

MEMORANDUM

To: Parishes and Institutions of the Orthodox Church in America
From: Protospresbyter Robert S. Kondratick, Chancellor
Date: April 5, 2005
Subj: 14th All-American Council Information and Registration Materials

Enclosed are the following materials for the clergy and lay delegate(s) and observer (s) from your parish who will be attending the 14th All-American Council:

- 2 Council Information Sheets with Tentative Schedules
- 1 Clergy /Lay Delegate / Alternate Registration Form
- 1 Observer Registration Form
- 1 Young Adult Observer (18+) Registration Form
- 1 Youth Observer Registration Form
- 3 Youth Activities Flyer
- 2 FOS Tours & Travel Flyers
- 2 Hotel Reservations Sheets
- 2 Hotel Brochures

All of the enclosed materials are available for download at the OCA 14th All-American Council website at www.o.ca.org. Please feel free to duplicate these materials as necessary.

Since the mailing of February 7, 2005, we have re-negotiated the nightly room rate at the hotel from \$160 Canadian Dollars (CD) to **\$145 CD per night**. Anyone who reserved a room at the \$160 CD rate will automatically receive the \$145 CD rate. To guarantee lodging at the special All-American Council rate at the Sheraton Centre Toronto, delegates and observers **must contact the hotel directly** either by phone or by using the enclosed hotel reservation form. **The group rate is valid only until June 14, 2005 or until the group block is full WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.** Therefore we strongly recommend that you book as soon as possible since the regular room rate at the hotel after June 14, 2005 will be at least \$250 CD.

Future 14th All-American Council mailings will include the Pre-Council Papers which will focus on the Council theme - **Our Church and the Future** - by exploring the life of our Church in five key areas: *Vision and Identity, Clergy Formation, Parish Health, Evangelization and External Affairs and Interchurch Relations*. These areas will be the basis for the Council plenary, workshop and luncheon forums. The Pre-Council Papers, with discussion questions, will be mailed to parishes by during the last two weeks of May.

You are encouraged to engage your parish by using the Papers to stimulate discussion and feedback that your parish delegates and observers can then share at the Council.

The Preconciliar Commission requests that you post the youth activities flyer to encourage participation in the full array of activities that will be offered at the Council. Also, there is **no limit** to the number of observers that your community may send to the 14th All-American Council as long as they are approved by the parish priest and diocesan bishop.

We also encourage you to promote the Commemorative Book that will be published for the 14th All-American Council. The publication will provide an opportunity to reflect upon your parish's role in the future of Orthodoxy on this continent, and share with those who read it how the Orthodox Church in America continues the mission that began with St. Herman of Alaska in 1794. Commemorative Book materials are available on the OCA website.

Finally, if you are flying to Toronto, your departure flight on Friday, July 22 should be, if possible, after 3:00 pm. If you have any questions about the All-American Council, please contact the Preconciliar Commission at the Chancery (jfester@oca.org) or Archpriest Myron Manzuk for Local Committee questions at (mdmanzuk@msn.com).