


**Cleveland Deanery Report to
the 53rd Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest**

- Three Deanery Meetings were held since the last Assembly
- Hosted Frs Nektarios and Benedict of St John's Skete (formerly the Monastery of St John the Theologian) in Hiram, Ohio at our December Meeting
- Planning publication of a Daily Lenten Meditation Booklet for Great Lent 2015
- Holy Trinity-Parma celebrated their 50th Anniversary
- Saints Peter & Paul-Lorain celebrated their 100th Anniversary
- Fr Michael Butler co-authored a book entitled *Creation and the Heart of Man*
- Granted two Seminarian Scholarships
- Served Deanery Akathist to the Life Creating Cross on the Third Sunday of Lent at Archangel Michael in Broadview Heights followed by a Lenten Dinner
- Had over 140 campers attend the three sessions at St Vladimir's Camp this past summer
- Hosted Fr Paul Gassios and had an open forum with him at our August Meeting
- Fr Michael Butler, formerly of St Innocent-Olmstead Falls, OH), was assigned Rector of Holy Transfiguration-Livonia, MI, effective Sept 1
- Recent St Vladimir's Seminary Graduate, Fr Alessandro Marhgeritino was assigned Acting Rector of St Innocent-Olmstead Falls, OH effective Sept 1
- Fr Basil Stoyka of SS Peter & Paul-Lorain, OH will enter retirement effective Jan 1, 2015
- Fr Joseph McCartney, currently serving as Associate Pastor at Archangel Michael-Broadview Hgts, OH, will be assigned Rector of SS Peter & Paul-Lorain, OH effective Jan 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Fr Andrew Clements
Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Ephraim the Syrian Orthodox Chapel Current location of services: Clarks Chapel on Clarks Chapel Road in Athens, OH	
Clergy	
Fr. Stephen Frase (canonically attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus)	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time though hoping to restart the OCF chapter at Ohio University.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the name / Patron, St. Ephraim the Syrian, replacing the former name, The Orthodox Chapel in Athens. • The Chapel was incorporated during the summer allowing chapel leadership to open a bank account to encourage stewardship among members of the community. Elected first chapel council to increase effective communication and stewardship of the faithful. • The choir director for the chapel is taking the online conducting course offered by the OCA's Department of Liturgical Music. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though the chapel community has taken collections for those in need from the greater Athens community when those needs have been identified, one responsibility of the chapel council will be to identify, designate, and be good stewards of collections made for those in need. • As part of this process, the chapel is starting to use a formal "charity box" to support local, domestic, and/or international causes. This collection must go to those in need outside of the parish. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of worship space. The community currently uses a Methodist church parish. After the Methodist community completes their Sunday morning service, the St. Ephraim community begins to set up for Divine Liturgy. The service does not begin until 11:00. • Stewardship. • Low membership. Unfortunately a few members relocated outside of the Athens area. • Few services each month (1 Divine Liturgy each month and Great Vespers 3 times a year; during the weekend of the chapel picnic, Advent, and Great Lent). This makes it difficult to encourage greater commitment by the faithful and by potential new members. The goal is to begin having an additional Divine Liturgy each month and for the faithful to begin praying reader services as a community when no priest is available. • Ability to communicate the chapel's existence to the Ohio University campus and surrounding communities. Any clergy and laity aware of Orthodox Christians living in the Athens area or attending Ohio University are encouraged contact Fr. Stephen at frstephenfrase@yahoo.com. 	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
Hoping to provide additional Lenten and Holy Week opportunities for the faithful.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count <i>(Assessed as part of St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, OH)</i>		13	11
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		16	10
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		14	9
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	8
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0


