

# 2013 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

## *Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America*

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April 10, 2013

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of the South:

St. Justin Martyr is honored to host the 2013 Diocesan Assembly, July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our goal is that it will be enjoyable and memorable one for all. With the blessings of His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, our hotel is the [Four Points Sheraton Oceanfront](#) in Jacksonville Beach. All rooms are oceanfront two room suites for \$129/night. **Reservations can only be made by calling the hotel direct at: 904-435-3535 or 1-800-294-2787 and the group name is “Diocese of the South Assembly.” Reservation cutoff is May 31<sup>st</sup>.** *(Presently the hotel is known as Quality Suites Oceanfront and is being rebranded in July after some minor, mostly cosmetic renovations.)*

Because ministry can be tough on family time we have located the Assembly and arranged the schedule so that families can leverage their time for quality family time in a fun place. There are many things to do within a short walking distance—the beach, the boardwalk, surfing, & the ¼ mile long [Jax Fishing Pier](#). Located a few minutes north is [Atlantic and Neptune Beach](#) and the quaint historic fishing village of [Mayport](#). From Mayport you can take the [ferry](#) across the St. Johns River to [Hanna Park](#) which has great hiking/biking trails, 60 acre fresh water lake (canoe/paddleboat), 1.5 mile quiet sandy beach. Thirty minutes south is [St. Augustine](#), the nation’s oldest city. In St Augustine you can visit [St. Photios Shrine](#) or [OCMC](#).

Dn Jacob Hatch and his team have put together a fun youth program. Unique this year is an adult supervised “crash room” for 14-18 yr olds to hang out at in the evening and watch movies, play videos, et al.

We are grateful to have Fr John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir’s Seminary as our guest speaker.

Registration forms for delegates, observers and the youth are available in the downloadable materials along with the Assembly and Youth Schedule. The cost for the Assembly is \$195 per parish/mission and includes two banquet tickets. After June 15<sup>th</sup> the fee will be \$225. Make your checks pay to the order of [St. Justin Martyr](#). Registrations cannot be accepted after July 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us at: [office@st-justin-martyr.org](mailto:office@st-justin-martyr.org) or call 904-880-7671 during normal business hours.

We look forward to serving you!

Fr Ted Pisarchuk  
*On behalf of the 2013 Diocesan Assembly Committee*