

**Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America**  
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia  
Great Lenten Clergy Retreat  
Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral  
Des Plaines, IL  
April 1-3, 2013

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**Monday, April 1, 2013**

6:30 p.m.     General Unction

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**Tuesday, April 2, 2013**

7:00 a.m.     Moleben "Before Every Good Work" - Cathedral

7:15 a.m.     Breakfast - Cathedral Hall

8:00 a.m.     Opening Remarks & Instructions - Bishop Peter  
Report of Diocesan Activities since the Diocesan Assembly - Bishop Peter  
Election of the Editing Committee  
General Discussion of Pastoral Issues & Church Issues  
Question & Answer Period

9:30 a.m.     Diocesan Questionnaire Discussion - Fr. Gregory Joyce  
Clergy Data: Review and Update - Fr. Gregory Joyce  
Diocesan Assessments & Processes - Fr. Gregory Joyce  
Preparation for the 2013 Fall Pastoral Retreat - Fr. Gregory Joyce  
Other Diocesan Administrative Issues - Fr. Gregory Joyce

10:00 a.m.    The Funeral Service Rubrics and Practices - Fr. John Whiteford

11:00 a.m.    Cremation Practices and Challenges for Orthodox Christians - Fr. Antony  
Alekseyenko  
Establishing a diocesan funeral fund

11:30 a.m.    Draft Resolution of the Clergy Retreat - Editing Committee

12:00 p.m.    Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Pastoral School Report – Fr. Martin Swanson  
 Diocesan Music Committee Report  
 Diocesan Audit Committee Report  
 Youth Committee Report – Fr. Daniel Marshall  
 ORPR Camp Report – Fr. Daniel Marshall  
 Diocesan Spiritual Court Report – Fr. Ilia Marzev  
 St. John Kochurov Society Report
- 2:30 p.m. Draft Resolution of the Clergy Retreat – Editing Committee
- 3:00 p.m. Diocesan Financial Report
- 4:00 p.m. Free Time for Clergy to Interact
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Vespers & Matins  
 Confession for Gathered Clerics

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**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting of Bishop Peter, Great Lenten Hours, Hierarchal Presanctified  
 Divine Liturgy with Thanksgiving petitions
- 11:00 a.m. Brunch
- 12:00 noon Fr. Christopher Metropulos - Orthodox Christian Network
- 1:00 p.m. Resolution of the Clergy Retreat  
 Outstanding Business  
 Closing Remarks – Bishop Peter
- 1:30 p.m. Meeting of the Diocesan Council  
 Meeting of the Board of the Pastoral School