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Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights, OH 44147	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Memorich, Rector Priest Joseph McCartney, Associate Dn. Dennis Lucak Dn. Daniel Kovalak	
Committees/Societies	
Choir Readers Subdeacons/Alter servers Parish Council Sunday School Prosphora Bakers Samaritans Medical Health Screening Team Adult Education Senior "R" Club Junior "R" Club Pre-Teen Club 55+ Club Women's Book Club Stewardship Committee Investment Committee Communications Committee OUTREACH Church Health Team Woodside Party Center Hall Board Church Management Construction Team	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosted the Greater Cleveland Annual IOCC Dinner Hosted the National FOCA Basketball Tournament Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Lecture – Fr. Alexander Garklavs gave a wonderful presentation on his grandfather, Archbishop John. Social events such as Annual Parish Banquet, Mother's Day Banquet, Father's Day Picnic, Chili Cook-off, Halubki Dinner, various club dinners and picnics, etc. On the occasion of Fr. John's 25 th anniversary to the Holy Priesthood, Bishop Alexander presided at hierarchical liturgy and presented Fr. John with the Jeweled Cross. A special banquet was then held at Woodside in his honor.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>St. Michael's continues to be a leading example within its philanthropic endeavors. We support many local efforts, most notably St. Herman's House of Hospitality, St. Mary of Egypt Women's Shelter, Zoe House (Zoe for Life), St. John's Skeet in Hiram, and a number of local OCF's.</p> <p>We also support our Seminaries and our seminarians through various gifts, scholarships, and fundraisers, as well as the IOCC</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>With such a large campus to maintain (church, party center, gymnasium, shanty, three parish houses, and various other properties), not to mention the size of our driveway and parking areas, we are coming to the point of addressing some major expenditures for repairs, maintenance, and renovation.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>We will again be hosting this year's Diocesan Assembly</p>


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		250	250
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		300	300
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		250	250
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30	30
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	6	2	6
Funerals	21	13	19
Marriages	4	1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	0	6
Church School/Number Enrolled	60+	60+	60+
Adult Education/Number Participating	30+	30+	30+

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Christ the Saviour 282 S 5th St Byesville, Ohio 43723	
Clergy	
Fr. Stephen Frase (Priest-in-Charge) Fr. Daniel Rentel (Retired) Both are canonically attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus.	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the first-ever Small Parish Forum. This was a joint venture between the Diocese of the Midwest and the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. The parish did an OUTSTANDING job planning and expressing hospitality to the near 50 participants many who came from very far way (Canada and North Dakota for example). • Parish was able to experience a Holy Week schedule typical for many parishes from the Vespers Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday through the Paschal vigil. Most years the parish has only been able to participate in the Vespers of Holy Friday and the Paschal Vigil. • Celebrated Great Vespers for the first time in a long time on a Saturday evening during Advent in order to provide opportunities for personal confessions to be heard. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As consequence of the Small Parish Forum, a “charity box” has been placed on the central table in the nave to encourage support for local, domestic, and/or international causes. This collection must go to those in need outside of the parish. The parish council will identify, designate, and manage the funds collected. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low membership numbers • Singing • Lack of formal ministries/outreach to the community • Stewardship 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Picnic (last year was the first parish picnic in a number of years) is on Saturday, October 18. • Two elementary-aged children are scheduled to be baptized into the Church the same weekend. • Tentatively planning a blood drive to be scheduled in the parish hall in order to increase involvement in the greater community. 	

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Supporting Membership Count		18	17
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		15	14
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		12	11
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating		NA	NA

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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church 301 Struthers Liberty Rd. Campbell, OH 44405-1949	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew D. Nelko Deacon David Gemmel 4 Ordained Subdeacons - 6 Tonsured Readers	
Committees/Societies	
Ministries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stewardship Committee – Promotes ‘stewardship’ activities in the parish. - Strategic Planning Committee – Assess and evaluate options and strategies for parish outreach and growth for the next 5 years. - Pastoral participation in Deanery and Pan Orthodox Clergy Associations. - Parish Sisterhood – Annual “Soup for Caring” ministry donates proceeds to charity. - “Ladies Altar Society” – Provides for the “ecclesiastical” needs of the parish. - FOCA (Fellowship of Orthodox Christian in America) – Yearly “Easterfest” and “Cookie Walk” events financially support youth & charitable endeavors. - Prospora Bakers – Support the liturgical requirements of the parish. - Support of St. Basil Workers (Local Lay Ministry) – Hospital, nursing homes, and shut-in visitations. - Healing Akathist Service to St. Nectarios – Last Wednesday of the month. - Unneeded Gift Program – In lieu of sending gifts, flowers, or cards to individuals celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries, etc., this program provides the opportunity to make an offering to the church in their honor. - Donation of Wine/Incense, Altar Candles, Amvon Candles, Tetrapod Candles, flowers on a monthly basis – Individuals in whose name donations are made are remembered during the Proskomedia and in intercessory prayer. Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church School – Meets immediately following Divine Liturgy every Sunday (Sep-May). - Adult Education/Discussion Group – Meets twice monthly. 	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Parish Accomplishments / Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund raising campaign for LED sign. - Parish Picnic/Liturgy at St. Vladimir’s Campground. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	

