



Assembly of the Archdiocese of Canada

“Refreshment for the Journey”

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
JULY 26-28TH, 2017

JOIN US IN EDMONTON!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Glory to Jesus Christ!

At the request of His Eminence, Archbishop Ireneé, and on behalf of the 2017 Canadian Archdiocesan Assembly Planning Committee, I would like to invite all of you to join us in Edmonton, Alberta, during the week of July 25-28 for our tri-annual Canadian Assembly and Clergy Synaxis. The Synaxis and Assembly will be held in the Sandman Hotel West Edmonton.

The theme for our Assembly this year is “Refreshment for the Journey,” using the words of Isaiah 40:31 as our main text: “Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.”

This week of being refreshed and renewed will consist of:

- 1. Good teaching**
- 2. Renewed Friendships**
- 3. Joyful worship (“The joy of the Lord is my strength”)**
- 4. Relaxing activities**
- 5. Opening BBQ on Tuesday evening at St. Herman’s**
- 6. Clergy Wive’s Gathering with the Archbishop (Wednesday)**
- 7. Wednesday evening Banquet at the beautiful Muttart Conservatory**
- 8. Parish Stories of Encouragement and Inspiration**
- 9. Friday Tour of the “Holy Land” Parishes (visit our country parishes that St. Tikhon worshiped in)**

Please note that the Assembly requires a three-step registration

Step 1: Room Reservations at the Sandman Hotel – see separate sheet on how to register

Step 2: Assembly Registration – for all participants (clergy, delegates, and observers)

Step 3a: (for Lay Delegates and Observers): Certification Form

Step 3b: (for Clergy): Synaxis Registration

Send the two forms (registration/certification) to the Archdiocese with cheque; book hotel directly.

If you’ve never had a chance to visit Edmonton before, there are a wide variety of attractions for you and your family to enjoy, including West Edmonton Mall, Jurassic Forest, Valley Zoo, Space and Science Center, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, etc. Here is a link to the top ten attractions:

<http://www.10best.com/destinations/canada/edmonton/attractions/best-attractions-activities>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly at (780) 288-5347, or email Fr.VincentLehr@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Vincent Lehr and the Assembly Planning Committee



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Clergy Registration Form

Please complete this form and enclose one cheque per form.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parish _____

Early Registration Deadline: APRIL 30th, 2017

Early registration ASSEMBLY FEE \$250.00

OR

Late registration ASSEMBLY FEE \$300.00 (After April 30th, 2017)

ASSEMBLY FEES include continental breakfasts and afternoon snacks

Early Registration \$ 250.00

or

Late Registration \$300.00

plus

Banquet tickets Wednesday, July 26th, 2017 (see attachment)

Number of tickets ____ x \$75.00 per Adult ticket = \$ _____

Number of tickets ____ x \$25.00 per Child (ages 12 and under) = \$ _____

Tour of the Country Parishes Friday, July 28, 2017 (see attachment)

Number of tickets ____ x \$25.00 per Adult = \$ _____

Number of tickets ____ x \$10.00 per Child (ages 12 and under) = \$ _____

CHEQUE TOTAL payable to "Archdiocese of Canada" = \$ _____

Number of children attending _____, Ages _____ (see attachment)

Please mail this form with cheque to:

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Lay Delegate Registration Form

Please complete this form and enclose one cheque per form.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Parish _____

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Observer Registration Form

Please complete this form and enclose one cheque per form.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parish _____

Check off your enclosed fees:

Early Registration Deadline: APRIL 30TH, 2017

ASSEMBLY FEE

Early Registration \$200.00

ASSEMBLY FEES include continental breakfast and afternoon snacks

OR

Late Registration: Received after APRIL 30TH 2017

ASSEMBLY FEE

Late Registration \$250.00

OR - Optional DAILY FEES - If you plan to attend only part of assembly

Wednesday July 26th **\$85.00**

Thursday July 27th **\$85.00**

Friday July 28th **\$85.00**

DAILY FEE includes continental breakfast and afternoon snacks for the day(s) you are registered.

