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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Canada
From Archbishop SERAPHIM
About the coming Archdiocesan Assembly

It is with great joy that I announce that the Triennial Assembly of the Archdiocese of Canada (a.k.a. Canadian Orthodox Church), of The Orthodox Church in America will be held in Victoria, BC on July 26-30, 2010. In addition to our Plenary (Church business) Sessions, this Assembly will focus on the Christian love of one's neighbour, and the words from the parable of the Last Judgement: "When did we see You?" (Matthew 25:31-46). His Beatitude, JONAH, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, has agreed to be in attendance and to make the Opening Address.

I encourage everyone prayerfully to consider the theme, your choice of delegates, and any agenda items that your delegates may be charged to proffer the Archdiocese. Delegates, and observers will be given the opportunity to participate in Plenary Sessions, lectures, "workshops", fellowship time, and worship.

Parishes will be receiving material to help in preparation for this important event. This material will include a poster, information on group booking rates for travel and accommodation, and accreditation and registration forms. Please announce this Assembly, and refer parish members to the website: www.orthodoxassembly.ca, for more detailed and up-to-date information, as well as for online registration.

Parishes are asked to begin the delegate-selection process in a timely manner, so that their elected delegates may prepare themselves for significant and meaningful participation in this Assembly. The Election of parish delegates is to conform to the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, Article III, Section VI.

Through the prayers of our Protectress, the most holy Lady, the Theotokos, and Ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the Saints; may our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ bless each of you, and all who endeavour to reach out to the downtrodden, the poor, the sick and the imprisoned.

the Archbishop of Ottawa, and of Canada
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