<p>Outreach to community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angel Tree Program – Helping needy children in the community. - Support the “Rescue Mission” – An organization that responds to the “physical, emotional and spiritual needs of disadvantaged men, women and children”. - Alzheimer's care taker support group meeting on a monthly basis. - Membership in the Eastern Orthodox Clergy Association of Mahoning Valley (charitable outreach). - Kolachi sales twice a year. - Annual participation in the Campbell Memorial High School Baccalaureate Program. - Participate in the Annual Campbell Middle School Supply Drive.
Major Challenges Faced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aging infrastructure (building) - Dwindling population base (local community)
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
None Scheduled

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		126	116
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		112	100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		100	90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		19	18
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	0

Funerals		5	3
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		40	42
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	6

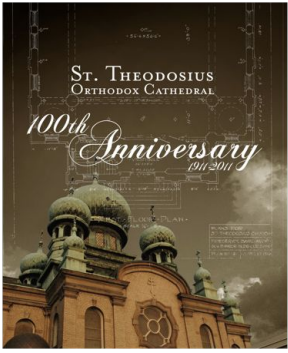
Average Sunday Communicants =
Average Sunday Attendance minus 10%

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 2027 – 18 th St. NE Canton, OH 44705	
Clergy	
Priest Stacey (Anastasy) Richter	
Committees/Societies	
St. Ann's Guild (women's) Church School Parish Council Choir St. Stephen's men's group Outreach Committee Benevolence Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Lent and Pascha Adult Education Class Children's Festival – Dormition Neighborhood Festival Aug 17, 2014 Community Garden	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCF at Malone University Support An Orphan – Hogar Rafael Ayau, Guatemala Children's Festival plus more – we have gotten to know some of our neighbors and have been helpful to them. (Lent a neighbor a ladder, bought a neighbor some paint, have helped others financially through our Benevolence Fund)	
Major Challenges Faced	
We are having a good year. Our attendance is up and our giving as well, so financially we are doing well. However, as of the beginning of September, eight parishioners have moved away. Two went off to seminary (this makes 3 seminarians total), and three went to college, and the children (3 of them) of one of our divorced families moved away with the other parent. This continues to be one of our biggest challenges: demographics. We are in an area that people move away from. So even though we have had quite a few converts, many of them move away, and we don't get many new people who move into the area.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
October 19 Outdoor Neighborhood Family Film Night Also we should be getting an onion dome installed sometime in October. It is ordered and payed for! We will be starting Saturday dinners and then a Catechism class on Sept 27 for our catechumens. (5 pm Vespers, 6 pm dinner, 6:30-8 Catechism class)	

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Supporting Membership Count		50	62
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		70	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		60	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens		3	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		4	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		7	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		15-20	18
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral 733 Starkweather Ave Cleveland, OH 44113	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Zdinak, Dean Dn. Daniel Boerio, Assigned	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Altar Society Faith Enrichment Adult Education Group Men's Sausage Making Club Cathedral Chapter F.O.C.A. Ridge Manor Event Center Committee St. Theodosius Cemetery Committee Finance Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>At this time we have a low number of children of Church School age. We began a Christian Education program last year, aimed at assisting the parents to educate their children in the Faith at home. We meet with the parents and children monthly to reinforce the study plan that has been developed for that period. This has received acceptable results and we hope that it will continue to improve and grow.</p> <p>Our current adult education program is called "Faith Enrichment" it is conducted on Thursday mornings and has about 18 current participants. The study sessions are led by Subdeacon Leon Felon and Reader Paul Pangrace. In addition to the education aspect of the sessions it also offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with the participants.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>St. Theodosius participates in the are food bank with Merrick House, an established community outreach group in the Tremont area for many years.</p> <p>We also participate in their annual Angel Tree gifts for needy children during the Christmas Season.</p>	