Banquet tickets *Wednesday, July 26th, 2017 (see attachment)*

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Retired or Unassigned Clergy Registration Form

Please complete this form and enclose one cheque per form.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parish _____

Early Registration Deadline: APRIL 30, 2017

Early registration ASSEMBLY FEE \$200.00

OR

Late registration ASSEMBLY FEE \$250.00 (After April 30th, 2017)

ASSEMBLY FEES include continental breakfasts and afternoon snacks

Early Registration \$ 200.00

or

Late Registration \$250.00

plus

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA

HIS GRACE, BISHOP IRÉNÉE IS CALLING THE CLERGY OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE TO GATHER FOR A

CLERGY SYNAXIS: JULY 25, 2017
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

“This is a blessed opportunity to meet in fellowship with our Bishop, with other clergy, and especially to worship together. In such a huge diocese, it is rare to meet together, and we need each other’s friendship, shared experience and counsel.

We hope as many clergy as possible will make time to be part of this Synaxis. Please make all necessary arrangements so that we may all benefit from this gathering.”

REGISTRATION FORM

Early Registration Deadline: April 30, 2017

Please complete THIS FORM if you plan to attend the Synaxis on July 25, 2017.
Please complete a separate ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM for July 26-28th, 2017.

SYNAXIS EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: \$60.00
Includes Continental Breakfast

OR

SYNAXIS LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00 (After April 30, 2017)
Includes Continental Breakfast

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **e-mail** _____

Parish _____

Clergy Synaxis will be taking place at the Assembly venue (Sandman Hotel, 17635 Stony Plain Rd NW).

Our guest speaker will be Fr. Leonard Herrem, who will be addressing the topic “Prevention of Spiritual Abuse”

*Please mail this form with cheque for either \$60.00 or \$75.00 payable to **Archdiocese of Canada**:*

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Lay Delegates and Observers Certification

This is to certify that:

Name _____

Address _____

Is a member in good standing of the Archdiocese of Canada Parish of:

(Please print name of the Parish)

(Name of the city / town and province)

and is eligible to attend the 2017 Assembly of the Archdiocese of Canada
as Lay Delegate or Observer

Signature of the Parish Priest

Date

NOTE: For this form to be valid, the Parish Priest's signature is required.

PLEASE mail this form with your registration form and cheque to:

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Tour of the Country Parishes (respectfully and affectionately known locally as the Holy Land)

Friday, July 28, 2017

On the last day of the Assembly, we have organized a tour of the country parishes northeast of Edmonton. These parishes are among the first Orthodox churches in all of Canada. They continue to be active to this day.

The tour will include four parishes:

1. Holy Assumption Church, Shandro – a church blessed by St. Tikhon in 1905. It also contains a Gospel book given by St. Tikhon.
2. Holy Transfiguration Church, Star – the oldest Orthodox parish in Canada.
3. Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Dickie Bush – dates from 1914. The district was settled by Ukrainian pioneers. The church is framed with hand hewn logs.
4. Holy Trinity at Smoky Lake – It has a cemetery which is the largest Parochial Orthodox cemetery in Canada with over 1300 graves. It is the second largest Parochial cemetery in all of North America. Archpriest and Martyr Fr. Jacob Korchinsky blessed this cemetery.

Date and Time: Friday, July 28, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to around 9:00 p.m.

Cost of the Tour: \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children

1. Tour includes: round trip bus from hotel and/or St. Herman's to the various country parishes.
2. Light bag lunch.
3. Afternoon snack at one of the parishes and supper at another parish.





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Good News:

Parish Stories of Encouragement and Inspiration

Very often, as we gather together in small groups, we share little stories of what God is doing in our lives or in our parishes. These stories often serve to provide great encouragement and inspiration to others who are perhaps in need of a little encouragement at that moment in their lives. With all the struggles that we as Priests and laity go through, and with all the bad news that we’re daily bombarded with by the various news channels and social media, it’s nice to take some time to hear some good news once in a while.

With that in mind, we are setting aside some time during the assembly for you or your parishioners to share with everybody a “good news” story about your parish. What’s been happening in the life of your parish? Have you started any new ministries or programs that you find being especially blessed by God? Has someone in your parish been healed, or received a long-sought-after answer to prayer? Is your parish doing any weekly book studies that you would like to recommend to others?

