

**Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America**  
**Diocesan Assembly**  
**March 30 – 31, 2009**  
**Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God**  
**Des Plaines, IL**

**Sunday, March 29, 2009**

5:00 p.m. Registration of Delegates

6:00 p.m. General Unction

**Monday, March 30, 2009**

*Note: Official sessions of the Diocesan Assembly are open to credentialed members of the Diocesan Assembly only. Divine Services are open to all who wish to attend.*

7:00 a.m. Registration of Delegates

8:00 a.m. Moleben “Before Every Good Work”  
Breakfast in Cathedral Hall  
Opening Remarks: Bishop Peter, President of the Diocesan Assembly  
Election of the Deputy President of the Diocesan Assembly (in the Rank of Priest)\*  
*Task: To preside over the Diocesan Assembly*  
Election of the Polling Committee  
*Task: To count votes at the assembly meetings.*  
Election of the Editing Committee  
*Task: Prepare Draft Resolution, Edit and Provide Final Minutes of Assembly to Bishop Peter within 7 Days of the Conclusion of the Assembly*  
Election of the Assembly Secretary  
*Task: Take Detailed Notes of the Assembly Proceedings*

*\*Note: All votes will be taken by a show of hands.*

*Note: Following each report there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. If questions remain when the next agenda item is scheduled to begin questions may be addressed during the general question and answer period at the end of each half day session. Likewise, if there are no questions remaining the next presentation will begin immediately (even before its scheduled time).*

9:00 a.m. Report I: Overview of Church Life in the Diocese – Bishop Peter

11:00 a.m. Report II: The Charge and Duty of the Diocesan Assembly in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia – Priest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Diocesan Council

- 11:30 a.m. Report III: The Pastoral School of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America – Archpriest Martin Swanson, Dean of the Pastoral School
- 12:00 p.m. Report IV: Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Religious Activities of the Russian Orthodox Church – Priest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Diocesan Council for Archpriest Alexander Lebedeff, Chair of the Inter-Religious Commission of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia
- 12:30 p.m. Questions & Answers: Day 1 Morning Presentations/Presenters
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Cathedral Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Discussion I: Content of the Resolution of the Diocesan Assembly – Members of the Editing Committee of the Diocesan Assembly
- 2:30 p.m. Report V: Structures & Policies of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America Pertaining to the Diocesan Assembly – Priest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Diocesan Council  
*Action: Election of the Members of the Diocesan Council*  
*Action: Election of the Members of the Diocesan Auditing Committee*  
*Discussion: Date of the Next Diocesan Assembly*
- 3:30 p.m. Report VI: The Organization of Educational Activities in Parishes & Religious Education and Involvement in Church Life of Children and Young Adults in the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America – Priest Ilia Marzev, Chair of the Diocesan Youth Committee
- 4:30 p.m. Report VII: The Organization of Charitable Activities in Parishes – Mr. John Surgant
- 5:00 p.m. Report VIII: Music Commission of the Diocese – Reader Alexander Petrovsky, Chair
- 5:30 p.m. Questions & Answers: Day 1 Afternoon Presentations/Presenters
- 6:00 p.m. Report IX: Property of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America – Reader Andrei Urtiew, Diocesan Treasurer
- 6:30 p.m. Report X: Financial Report of the Diocese – Reader Andrei Urtiew, Diocesan Treasurer
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner in Parish Hall

8:00 p.m. Report XI: Audit of the Diocesan Financial Report – Priest Daniel Marshall, Chair of the Diocesan Audit Committee 2008 & Priest Christopher Allen, Chair of the Diocesan Audit Committee 2009

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall

9:00 a.m. Round Table Discussion/Question and Answer Period – Chairs of the Diocesan Committees:

Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Nelson, Diocesan Missions Committee

Rev. Fr. Daniel Marshall, Diocesan Court

Rev. Fr. Christopher Allen, Diocesan Auditing Committee

Rev. Fr. Ilia Marzev, Youth Committee

Reader Alexander Petrovsky & Mrs. Carole Surgant, Chairs of the Diocesan Music Committee

10:00 a.m. Discussion II: Draft I of the Resolution of the Diocesan Assembly – Members of the Editing Committee of the Diocesan Assembly

10:30 a.m. Report XII: The Internet from an Orthodox Christian Perspective – Priest John Whiteford, St. Jonah Mission, Spring, TX

11:00 a.m. Report XIII: Publishing Efforts within the Diocese – Priest Christopher Stade, St. John Chrysostom Press & Priest Daniel Marshall, St. Innocent Press

11:30 p.m. Questions & Answers: Day 2 Morning Presentations/Presenters

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Cathedral Hall

1:00 p.m. Discussion III: Final Draft of the Resolution of the Diocesan Assembly – Members of the Editing Committee of the Diocesan Assembly  
*Action: Vote on the Acceptance of the Diocesan Assembly Resolution*

2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Moleben  
Closing Remarks – Bishop Peter  
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4:00 p.m. Rule for Communion, Confession, Matins in Cathedral

7:00 p.m. Dinner in Cathedral Hall

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009**

7:00 a.m. Lenten Hours & Hierarchal Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

10:00 a.m. Breakfast in Cathedral Hall

11:00 p.m. Remarks & Instruction to Gathered Clergy – Bishop Peter

11:30 a.m. Meeting of the Board of the Diocesan Pastoral School

12:00 p.m. Meeting of the Diocesan Council