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Prophet Samuel

Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is amongst us!

This year with the blessing of Bishop Peter the fall clergy retreat will be held in Des Plaines, IL at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God from October 13 to October 15. Please see the attached schedule of the retreat for more details. RSVP to me or Mrs. Natalia Gill (dcma.rocor@gmail.com or 847-373-4002) no later than October 3, 2010 so that Mrs. Gill can work with the Cathedral Sisterhood to arrange the appropriate number of meals for the retreat. We kindly ask that you contact one of us as soon as possible. All clergymen of the diocese should plan to participate in the Divine Services for the Cathedral's feast day of the Protection of the Mother of God. Vestment color is blue.

Bishop Peter makes every effort to attend our parish feast days and make these more festive with the hierarchal services. It is only proper and correct that we should make every effort to participate in the feast day of our Diocesan Cathedral and thereby bring joy to our bishop.

This year we are pleased to have as our guest speaker His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, speaking on the topic "*The Future of Orthodoxy in America.*"

There are many lodging options near the Cathedral since this is also the area of O'Hare airport. Please contact me or Mrs. Gill if you have questions in this regard. Clergymen are responsible to arrange their own lodging for the retreat.

I look forward to seeing you all in Des Plaines this October!

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce
Secretary of the Diocesan Council

Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia
Fall Clergy Retreat
Des Plaines, IL
October 13-15, 2010

Schedule

October 13, 2010

6:30 p.m. Vigil

Following Vigil: Cup of Tea for Gathered Clergy

October 14, 2010

9:00 a.m. Meeting of Bishop Peter & Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

Following Divine Liturgy: Lunch

October 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. Prayer
Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks – Bishop Peter

The Future of Orthodoxy in America – Metropolitan Jonah
Questions & Answer Period

11:00 a.m. Life in the Diocese – Bishop Peter
Questions & Answer Period

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Diocesan Financial Update – Reader Andrei Urtiew

1:30 p.m. Great Lenten Clergy Retreat Date – Priest Gregory Joyce
2011 Assessment Information – Priest Gregory Joyce
2011 Parish Questionnaire – Priest Gregory Joyce
Retreat Resolution – Priest Gregory Joyce

2:00 p.m. ORPR Camp Report – Priest Daniel Marshall

2:15 p.m. Diocesan Youth Committee Report – Priest Ilia Marzev

- 2:30 p.m. St. John Kochurov Society Report – Priest Michael Carney
- 2:45 p.m. Diocesan Pastoral School Report – Archpriest Martin Swanson
- 3:00 p.m. Orthodox Prison Ministry – Archpriest Roman Starr
- 3:15 p.m. Liturgical Points of Interest: Cross Processions – Priest John Whiteford
Questions & Answer Period
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks – Bishop Peter
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- 4:30 p.m. 10-minute 1:1 Meetings with Bishop Peter
Reserve your meeting time by contacting Priest Gregory Joyce: 734-649-5746 or
ogrisha@yahoo.com
You may discuss any issue privately with Bishop Peter at these meetings, seek his
advice on pastoral issues, etc.
- Meeting of the Board of the Pastoral School
- Meeting of the Diocesan Council