Please take some to time to reflect on what God has been doing in your parish, and then share it with everyone at the Assembly. Or ask one of your parishioners that will be attending the Assembly if he/she could share the story.

These stories need only be a couple of minutes in length. However, in order to make sure we have the necessary time for everyone to share them, I will need to know who they are in advance so I can get them all scheduled. So please think about this, pray about it, and talk to your parishioners about it. When you’ve decided who is going to be sharing this story of encouragement and inspiration, please email me at [PriestVincent@gmail.com](mailto: PriestVincent@gmail.com) to let me know.

Perhaps God will use your story to encourage one of the attendees to be renewed in their strength, not to give up, and to help them “mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not be weary; to walk and not faint.”

ARE YOU BRINGING CHILDREN?



We have asked on the registration forms that clergy, lay delegates and observers let us know if they are bringing children. We would also like to know their ages. ‘Why?’ you ask. Here’s why: If enough children attend, we want to organize one or two special activities and/or outings for the children. In order to plan, we need to know numbers of children and their ages.

Our tentative plan would be to organize something special for the children on Wednesday and Thursday (July 26 and 27). We are thinking of age appropriate activities for children between ages nine and seventeen. That is a big age-group range we realize, but if the numbers of children require it, we can divide the children into two groups according to age.

There will be no charge for these activities because the Archdiocesan Council will fund one or two activities/outings for the children accompanying their parents. We have a team of volunteers at St. Herman’s who are eager to give the children an interesting and engaging experience.

It is our hope that the Assembly of 2017 is as family-friendly as possible, so we do encourage delegates to consider having their spouses and children accompany them.



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ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 25: CLERGY SYNAXIS @ Sandman Hotel

7:30 am	Divine Liturgy
9:00 am	Continental Breakfast + Clergy Registration
10:00 am	Clergy Synaxis Begins Guest Speaker: Fr. Leonard Harrem: <i>“Spiritual Abuse and How to Prevent It”</i>
Noon	Lunch on own
1:00 PM	Clergy Synaxis continues
3:30 PM	End of Clergy Synaxis
1 – 5 PM	Assembly Registration at Hotel
4:30 PM	Transportation to St. Herman Orthodox Church
5:00 PM	Vespers at St. Herman Parish
6:30 PM	Welcome BBQ hosted at St. Herman Parish (open to everyone)
9:00 PM	Bus returns to Hotel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: 1ST Day of Assembly (Registration 8 am - Noon)

7:00 am	Divine Liturgy + Opening Moleben
8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
10:00 am	1. Welcome from Planning Committee (Rod Tkachuk) 2. Appointment of Recording Secretary 3. Minutes from Previous Assembly (2013 Ottawa/Gatineau) 4. Approval/Changes of Minutes from Previous Assembly 5. Address to the Assembly: His Eminence Archbishop Irene 6. Guest Speaker – Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir’s Seminary 7. Announcements and Housekeeping
12:00 PM	Lunch on own (List of restaurants will be provided) <i>Clergy Wives Lunch with Archbishop</i>
1:30 PM	1. Good News: Parish Stories of Encouragement and Inspiration 2. Archdiocesan Council Reports ■ Chancellor (Fr. Anatoliy Melnyk) ■ Secretary (Mrs. Anna Miller) ■ Treasurer (Fr. Justin Mitchell) 3. Audit Committee 4. Resolutions Committee 5. St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewardship Program (STAS) 6. Regional Reports (Filed Only – not presented) ■ Dean of Quebec and the Maritimes (Fr. Gregory Nimijean) ■ Dean of Ontario (Fr. Geoffrey Korz) ■ Dean of Manitoba and Saskatchewan (Fr. Gregory Scratch) ■ Dean of Alberta (Fr. Phillip Eriksson) ■ Dean of BC and Yukon (Fr. Michael Fourik) 7. Committee Reports (Filed Only – not presented) ■ St. Arseny Institute

