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Dear Rectors,

Christ is amongst us!

Enclosed with this letter you will find a series of Ukases from His Grace, Bishop Peter, instructing us all on preparations that need to be made for the Diocesan Assembly at the end of March of this year.

Please note the following:

1. Both men and women are eligible to be representatives at the Diocesan Assembly.
2. The dress code for the Diocesan Assembly is black Riasas and awarded head gear for clergymen, coats and ties for men and appropriate church attire for women. Crosses should be worn according to ecclesiastical awards. No wooden crosses please. Readers and Subdeacons who attend the Diocesan Assembly should wear black Podrazniks.
3. Lodging information will be sent under separate cover. We will have a discount rate at Extended Stay America O'Hare, but some details are still being worked out. Of course, as always, you may secure lodging in any of the O'Hare area hotels, of which there are many.
4. By March 1, 2009 all delegates will be sent a packet of reports and other pertinent information to review via email before the Diocesan Assembly meets.

We hope to complete the task of preparing diocesan identification cards for the clergy by the time of the assembly. All clergymen wishing to be issued an identification card should send a digital photo the same size as those used for passports to me no later than February 8, 2009 at ogrisha@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago for the Diocesan Assembly at the end of March!

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Priest Gregory Joyce