In addition we continue a monthly special offerings for: ST. Herman's House, a local ministry of Focus North America, St. Mary of Egypt, St. John Monastery in Hiram, IOCC, and many other local charities
Major Challenges Faced
<p>The major challenge for our parish is our location. We are located on the South side of downtown Cleveland. The Greater Cleveland area has 35+ Orthodox Parishes, 6 of them are OCA Parishes. Most younger people with families move to and reside in the suburbs of Cleveland. We have, however, in spite of the natural attrition of an older parish, been able to maintain a steady membership. Many of the people who find our parish, or the Orthodox faith in our parish, are older and have no children living with them. Our Church School is not large in number as a result of this.</p> <p>The second large challenge is the maintenance of a building that is 100+ years old. The Cathedral is always in need of repair and maintenance in one are or another. The utilities are high because of the age and construction of the temple. Insurance on the building is large because of the beauty and design of the building that would require a high replacement cost.</p> <p>St. Theodosius own and operates the largest Orthodox Cemetery in the Greater Cleveland area (30 acres). The cemetery was founded at the beginning of the last century 1900. The cemetery employs two full-time employees and 3-4 seasonal employees. The Church secretary also functions as the bookkeeper and secretary for the cemetery. This last year we had to make considerable repairs and improvements to the facilities. We also had to replace and purchase some of our major equipment (new excavator, loader, dump truck). In spite of this we have been able to meet all expenses.</p> <p>The parish also owns and operates a large catering facility. This facility was built in 1974. It is 40 year old facility and also requires considerable up-keep and maintenance. Since the events of September 11, 2000, the revenue of the catering business has continued to decline. The parish is addressing the important issues of this facility. This causes some amount of stress since it deters our attention to issues not related to the mission of the Church.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
N/A

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		200	200
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance <small>Text</small>		135	140
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		130	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		35	35-40
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	4
Funerals		4	9
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		9	
Adult Education/Number Participating		16	18

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St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church 2219 Summit Street Columbus, Ohio 43201	
Clergy	
Fr. Matthew Moriak, Rector Fr. Daniel Rentel, Retired, Attached Fr. Stephen Frase, Attached Fr. James Sizemore, Attached Fr. Dcn. Paul Mitchell	
Committees/Societies	
St. Elizabeth Group (outreach to sick and homebound), Community Outreach Program, Charities, Prayer Group, Book Club, Scholarship Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
-Community Outreach expansion continues. Added a Sunday meal after Liturgy. Now serving four meals per week. -While continuing to raise funds for expansion project, have hired an architectural firm who are currently working on designs for the expansion. -2014 has been a year of "Focus on the Feasts" highlighting our Feast sponsorship program, as well as looking for new ways for our youth to be involved in celebrating the Feasts. We have also tied the Feasts into our Outreach program, by saving two of the five loaves blessed at Litya on the eve of Major Feasts for distribution during our outreach meals. This gives us an opportunity to live up to the prayer of the blessing, that the loaves be multiplied in the Church and the world.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-7% of all pledged income has gone to our Charities fund since our parish's founding. Charities continues to support people in need, amongst our parish family, the community, the Diocese, our Seminaries and throughout the world. -In addition to the weekly meals already highlighted, our community outreach offers a food pantry, as well as donated clothing and personal items to community members. There is also a strong bond between the parish and the community.	
Major Challenges Faced	
-The biggest challenge will always be our lack of parking, given our location near OSU.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
-The goal is a continued expansion of our Outreach program so we are serving at least one meal every day -We will continue raising funds and moving forward with our expansion program.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		104	102
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		110	110
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30-40	30-40
Number of Catechumens		5 (plus several inquirers)	5 (plus several inquirers)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4 (6 if dated back to last year's Assembly)	1
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		Apprx. 40	Apprx. 40
Adult Education/Number Participating		Apprx. 25	Apprx. 25

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St. Nicholas The Wonderworker OCA Paris 191/203 King Ave Columbus, OH 43201	snwoca.org
Clergy	
V. Rev. Miroljub Ruzic	
Committees/Societies	
With the help of God, the Most Holy Ever-Virgin Theotokos, our Patron Saint St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and all of the Martyrs and Saints, we are steadfastly committed to preserving and safeguarding the Purity of our Holy Orthodox Faith in the midst of the growing universal apostasy. <i>"Behold, I am coming quickly. Keep on holding fast that which thou hast, in order that no one should take thy crown." (Rev. 3:11)</i>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are blessed with several myrrh-streaming Holy Icons - Full Liturgical cycle of the unabridged Services - A thorough study of the Holy Scripture and the Holy Fathers - Building a spiritual community in Orthophronima 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food for the poor 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Our 100 year old church building is in constant need of repairs. We have had huge expenses with the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repairing and painting some of the interior areas; new AC installation; new roof gables <p>Pending repairs and other expenses: Mortgage, church roof and some of the interior areas damaged by the roof leak, forthcoming winter heating expenses, insurance, and ongoing utility bills.</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		15 <i>(Dues paying members)</i>	15 <i>(Dues paying members)</i>
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		50	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	25
Number of Catechumens		n/a	n/a
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	7
Funerals		3	3
Marriages		2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		14	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	25

