

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church of the Albanian Archdiocese, Orthodox Church in America

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Information for the 2024 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly **Thursday September 19, 2024 - Saturday September 21, 2024**

Dear Archdiocesan Council Officers, Trustees, Parish Clergy, Parish Council Chairs, Delegates and Guests:

On behalf of Ss. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, the Parish Council, our members and the Philadelphia community; we cordially welcome you and look forward to your attendance and participation at our 2024 Annual Albanian Orthodox Archdiocesan Assembly, September 19th through September 21st. Highlights are as follows:

- The Clergy meeting and dinner will occur on Thursday, September 19th.
- The Assembly sessions and banquet will take place Friday, September 20th.
- The Liturgy services and breakfast will be on Saturday, September 21st.
- The Hotel accommodations will be for Thursday, September 19th and/or Friday, September 21st.

Hotel Information

Courtyard Philadelphia Bensalem, 3280 Tillman Drive Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020
Tel. 215-604-9900

We have a block of rooms reserved for the nights of Thursday September 19, 2024 and Friday September 21, 2024. The discounted room rate is \$169.00 (one King bed) or \$170.00 (two Queen beds) per room, per night. When you call to reserve your room(s), please mention Ss. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church to receive the discounted rate.

Please be sure to make your reservation no later than Tuesday August 20, 2024. After this date you will not receive the discounted rate and reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Meetings & Meals

All Archdiocesan Assembly meetings and meals will take place at Ss. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, 9230 Old Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19115. The banquet Friday evening will be held at a different location.

Thursday

Clergy will meet in the church at 4pm start for a meeting with His Grace. A dinner with clergy, any attending clergy wives, and other assorted guests may join them at Suzani Restaurant across the street at 6:30pm.

Friday

8:00am – church opens for check in and coffee.

9:00am – The day begins formally with Akathist to St George the Greatmartyr. including monastic tonsure of Archpriest Dennis Rhodes

10:00am – meeting start in the hall

1:00pm – Lunch in hall

2:30pm – Presentation by Fr Gregori in hall

3:30pm – Two breakout sessions, one in hall and other in church, one for parish chairs/council members lead by Bishop and other for rest lead by Fr Mark and Fr Gregori.

Only 3-hour business session AND 2:30pm Fr Gregori presentation will be broadcast via Zoom.

The day at the parish is expected to end around 5pm to allow time to travel to hotel and then banquet location for 6pm cocktail hour / 7-9pm dinner. The banquet is being held the the Dockside in Bensalem, ([1067 Totem Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1067+Totem+Rd,+Bensalem,+PA+19020/@40.045,79.685,15z)) which is about a fifteen minute drive from the hotel.

Saturday Morning Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

We will serve the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter and Paul's on Saturday morning, September 21, 2024 beginning at **10:00am**. His Grace, Bishop NIKODHIM will preside assisted by Archdiocesan clergy. The Liturgy will include the Ordination of Juxhin Shkurti to the Priesthood, and will be followed by a memorial for Fr Arthur, Fr John, Prif Elizabeth and an award presentation. Everyone is then invited to the hall for a 12pm lunch.

Travel Information

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is approximately 28.3 miles from the Courtyard Philadelphia Bensalem and will take about 35 minutes by car, depending on traffic and time of day. From the Airport to the Church is about the same. Rush hour occurs between 3:00– 6:00 pm each weekday and may add a significant amount of time to your drive. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Fr. Nicholas Dellermann, Parish Priest