



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

**57th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest
Lansing, IL
October 8-10, 2018**

Dear Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Paul, the 57th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will take place on Monday through Wednesday, October 8-10, 2018. It will be hosted by Archangel Michael Church in Lansing in the Chicago metropolitan area. Meetings and meals will be held in the Social Center, a beautiful, church-owned banquet facility. The address is 1500 186th Street, Lansing, Illinois.

All the most up-to-date information and Assembly materials may be found on the Web at <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>. All delegates are asked to review these materials online in advance, and print their own hard copies if necessary.

Full Two-day Assembly

This year's Assembly includes many special presentations, and there is much important work which needs to be accomplished. Rather than reiterate them here, I would refer you to the Agenda which may be found on the Assembly webpage. This full agenda necessitated that our program be spread across three days.

Travel

Please arrange to arrive on the evening of Monday, October 8. If flying, please use Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW). There is no shuttle service available between the airport and the hotel. Please plan to take a taxi or arrange for someone who is driving to pick you up. If possible, return flights should be scheduled for no earlier than 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10.

Hotel - book by September 15

Accommodations have been procured at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 9120 Calumet Avenue, Munster, Indiana at a rate of \$109.00. After September 15, there are

no guarantees with regard to rooms or a discounted rate. Please make your reservations as soon as possible by visiting <https://bit.ly/2NRiY9W> or by calling (219) 836-5555, making sure to inform them that you are part of the Diocese of the Midwest group.

Annual Parish Report Form – due September 15

As usual, this may be downloaded from the Assembly webpage. Simply fill it out in your word processor and email it back in the same format. Last year's reports may be viewed at <http://domoca.org/2017reports.html>. This form is required for cathedrals, parishes, and missions. A parish must include information and numbers for any chapel which has it as its mother parish.

Registration – due September 20

The registration fee for this year's assembly is \$200.00 per delegate or observer. Please mail payment along with the form to me by the due date.

Each parish should register its *assigned* priests and deacons, plus an equal number of lay delegates. One lay delegate is allowed from each parish not having an assigned priest. Lay delegates are elected at a parish meeting or by the parish council (consult parish bylaws). Laity who are not delegates may also attend as observers. *Attached* and *retired* clergy may attend without the right to a vote (and without an equal number of lay delegates). Rectors, please consult the Parish Directory on the OCA website if you are uncertain of a priest's or deacon's status.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to call me in the Chancery Office at 312-202-0420 or by email at chancery@domoca.org.

Yours in Christ,



Philip Sokolov
Bishop's Secretary