



## HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE NEW ENGLAND DIOCESE + ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

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### Invitation to the 60<sup>th</sup> New England Diocesan Assembly

August 13, 2023

Leavetaking of Transfiguration Feast

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Archpriest John Kreta, Brother Clergy, Diocesan Council Members, Delegates, and observers:

Joyous Feast of Transfiguration:

Very soon we will be gathering for our 60<sup>th</sup> New England Diocesan Assembly, that promises to be a significant for our diocese. We will be conducting our regular Diocesan Assembly on Friday, and after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, will hold a Special Nominating Assembly to identify a candidate to be our next diocesan bishop. Let us pray fervently that God's will to be done!

This will also be a significant gathering for us at Holy Transfiguration Church here in New Haven, as this will be the first time our parish will host the assembly! Due to a fall festival historically held the week before the assembly, it was not possible to take on both. We are very excited to host this 60<sup>th</sup> assembly!

New Haven is arguably the first planned town. Settled in 1638, by Puritans, New Haven was laid out in a grid plan called a "nine square plan" to allow for future growth. Today New Haven is home to Yale University Health, a still active shipping port, and home to famous Sally's and Pepe's Pizza houses! Holy Transfiguration Church was planted here in 1915, representing at that time Byelorussian immigrants. Today the parish is quite diverse, and enjoys engagement of Orthodox students from nearby Yale University. Weekly Vespers are served on the campus each week during the academic year.

All sessions will be held at our church, and our banquet will be held at Lorenzo's Restaurant, a short drive from the church, and very near I-95 to reach hotels, for those staying overnight. Due to holding both assemblies, it will be even more important to know who is planning to come from your parish for meal planning, so please pay special attention to the registration forms this year.

Once again, we look forward, with great enthusiasm, to welcoming all of you to Holy Transfiguration Church! May God bless our Diocese of New England as we come together on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>!

With love in Christ,

Archpriest Steven Voytovich, D.Min., LPC,  
Parish Rector, Dean of CT Deanery



## DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

60th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

AND

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Councils and Faithful of the Diocese of New England,

The 60th New England Diocesan Assembly will convene on October 27, 2023. The Special Assembly will convene on Saturday, October 28, 2023, both hosted by Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT. Registration begins on Friday morning at 8:30 A.M. Clergy and Lay delegates are to know that this year we are attempting to conduct all the business on Friday, October 27, however if not completed this would need to finish on Saturday. The Special Assembly will convene on Saturday, October 28 with the sole agenda item is to consider the nomination of Fr Benedict Churchill for Bishop of New England. *All are expected to be present for the entire assembly that you are registered for!*

Details regarding overnight accommodations, registration for both the Assembly and Special Assembly—including delegate accreditation forms and travel details are included in this attachment. An additional email will contain the draft minutes from the 59th Diocesan Assembly. An email, further in September, will contain the proposed budget for 2024. All parishes are receiving this packet in electronic form and booklets will be available at the Assembly.

Please note that the deadline for the rooms is September 14th or September 22nd, depending on the hotel. Forms and banquet registration are due **October 8th**. Please, if you are registered for the 60th (regular) Diocesan Assembly, make every attempt to attend the banquet. *On the registration forms please indicate if you will also be attending the Other Assembly as an Observer.*

As indicated in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the parish lay representative(s) are to be chosen by election — either at a general parish meeting or a parish council meeting, according to local practice. The number of lay representatives corresponds to the number of assigned (not attached) clergy — priests and deacons — in the parish. Vacant parishes may elect and send one (1) lay representative. Accordingly, lay representation to the 60th Assembly is on the enclosed sheet.