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church 12711 Madison Ave. Lakewood, Ohio 44107	
Clergy	
V.Rev Yves Babich	
Committees/Societies	
The Church Board Sunday School St. Mary Altar Society Outreach Committee The Men's Club F.O.C.A	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Feast day of the Church Family day picnic Lakewood Arts Fest Madison Ave food Festival Steak Roast Pig Roast St. Panteleimon Outreach bowling event	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect for the Lakewood local food banks 2. Collect for St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality 3. Collect for St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Monastery 4. Collect for Monastery Marcha 5. Help and support the St. Panteleimon Orthodox Christian Outreach 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership 2. Up keep of the Church building 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Oct 5, 2014 Annual Steak Roast Sept 6 2014 Madison Ave food Festival June 29 th 2015 the Feast day of the Church Family day picnic Aug 1, 2015 Lakewood Arts Fest Sept 6 2015 Madison Ave food Festival	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	33	30	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	40	40	44
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	24	30	32
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	5	4
Number of Catechumens	3		
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	1	1	2
Funerals	2	1	2
Marriages	1	1	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2		
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	3	2
Adult Education/Number Participating	4	5	5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church 16029 Maple Park Drive Maple Heights, OH 44137	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Fr. Emilian D. Hutnyan	
Committees/Societies	
FOCA Senior Chapter FOCA Jr. Chapter Parish Council Choir Ministry Hall Rental Ministry Fish Fry Ministry Church Cleaning Ministry Lawn Maintenance Ministry Outreach Ministry	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>12 million dollar multi-level independent living facility for the purposes of expanded activity and outreach to Orthodox Liturgical Worship, Bible Study, Fish Fry Prep, and Fellowship. (Facility being built on previous Church property). The facility opened in the summer of 2014 and we have begun to receive visitors to our Sunday Divine Liturgy. We welcome all and are excited about the opportunity to reach out to those who may not have a local church to attend. Residents are able to simply walk across the street and join us for services. This opens up a great opportunity for us all to share our faith and to welcome new members. Also, this is an opportunity for Fr. Emilian to reach out to others and minister to those who are in need. We will also begin to offer a delivery service to residents for our fish fry's.</p> <p>Continuation of our charitable events such as monthly charity collections, fund-raisers, and a gift card drive for the holidays. The gift cards were collected and given to our local Boy Scout troop who meets regularly in our hall. They worked with a local charity called "Ray's Kids" and presented them with the gift cards. We were able to meet with the charities organizers who informed us that the cards were distributed to local schools, where they worked with school officials to make sure they went to the</p>	

families who had the greatest need. He expressed the joy and tears that he saw when the kids were given the cards, and they were very appreciative. We will continue to work with this local charity for future events.

The third week of Lent each year, we host St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir. This is a joy for our parish. Each year we all look forward to them arriving and hosting the seminarians in parishioner's homes. This past year we were blessed to have His Grace Bishop Sabba, retired from Slavonia in Croatia in our presence and he awarded Fr. Emilian with a Palitza, and a wonderful pot luck dinner followed with lots of fellowship.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Monthly Charity Collection

Parish Hall use for our local Boy Scout Troop and also we offer our hall several times a year at no charge to the City of Maple Heights. This past year we hosted the city and several State and Local Representatives as well as over 300 residents for a city meeting. At this meeting, Fr. Emilian received a recognition award for all of his hard work, and support and for always welcoming the city and being a friend. We also opened up our hall and assisted in a fundraiser for the City's Senior Center, where they raised over \$20,000.

We will also open up our hall to local church's to hold fundraising dinners at no charge.

We recently instituted a new policy for visitors who ask for money. Instead of just giving them cash, we offer a packet of helpful information with numbers for them to contact for help. We also offer to have them attend all services.

Major Challenges Faced

Recent loss of beloved long time parishioners.

Increasing number of parishioners as well as increasing stewardship.

