

**Preconciliar Commission announces assessments for 19th All-American Council**

The Preconciliar Commission, charged with the organization of the 19th All-American Council [AAC] in Saint Louis, MO July 23-27, 2018, recently released information concerning AAC assessments.

“The Preconciliar Commission has prepared a budget that includes \$275,000.00 in assessments to the dioceses,” said Melanie Ringa, OCA Treasurer. “The decision was made that, instead of the OCA invoicing parishes directly, the dioceses will be

invoiced for their respective portions of the \$275,000.00 based on the percentage of their support to the 2017 Operating Budget, as calculated by the Finance Resolution adopted at the 18th AAC in 2015 Atlanta. As a point of reference, the total assessment for the 18th AAC was \$265,188.00.”

Dioceses will have the option of absorbing the assessment or passing it along by invoicing their parishes.

“To this end, the dioceses are being provided with information on the assessments paid by their parishes for the 18th AAC,” added Ms. Ringa. “Invoices, letters and other information on the assessments are being mailed to the diocesan bishops and treasurers. Clergy should check with their diocesan treasurer with any questions as to how their diocese is handling the assessment for the 19th AAC.”

The Preconciliar Commission also announced that retired clergy and clergy widows will not be charged any fees.

Military Chaplains, Stavropegial Institutions and Monasteries will be charged

the \$250.00 delegate fee, which includes admission to the AAC formal dinner, for each delegate in lieu of an assessment. Weekly Observers will also be charged \$250.00, which likewise will include the formal dinner. There will be a daily observer fee of \$75.00, with an additional \$75.00 charge to attend the formal dinner.

Ms. Ringa added that “these fees have remained unchanged from the 18th AAC.”

Electronic registration for the 19th AAC and hotel registration will open during the first week of January 2018.

Follow the latest news concerning the 19th AAC on-line.

**Answers to Bible Quiz**

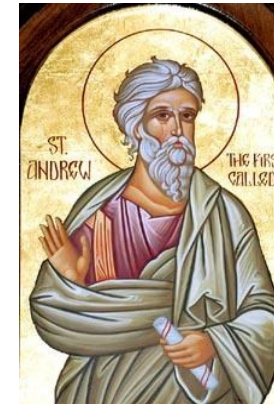
Q. 1 God (Gen. 1:1)  
 Q. 2. (a) The Spirit of God (Gen.1:2)  
 Q. 3. "US ... Our ... Our" (Gen. 1.26)  
 Q. 4. True (Gen. 1:26)

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**October 15, 2017**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Councils**

**Third Sunday: Money Collection for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul**

**Times of Services**

Oct	15	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	Richard
	22	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	Ethan
	29	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	
Nov	5	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	Sally
	12	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	James
	19	Sun	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Reader:	Ethan
	21	Tue	09:00	Entrance of the Theotokos into the temple Divine Liturgy		

<p><b>Flowers for Feast Days of the Theotokos</b></p>  <p>Nov 21 Entry of the Theotokos into the temple; Mary Ann Skero</p>	<p><b>Festal Candles</b></p>  <p>November (Red) Dorothy Hays</p> <p>December (Gold [Christmas]) In memory of George Milich given by Bill Milich</p>
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<b>Future Events/Meetings</b>		
Oct	18, 19 & 20	Wed, Thu & Fri 08:30 Pierogi Making Party
	20	Fri Pireogi sales (\$7.50 / dozen)
	26	Thu 18:30 Growth Committee Meeting
Nov	2	Thu 18:30 Parish Council Meeting
	4	Sat 09:00 Liturgy & 2017 Archdiocesan Assembly, Homestead, PA
	18	Sat 09:00 Cookie Sale
Dec	7	Thu 6:30 Thu Parish Council meeting
	9	Sat 10 AM—12 PM St. Nicholas Breakfast
		<i>Tickets: Children 4 years and younger: free, Children 5 to 12 years: \$5.00, Persons older than 12 years (including adults) \$10.00</i>
		<i>Ticket information can be obtained from Mary Ann at (724) 584 3470</i>
		<i>The breakfast will be held between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM</i>
	13, 14 & 15	Wed, Thu.. & Fri 08:30 Pierogi Making Party

**Bible Quiz Corner!**

*(Answers P. 4)*

1. Fill in the blank: "In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ created the heavens and the earth.
2. Multiple choice: Who was hovering over the face of the waters when God

began His creative acts? (a) The Spirit of God: (b) Lucifer: or [c] Archangel Michael.

3. Fill in the blanks: "Then God said, 'Let \_\_\_ make man in \_\_\_ image, according to \_\_\_ likeness.'"
4. True or False: A river went out to Eden to water the garden.

*Answers on P. 4*

**Official**

His Eminence, Archbishop MELCHISEDEK has set Saturday, November 4, 2017 as the date of the 2017 Archdiocesan Assembly. This will take place at the St. Gregory Parish located in Homestead, PA (214 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The day will begin with a Divine Liturgy at 9 AM followed by the plenary sessions. Individuals responsible for submitting reports for this assembly are asked to please forward them to me electronically ([frbill158@verizon.net](mailto:frbill158@verizon.net)) no later than September 30 so the reports can be forwarded electronically to the parish priests and parish councils for review in advance of November 4<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder from the hierarch and the Archdiocesan Council - - lay delegates from parishes currently in arrears for diocesan assessment payments will not be seated at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly (or afforded the right to vote) in accordance with the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America and the 2016 approved By-Laws of the Archdiocese of Pgh and W PA (OCA). Please contact me at this email address or call the chancery (724-776-5555) should you have any questions about your parish's assessment status so I can refer your question to Archdiocesan Treasurer Alexis Parshook.

**A Reminder from Fr. Bill**

\*\*\* Please bring electronic or paper copies of these materials with you that day since a very limited number of paper copies will be available.\*\*\*

Finally, very few delegate certification forms and checks for registration have been received thus far at the chancery; please do so as soon as possible since that eases the registration process on the day of the assembly.

Thank you.  
In Christ,

Archpriest William J. Evansky  
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Pgh and W PA (OCA)

**Note**  
Any one wishing electronic copies of the workshop papers can obtain them by contacting Fr. Keith .