With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, the forty-eighth annual Russian Orthodox Youth Conference will be held from Thursday, 27 December 2012 to Monday, 31 December 2012. The theme of the conference will be

‘Orthodoxy: From the Cradle to Beyond the Grave’.

The conference venue will be Rydges Hotel Southbank in the heart of Brisbane’s arts and entertainment precinct. Rydges is less than two kilometres from the historic Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, the oldest church in our Diocese.

On the evening of Saturday, 29 December 2012 and the morning of Sunday, 30 December 2012, the feast of the Holy Forefathers and of the Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths, All-night vigil and Divine Liturgy will be served at the Cathedral.

A structured program of lectures and small group discussions will examine the significance of the Holy Mysteries, the “lesser” blessings of the Church such as monastic tonsure, and the services of the Church in the course of our lives. Consideration will also be given to spiritual challenges at different stages of life.

There will be ample time for relaxation, social activities and informal discussion. There will also be opportunities to confess and prepare for Holy Communion.

More detailed information, including costs for participants, will be available soon. For further information, email info@syezd.org.au. Watch out for us on Facebook as well. Hope to see you there.