We recently faced a theft at the church. We have been having an increasing number of visitors which we welcome, however recently after welcoming a lady and providing her with a bus pass, groceries, cash, and laundry money she returned to the church and stole a cell phone and cash. All parishioners now need to be very diligent and we need to be more aware of security i.e. locking doors when services are over, and keeping purses close by, and keeping office door locked.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

In spring of 2015 we are hosting St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Choir, and will be celebrating Fr. Emilian's 25th year anniversary in the priesthood. We will be having a banquet, and will also be helping to support the seminarian families with donations received from our parishioners.

Plans will be underway this year to form a committee to begin planning for our 50th Anniversary which will take place in 2018.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		70	60
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		65	65
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	40-45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15-20	20
Number of Catechumens		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	3
Funerals		0	4
Marriages		1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		11	11
Adult Education/Number Participating		10	15

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 110 East Main Street Marblehead, Ohio 43440	
Clergy	
Archpriest David J. Lis, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Memorial Day Yard Sale Halupki Festival held in August Lighthouse Festival held in October These three activities are our major fund raisers that we use to augment the stewardship of our membership.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Danbury Food Pantry Ottawa County Holiday Bureau Heartbeat Pregnancy Center</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Our membership continues to dwindle due to the demographics of the resort area in which the parish is located. Real Estate is very expensive as are property taxes and there are very few job opportunities in the area that offer full time employment paying a living wage with benefits. This does not invite younger families into the area, and so all of the local churches have aging populations and continue to shrink.</p> <p>This of course makes exceptional stewardship demands on the remaining members, many of whom are retired and on fixed incomes. As a result, Holy Assumption Church had to draw from its savings to meet operating expenses for half of the 2014 fiscal year.</p> <p>This year's Halupki Festival, which is the parish's major fund raising effort, although doing well, fell short from last year's revenue numbers, and we will end the 2014 fiscal year with an expenses versus income deficit.</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		29	23
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		29	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		15	18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	7
Number of Catechumens		5	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Nicholas Orthodox Church 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd Mentor, OH 44060	
Clergy	
Very Reverend Fr Andrew Clements Subdeacon Leonard Heim	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Coffee Hour Womens Book Study Group Kitchen Crew (raises money for special projects) Cleaning Crew Grounds Crew	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Ten Converts for Pascha Complete Hall Renovation completed Grant Program initiated for outreach and ministry	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
St Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Sponsors Lunches at Local Soup Kitchen Supports St Herman's House (Men's shelter, food provider) Supports Womensafe Shelter, Zoe for Life, inner parish charities	
Major Challenges Faced	
How to integrate newcomers, converts, etc into full parish participation	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		102	115
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		145	160
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	25
Number of Catechumens		2	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	3
Funerals		2	
Marriages		1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	7
Church School/Number Enrolled		55	60
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	40


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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 755 S Cleveland Ave Mogadore, OH 44260	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutzky Deacon Samuel Slimak	
Committees/Societies	
Long Range Planning Committee, Iconography Project Committee, St. Nicholas Women's Club, RBO Lodge #204, St. Nicholas Hall Board. Something Russian Festival Committee.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Each year our Church sponsors our Something Russian festival. The festival is a celebration of faith and culture that is the climax of year long fellowship and workshop activities to prepare for the festival on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of October each year. We host an average of 3000 people to share in Ethnic foods, Balalaika and Russian Dance performances by our own orchestra and dancers as well as organized Church tours and discussions. Over the past 2 years up to 30,000 dollars in contributions to local, regional and international charities have been distributed from our proceeds.</p> <p>We have Just completed phase 2 and 3 of our Church Iconography project. Mr. Ivan Rumyanstev completed frescos in the Altar and above the Iconostas that have tremendously enhanced the beauty of our temple.</p> <p>Our Long range planning committee together with parish council continue to prepare for our upcoming centennial in 2017.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish sponsors a monthly hot meal which provides a hot meal to those in our community in need of food and fellowship opportunities. Our Parish has helped and supported members of the local community by providing Christmas gifts for needy families. We support the Local food bank and are looking into providing meals to School children over the weekends who may not have food at home. 10% of our Annual Festival profit is distributed to various organizations and charitable groups.	