- Monastic Representative (Fr. Gerasim Power)
 - Other?
8. Guest Speaker -- Fr. Philip Speranza: "Giving Thanks Through Clenched Teeth"
- 3:00 PM Coffee Break with Snacks
- 3:30 PM Vespers
- 5:30 PM Buses leaving hotel to Muttart Conservatory
- 6:30 PM Banquet at Muttart Conservatory. Guest Speaker: Fr. John Behr
- 10:00 PM Buses return to hotel

THURSDAY, JULY 27: 2nd Day of Assembly

- 7:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 8:45 am Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 am 1. Good News: Parish Stories of Encouragement and Inspiration
2. Guest Speaker -- TBA
3. Business
- 12:00 PM Lunch on own (List of restaurants will be provided)
Parish Treasurers Meet
- 1:30 PM Guest Speaker – Fr. Leonard Harrem: "Death, Dying, and Assisted Suicide"
- 2:15 PM Q & A with Archbishop Irene
- 3:00 PM Coffee Break with Snacks
- 3:30 PM 1. Good News: Parish Stories of Encouragement and Inspiration
2. Guest Speaker – Zane Green: "Orthodox Funeral Practices: Ancient Traditions vs. Modern Practices"
3. Deadline for Resolutions and Nominations from the floor
4. Announcements and Housekeeping
- 5:00 PM Vespers
- 6:00 PM Supper on own
Resolutions Committee Meets
- 7:30 PM FREE EVENING with Optional Film: "*A Place Called Shandro*"

FRIDAY, JULY 28: Final Day of Assembly (@ St. Herman Orthodox Church)

- 7:00 am Buses leave for St. Herman's Church
- 7:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 10:00 am Brunch
- 11:00 am 1. Resolution Discussions and Voting
2. Appointments of Archdiocesan Council Ex-Officio Members
■ Chancellor
■ Archdiocesan Secretary
■ Treasurer
3. Introduction of the new Archdiocesan Council Members
■ Regional Deans
■ Deanery Lay Representatives
4. Elections
■ Archdiocesan Council Member at Large (clergy)
■ Archdiocesan Council Member at Large (lay)
- 1:00 PM Closing Moleben
- 1:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bus Tour of "Holy Land" (Rural Alberta Parishes; Supper hosted by Rural Parish)**
- 10:00 PM Buses return to St. Herman Orthodox Church and Hotel



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Hotel Registration

Our venue for the 2017 Canadian Archdiocesan Assembly will be the Sandman Hotel in West Edmonton.



In addition to being easily accessible from all major highways, the Sandman Hotel Edmonton West is perfectly situated near major attractions like West Edmonton Mall, is only a 5-minute drive from the St. Herman parish, and is in walking distance of several restaurants such as Taco Bell, KFC, McDonald's, and Albert's. Hotel amenities include an indoor pool, whirlpool, beautiful socializing area around the pool, fitness area, and complimentary wireless internet. Attached to the hotel is a Denny's Restaurant, as well as the Chop Steakhouse & Bar.

For your convenience, we have reserved a block of rooms for the Archdiocesan Assembly guests, at the excellent rate of only \$99 per night.

To book your room at this rate, you must call the Hotel directly, and tell them you are attending the assembly.

**TO RESERVE YOUR
\$99 PER NIGHT ROOM,
CALL:**

780-483-1385

Sandman Hotel (Edmonton West)
17635 Stony Plain Road,
Edmonton, T5S 1E3
www.sandmanhotels.com



provided by Leonardo



Assembly Banquet at the Muttart Conservatory

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

We sincerely hope you can attend the Assembly Banquet. We have chosen one of Edmonton's finest and most interesting sites for the venue - the Muttart Conservatory in the North Saskatchewan River Valley. This innovative botanical garden comprises four glass pyramids, each with its own climate, including tropical, desert, and temperate.

Because we are renting the entire facility, we will have the whole site all to ourselves for the entire evening. Children and adults alike can roam the pyramids. For more information on the site, visit www.muttartconservatory.ca.

Transportation: a return bus ride from the Sandman Hotel to the Conservatory.
The bus will depart from the hotel at approximately 5:30 p.m.,
returning at around 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75.00 for adults
\$25.00 for children up to and including 12 years of age

Time and Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Very Reverend Doctor John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary

Menu: Vegetarian, with a blessing to have fish and dairy.
Wine provided at the table plus a cash bar