



## 2010 CANADIAN ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Victoria, BC • July 26-30, 2010 • [www.orthodoxassembly.ca](http://www.orthodoxassembly.ca)

*When did we see you? Orthodox Christian Outreach*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Registration Open for the 2010 Assembly!**

“When did we see You?” This question posed to Christ in one of His parables (Matt. 25:31-46) is the theme phrase of the Assembly to be held in Victoria, BC by the Canadian Archdiocese of the Orthodox Church in America, from July 26 to 30, 2010. Hosted at the University of Victoria, the Triennial Assembly lectures and workshops will focus on opportunities for service to homeless and afflicted people in Canadian neighbourhoods.

The Assembly will bring together His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, His Eminence Archbishop Seraphim, Archbishop of Ottawa and all of Canada, and over two hundred priests, deacons, youth, lay delegates and observers from parishes throughout Canada and the US. Special highlights of the Assembly will include a Keynote address by Metropolitan Jonah, several distinguished speakers including Dr. Gabor Mate and Fr. Justin Matthews, interactive and practical workshops, a full youth schedule and optional evening activities including a coffee house and fellowship dinner.

Registration and more detailed information is now available online at the Assembly website: [www.orthodoxassembly.ca](http://www.orthodoxassembly.ca). Observers and delegates should register by March 1st, 2010 to ensure a registration fee of \$200. The fee increases to \$225 after March 1st. Youth ages 13-18 and clergy wives qualify for a subsidized fee of \$100. Fees include daytime activities and several meals for the week. Bookings for affordable accommodations are available at the University campus in January 2010, and can be booked directly through the University (details online). A group booking code and 10% discount has also been secured through WestJet. Registering by March 1<sup>st</sup> will secure a spot for the Assembly at the reduced rate and also ensure accommodations and flights are available, as Victoria is a very popular tourist destination in the summer.

The Archdiocesan Assembly is an event that happens every three years in Canada, and serves to gather hundreds of lay delegates, observers, youth, and clergy from all over the country in celebrating the Liturgy, conducting plenary sessions to look after the administration of the archdiocese, and inspiring and edifying those in attendance through guest speakers, fellowship, and special events.

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## How **you** can make the 2010 Assembly a huge success for the Glory of God and the benefit of our Archdiocese:

- Pray for the Assembly and all those involved in it.
- Alert your parish council of the arrival of this package.
- Put “election of lay delegate(s)” on the agenda for your next parish council meeting.
- Bug the lay delegate(s) chosen and everyone interested in coming to the Assembly to register online by the deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**
- If you have a parish bulletin, pass along the press release to the person in charge of the bulletin.
  - Announce the Assembly and spread the word to everyone.
  - If anyone in the parish owns a business related to Orthodox Christianity, ask them if they might be interested in having a booth at the Assembly or advertising at the Assembly.
  - If you Facebook, join our Facebook group (2010 Archdiocesan Assembly) and invite all your friends!
- Visit [www.orthodoxassembly.ca](http://www.orthodoxassembly.ca) for more up to date information, and sign up for the e-mail newsletter updates.
- Discuss the theme of the Assembly within your parish and encourage and prepare the delegate(s) by praying for them and discussing issues with them.

Thank you!!! Hope to see you in Victoria this summer!!!



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## TENTATIVE - Schedule of Main Events

### Monday, July 26th

8:00 - 10:00 Divine Liturgy  
10:30 - 11:30 Breakfast  
11:30 - 1:00 Free time  
1:00 - 2:00 Clergy Luncheon/ Matushka Brunch  
2:30 - 5:00 Clergy Workshops  
2:30-5:00 Registration, Special Events for Observers/Delegates, TBC  
5:30 - 6:30 Daily Vespers  
7:00 - 8:00 Opening BBQ  
8:30 - 10:00 Evening Event, TBC

### Tuesday, July 27th

7:00 - 9:00 Divine Liturgy  
9:15 - 10:15 Breakfast  
10:30 - 12:00 Opening Plenary Session  
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch  
2:00 - 3:30 Plenary Session  
3:30 - 4:30 Free time  
4:30 - 5:30 Daily Vespers  
7:00 - 8:30 Keynote Address (with questions)  
9:00 Coffee House

