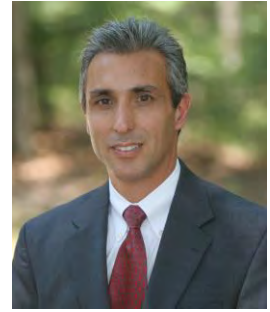
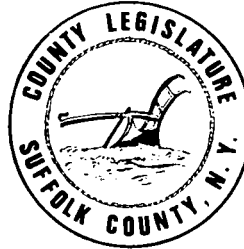


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## Ss. Cyril & Methodius Pastoral Associate Opens Legislature Meeting Deacon Mills Offers Message of Hope



(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... April 10, 2017) – At the invitation of Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station), Ss. Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church Deacon Philip A. Mills Jr., a direct descendent of President Abraham Lincoln, opened the Suffolk County Legislature's **General Session** on March 28 with a non-denominational benediction.

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Speaking before elected officials, county representatives and other attendees at the William H. Rodgers Legislative Building in Hauppauge, Deacon Mills offered a poignant blessing to open the proceedings.

Deacon Mills retired from the NYPD in 2002 as a Sergeant in the Intelligence Bureau. He was ordained as a Deacon in May 2003 and shortly thereafter began his ongoing service at Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Copiague. In 2006, he became Pastoral Associate for Administration at Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Deer Park where he also serves as the chairperson of the annual Family Festival as well as the Golf Outing. As a Deacon, he assists at weekly masses and life cycle events. He is also the Chaplain of the Copiague Fire Department.

Deacon Mills resides in Lindenhurst with his wife Donna. They have three daughters.

“I thank Deacon Mills for his meaningful invocation,” **said Legislator D’Amaro.** “In the same direct approach as his ancestor Abraham Lincoln, Deacon Mills encouraged cooperation and respect. His hopeful appeal for kindness and compassion was a perfect way to start our legislative meeting.”

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.*