In order to send voting delegates to the Diocesan Assembly, parishes must be current with their Diocesan and OCA Fair Share that is at least through the fiscal year ending on August 31, 2023. Please note that lay delegates whose parish fair share is not current will be seated as observers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Alexia Tassmer*

August 2023

### **Hotel Information**

The Hilton Garden Inn, 291 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT 06460

(203) 783-9988 for reservations

Special group rate of \$149 per night plus tax

***Rate only through September 22nd***

Group name "Diocese of New England" or booking code #DNEB

### **ALTERNATE HOTEL CHOICE**

Hyatt Place Milford/New Haven, 190 Old Gate Lane Milford, CT 06460

(203) 877-8900 for reservations

Special Group rate of \$144 per night plus tax

***Rate only through September 14<sup>th</sup>***

Group name "Diocese of New England" or booking code #G-DE03

### **Driving Directions**

**From: Holy Transfiguration Church 285 Alden Ave, New Haven, CT 06515**

**To: Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant 39 Elm St, West Haven, CT 06516**

1. Head east (left) on Burton St
2. Turn right onto Central Ave
3. Turn left onto CT-34 (Derby Ave)
4. Turn right onto Ella T Grasso Blvd (Rt10)
5. Turn right onto Kimberly Ave
6. Kimberly Ave becomes Elm St

Destination will be on the left

Arrive at 39 Elm St, West Haven, CT 06515



## DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

*60th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY*

**AND**

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

### **Tentative Schedule**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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#### Friday October 27, 2023

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	60th Assembly Registration	Holy Transfiguration Church
9:30 -10:00 a.m.	Opening Service of Thanksgiving	Holy Transfiguration Church
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Plenary Session	Holy Transfiguration Church
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	Holy Transfiguration Church
1:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session	Holy Transfiguration Church
5:30 p.m.	Vespers and Confession	Holy Transfiguration Church
7:00 p.m.	Social Hour	Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant
7:30 p.m.	Banquet	Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant

#### Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Holy Transfiguration Church
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Brunch	Holy Transfiguration Church
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	SPECIAL ASSEMBLY	Holy Transfiguration Church



# DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

## 60th *DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY* AND *SPECIAL ASSEMBLY*

Holy Transfiguration Church  
New Haven, CT  
**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

### CLERGY (PRIEST/DEACON) REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please RETURN this form by October 8, 2023 to:**

Alexia Tassmer  
95 South Orchard St  
Wallingford, CT 06492

Any questions please call **Alexia** at 203-284-0856 [atassmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atassmer@sbcglobal.net)

<b>BANQUET</b> - On Friday evening is a Buffet <b>I will attend</b> _____ <b>I will not attend</b> _____
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**\*\*Please note the Room Reservations September Deadline\*\***

State that you are with Diocese of New England

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** Hyatt Place Milford/New Haven 190 Old Gate Lane Milford, CT 06460 (203)877-8900

**OR**

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** The Hilton Garden Inn 291 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT 06460 (203) 783-9988



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### *60th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY*

Holy Transfiguration Church  
New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

#### DIOCESAN LAY COUNCIL MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

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**60<sup>th</sup> DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY  
AND**

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

### DELEGATE / ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

*(Please circle if you are a delegate or an alternate)*

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the Special Assembly of the Diocese of New England.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT DELEGATE / ALTERNATE

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**Signature of Delegate / Alternate (Circle One)**

**Date**

*(Any departure from the above mentioned qualifications must be explained on a separate sheet of paper by the observer and the Rector and submitted to the Diocesan Bishop (Administrator) through the Credentials Committee for approval by the Bishop or administrator.)*

**This form is for both Friday and Saturday!**

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***60th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY ONLY***

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

### DELEGATE / ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

*(Please circle if you are a delegate or an alternate)*

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND**

***SPECIAL ASSEMBLY***

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

**DELEGATE / ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Please circle if you are a delegate or an alternate)*

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH SEAL

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### **60<sup>th</sup> DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

Holy Transfiguration Church  
New Haven, CT  
**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

### **OBSERVER REGISTRATION FORM**

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned observer has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 60th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OBSERVER

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**Signature of Observer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please RETURN with the Assembly Fee of \$70.00 per person.**

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## DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

### **60th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

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PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

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## DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

### **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

Holy Transfiguration Church

New Haven, CT

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

### **OBSERVER REGISTRATION FORM**

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned observer has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the Special Assembly of the Diocese of New England.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rector \_\_\_\_\_

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PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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