### Wednesday, July 28th

7:00 - 9:00am Divine Liturgy  
9:15 - 10:15 Breakfast  
10:30 - 12:30 Plenary session  
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch  
2:30 - 4:30 Theme Lecture Part I  
5:00 - 6:00 Daily Vespers  
8:00 - 9:30 Theme Lecture Part II

### Thursday, July 29th

7:00 - 10:30 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
11:00 - 12:00 Brunch  
12:30 - 2:00 Plenary Session  
2:00 - 3:00 Snack Break  
3:00 - 4:30 Workshop #1 / #2 / #3  
5:00 - 6:00 Evening Prayers  
7:00 Fellowship Banquet at Faculty Club

### Friday, July 30th

7:00 - 9:00 Matins  
9:15 - 10:15 Breakfast  
10:30 - 12:30 Plenary Session  
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch  
2:30 - 3:30 Closing Presentations  
3:30 - Closing Prayers (Molieben of Thanksgiving)

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## Registration Form

~Please note that fast and easy **online** registration is available at [www.orthodoxassembly.ca](http://www.orthodoxassembly.ca)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off which category you are registering for:

	<b>Clergy</b> (\$200 / \$225 after March 1, 2010)		<b>Clergy Wives</b> (\$100)
	<b>Lay Delegate</b> (\$200 / \$225 after March 1, 2010)		<b>Youth aged 13-18</b> (\$100)
	<b>Observer</b> (\$200 / \$225 after March 1, 2010)		<b>Children/Infant</b> (Free)

The fees include lunches. If you are staying on campus, breakfast is included in most room rates (please book your accommodations through UVic and mention you are part of the OCA – 2010 Assembly Group: <http://housing.uvic.ca/summer/index.php>).

Please check off which additional meals you are registering for:

	<b>Monday Opening BBQ</b> (\$10 per person)		<b>Thursday Fellowship Dinner</b> (\$50 per person)
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Would you like to sing in the choir during Assembly services?  Yes  No

Please attach one form per adult or youth registrant.

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Please ensure you send in this form, or register directly online, **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**.  
Please mail this form with payment of fees to:

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c/o Mira Davidson  
1775 Angola Place  
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Lay Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned parish rector and parish secretary certify that the aforementioned lay delegate:

- a. is duly elected by a parish meeting or parish council;
- b. meets the qualifications set forth in Article VII Section 7.8 of The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America.

Signatures:

Rector: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure the delegate is registered online **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**. Please mail this form with payment of fees **by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, to:

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## The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America -- Article VII Section 7.8

### Election, Qualification, and Accreditation of Delegates

The lay delegates of the Diocesan Assembly must meet the following requirements to be validly elected, qualified, and accredited:

- a. Be elected by a parish meeting or parish council;
- b. Be a voting member of the parish in good standing (Cf. Article X, Section 5), at least eighteen years of age, having received the Sacraments of Confession and Communion at least annually for the past three years at his home parish. (Like all holders of all offices in the Church, he may not be a person under ecclesiastical interdict, who is in violation of moral standards, who is married outside the Church, who is a member of anti-Church and/or secret societies.)

The elected lay delegate or delegates will personally receive from their parish a uniform document supplied by the Diocesan Administration. The parish rector shall forward to the secretary of the Diocesan Council the name and address of the elected lay delegate or delegates two months prior to the date of the Diocesan Assembly. The document of accreditation must be signed by the parish rector, or dean in case of parish vacancy, and the parish secretary, and sealed with the parish seal. In case of a vacancy in the parish, it will be entitled to one lay delegate. The delegates from a theological seminary, if laymen, shall be accredited by a similar letter to the secretary of the Diocesan Council by the dean of the theological seminary immediately after their appointment.

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Do you know any business or person who would be interested in having a booth at the Marketplace during the Assembly?

Please direct business owners who may be interested to visit [www.orthodoxassembly.ca](http://www.orthodoxassembly.ca) . They can click on “Marketplace” on the left panel, or contact us for a hard-copy of the information available.

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In the interest of saving paper and time, we have posted all of the documents in this package and more on the Assembly website. If you need more hard copies of anything, please go there and print them, or make copies from the originals in this package. We also encourage you to register online and receive all the latest news about the Assembly.

Online versions of the forms/posters/etc in this package can be found here:  
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