdom!

Hierarch: Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

People: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos we magnify You!

Hierarch: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our sure hope, glory to Thee!

People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Most Blessed Master, Bless!

Hierarch: May He Who sent the most Holy Spirit from heaven upon His holy disciples and apostles, in the form of fiery tongues, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy glorious, and all-laudable apostles; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

People: Amen. Eis polla eti Despota!

A Service of Prayer at the Closing of a Sacred Council

Deacon: Bless, Most Blessed Master.

Hierarch: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

People:

Common Chant
arr. from Lvov-Bakhmetev

Tone 6

O Heav - en - ly King, the Comforter the Spi - rit
of Truth, who art everywhere and fill - est all things;
Treasury of bless - ings and Gi - ver of Life:
Come and a - bid e in us, and cleanse us from every
im - pur - i - ty, and save our souls, O Good — One!

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!
(3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us! Lord, cleanse us from
our sins! Master, pardon our transgressions! Holy One, visit
and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-
en. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our tres-
passes, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Hierarch: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and
ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

GOD IS THE LORD

Deacon: In the 4th Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself
unto us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy
endures forever.

People:

Tone 4 Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev



Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

God is the Lord and has re vealed Him-self to us.



Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Deacon: All nations surrounded me; in the Name of the Lord I with-
stood them!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.”

Deacon: I shall not die, but shall live, and recount the deeds of the
Lord!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.”

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head
of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous
in our eyes!

People: Repeats “God is the Lord.” then sings the troparions.

TROPARIONS

Tone 4 Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

We Thine unworthy ser - vants, O Lord, grateful for
the blessings Thou hast giv - en to us, always praise, bless,
and thankfully glorify Thy loving - kind - ness, crying to Thee with
love and humble sub - mis - sive - ness: O Savior and Benefactor, glo - ry to Thee.

Tone 3 Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Freely Thou dost grant us rich bless - ings, O Mas - ter,
though we are unprofitable ser - - vants, in all
our needs we run — to Thee; Thou dost shower us with
man - y gifts! Now we thank Thee with all our heart. —

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

We glorify Thee, our Creator and De - fend - er!

We cry to Thee from the depths of our soul:

Glory to Thee, O God, most boun - - - ti - ful!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3

Obikhod
N. Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

O Mother of God help of Christ - ians, you have favored

us with your pro - tec - tion! We your ser - vants

grate - ful - ly cry out to you: Hail, Most Pure Virgin

The - o - to - kos! By your prayers deliver us from

every ca - la - mi - ty, for you are a speedy

help - er in times of trou - ble.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATIONS

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Furthermore we pray for His Beatitude Metropolitan _____, for the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, for priests, deacons, and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: We Thine unprofitable servants, give thanks to Thee with fear and trembling, O Lord, our Savior and Master, for Thou hast poured Thy blessings upon us abundantly. We fall down in worship before Thy loving mercy and praise Thee as our God, fervently crying to Thee: Deliver Thy servants from all calamities, and in Thy mercy, grant all our requests which are unto salvation, we beg Thee, O Lord: hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Thou hast mercifully listened to the prayers of Thy servants, O Lord; Thou hast shown us Thy tender compassion and love for man. Do not forsake us in the days to come, but fulfill all the good desires of Thy faithful people. Reveal Thy rich mercy to us, disregard our sins, and attain glory for Thy name, we beg Thee, O Lord: hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: May our thanksgiving be as sweet-smelling incense before Thy majesty, most merciful Master. In Thy love for mankind, always send down Thy rich blessings upon Thy servants. Deliver us from the assaults of our visible and invisible enemies; preserve Thy Holy Church; and grant all Thy people health, virtue, and length of days, we beg Thee,

most bountiful King; incline Thine ear to our prayer, and speedily show mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: O Lord, who didst accompany Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, and didst make them to return to Jerusalem with their hearts burning with the joy of Thy Resurrection; send Thy grace and divine blessing to accompany Thy servants, all the participants in this All-American Council, as they return to their homes and guide them in every good work, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Preserve them in health and bring them safely to their destinations, we beg Thee, our merciful protector, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Hierarch: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us.

For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Hierarch: O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, the God of all mercies and bounties, Whose mercy cannot be measured, and Whose love for man is an unfathomable deep; with fear and trembling, we fall down in adoration before Thy majesty, unprofitable servants that we are. We humbly thank Thee for the blessings Thou hast given Thy servants who have participated in this All-American Council. We glorify Thee, we praise Thee, we sing to Thee, our Lord and Master and

Defender; we fall down before Thee and beg Thy boundless mercy. As Thou hast graciously received Thy servants' prayers and granted them, so also deliver Thy Church and preserve us from every hostile assault. Grant us peace and tranquility, that Thy faithful people may grow in virtue and love for Thee, and may partake of Thy benefits, and so we will always offer thanksgiving to Thee, together with Thine Unoriginate Father, and Thy Most Holy, and Good and Life-Giving Spirit, God glorified in Three Persons, and will joyfully sing to Thee: Glory to Thee, O God our Savior, unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Wisdom!

Hierarch: Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

People: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos we magnify You!

Hierarch: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our sure hope, glory to Thee!

People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!

Lord, have mercy. (3x)
Most Blessed, Master Bless!

Hierarch: Gives the dismissal of the day.

People: Amen. Eis polla eti Despota!

“Many Years” is intoned by the deacon and sung by the people.



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