

Assembly 2008
Diocese of the South
Orthodox Church in America
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To the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of the South:

On behalf of His Eminence, Archbishop DMITRI, it is our pleasure to announce the convening of 31st Assembly of the Diocese of the South. The Diocese will celebrate its 30th Anniversary and our beloved Archbishop DMITRI will celebrate his 85th birthday later this year of which we will have the opportunity in anticipation of his birthday to honor him at the Assembly.

As the senior hierarch in The Orthodox Church in America and truly the father of our diocese, no other current bishop in our Church is more beloved for what he has humbly done to establish a diocese and shepherd it in a spirit of love and Orthodox missionary outreach.

The focus of this Assembly will be prayer and worship. We will gather often to thank God for what He has given us to steward and humbly beseech Him to give us strength and wisdom to continue to be missionaries in His Name and spread the Gospel. We will also discharge the work of the Diocese during the Plenary sessions on Thursday of the Assembly. The Diocesan Council will meet on the Tuesday afternoon of the Assembly.

His Eminence has invited Archpriest Paul Lazor to be our guest and to deliver the Keynote Address on Wednesday evening. We are also working on a dynamic Young Adults Presentation (ages 13-21) for the Wednesday evening of the Assembly. More details on this will be forthcoming.

As with last year, there will be no direct mailings of Assembly materials. Rather we will use the DOS website to announce and distribute all Assembly registration forms, reports and other materials. You are asked to download and print these materials and bring them with you to Dallas in June.

If you have any questions please contact Archpriest Joseph Fester or Archpriest Basil Zebrun at 214-522-4149. You may also use a special email address for the Assembly DOSCHANCERY@gmail.com if you wish to email your questions to the local committee.

Please refer to the general Assembly schedule posted on the DOS website under Assembly 08. A final schedule and complete Agenda will be posted in May.

You are encouraged to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, again please go to the DOS website and click the Assembly Hotel Reservation button which will take you directly to the Renaissance Dallas Hotel website.

We look forward to hosting you in Dallas,

The 31st DOS Assembly Committee