

# Honoring the past, Embracing the future

September 26-28, 2008



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- Metropolitan  
THEOFAN  
the founder of the  
Albanian Orthodox  
Archdiocese in  
America

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Friday night clergy  
dinner-meeting with  
His Grace, Bishop  
NIKON and our guest,  
Metropolitan JOAN of  
Korçe



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- Lay Vice-Chairman Bill Poist gaveling opening to meeting



- Greetings from the local host: the Cathedral Coordinator, Matthew Sotir

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- The Assembly listens to reports from Bishop NIKON and our Archdiocesan Treasurer, Cindy V. Brown



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- Guests gather for the gala dinner.



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- Gala Co-Chair Lauren Toli Gregory calls the guests for dinner
- Our Bishop blesses the gathering, including Albania's President

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- Presentations from the President of Albania
- Presentation to Jim Belushi



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- The Saint George Cathedral of South Boston, site of the festal Liturgy closing out the Archdiocesan Centennial

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- The Bishop-celebrants vesting in the Theophany Chapel



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- Final moments before the start of the liturgy

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- The Liturgy begins



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- Bishop NIKON, Metropolitan JOAN, and Bishop ILLIA readying to bless the faithful during the “Holy God...”



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- Metropolitan JOAN of Korçe censing the altar table during the Cherubic Hymn



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- Bishop NIKON consecrating the Holy Gifts



- Fr. Sergei distributes communion from one of the three chalices

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- The three Bishops address the faithful at the conclusion of the Liturgy



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- Fr. David Fox of Saint Nicholas (NYC) presents the cross as the faithful depart in peace.



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