Major Challenges Faced
The major challenge for our parish is growth and finance. Our recently implemented pledge system has helped us to meet expenses and use fundraising for improvements and charity. But the economic situation surrounding our parish has caused us to loose many of our young families and college students who move away to find jobs. We continue to look to new ways of bringing others to the Church and though we make progress our growth vs attrition is minimal
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
2013 Something Russian Festival October 7 & 8 RBO Lodge #204 100 th Anniversary fall of 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		149	144
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		135	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	115
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens		3	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	1
Funerals		20	4
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		30	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		15	10


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St Innocent Orthodox Church 8526 Usher Rd – P O Box 38208 Olmsted Falls, OH 44138	
Clergy	
Rev. Fr. Alessandro Margheritino Rev. Dn. Michael Timko	
Committees/Societies	
Grounds management, Facilities, Church school, Women's fellowship, Community meal	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Participation in the Olmsted Falls Heritage Days Church beautification project initiated 2013-14: pantocrator commissioned and installed, new series of icons begun and individually sponsored (5 are completed), permanent installation of church bells, carpet replaced, all sanctuary chairs replaced, chair rails, paintings, parking lot expansion. Pierogi/Baking Sales and parish golf outing	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly free community meal served at the parish (avg. 90 persons). Monthly serving at St Herman's—FOCUS. Regular participation in local ecumenical Christians In Action food pantry Monthly charity collection that supports a variety of Orthodox and other local charities Sponsoring a room at the St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland Transitional Program that includes furnishing	

Major Challenges Faced
<p>Change of rector – after 14 years of Fr Michael Butler’s dedicated service, Fr Alessandro Margheritino became the acting rector on September 1, 2014.</p> <p>Creating a sense of community/fellowship; we are a very widely-spaced congregation. Outreach is not systematic.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>6 Oct 2014, 31st anniversary of the parish.</p> <p>Mobile Pantry events from the Cleveland Food Bank, distributing 10,000 lbs. of fresh produce each time to needy people in the community.</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		94	95
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		97	98
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		85	85
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		21	21
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	3
Funerals		1	1
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		25	25
Adult Education/Number Participating		16	13

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<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Rd Parma, OH 44134</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Very Rev. Alexander Garklavs, Rector Very Rev. John Klembara, Attached Protodeacon Anthony Kall</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council, Church School, Choir, St Elizabeth Reading Group, Readers, Greeters Committee, Men's Club, Women's Club, LaCoupole Bookstore</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Hosting the First Open Forum of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America – October 20, 2013</p> <p>Celebration of the 50th Anniversary over the Weekend of November 3, 2013</p> <p>Spiritual Retreat with Fr. Thomas Hopko on May 24. 2014</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Monthly preparation of meals and serving them at the St. Herman House of Hospitality (a Pan-Orthodox ministry for homeless and hungry people in Cleveland).</p> <p>Hosting the annual community meal for the Parma Collaborative (a local community program for people in need).</p> <p>Church School outreach programs during Great Lent.</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
New members; maintenance issues to physical plant; viable vision for the next ten years.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
Celebrating Choir Director's 40 th Year in the Parish Hosting the 30 th Annual Easter Christian Seminar – October 10, 2014 Hosting the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 1, 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		168	168
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		125	130
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30	30
Number of Catechumens		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	1
Funerals		3	4
Marriages		1	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		27	29
Adult Education/Number Participating			TBA

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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church 2220 Reeves Road NE Warren, OH 44483	
Clergy	
Fr. Jonathan H. Cholcher, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Sisterhood St. John's Society (teens) Icon Committee Choir	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Hosted the pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (Fr. Thomas Hopko, guest homilist); 2. Served eight Fish Dinners (4 in the Fall, 4 in the new year before Great Lent) with an average attendance of 350 patrons, the profits to be divided between our Icon and charitable projects; 3. Improved and expanded Parish information and outreach via the Parish website.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Provided Food Boxes for needy families (23) at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Pascha; 2. Choir participation for the second year in an inter-Christian Choir festival; 3. Hosted Archimandrite Daniel Byantoro of the Indonesian Orthodox Church who spoke of the challenges posed by Islam and mission work in Indonesia; 4. Hosted the annual Warren pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School.	
Major Challenges Faced	
1. Meaningful education of children and youth; 2. Consistent member participation in services beyond Sunday; 3. Revitalization of the practice of Confession based on spiritual need, not bare obligation.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
1. Eastwood Mall Stand (month of October) 2. begin iconographic adornment of Temple	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		110 (85)	82
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		90	90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	15
Number of Catechumens		2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	0
Funerals		4	5
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		50	50