

Indianapolis Deanery

Because the deanery parishes are few and far apart, we do not meet on any regular basis but have had a few teleconferences for all the clergy of the deanery. We had one such teleconference with Fr. Paul Gassios, Diocesan Administrator in early August.

The first dean of the Indianapolis Deanery and long time rector of St. John the Forerunner Church in Indianapolis, Fr. Joseph Gibson, has retired from active ministry as of September 30. We are all grateful for his years of service to his parish, the deanery and the Diocese. May God grant him many years in blessed retirement!

Fr. Ted Bobosh, Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church 4285 Ashland Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45212	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Steven C. Kostoff	
Committees/Societies	
Kairos Prison Ministry St. Catherine Sisterhood	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Classes for three diaconal candidates in the Late Diaconal Program. Completion of a new Food Pantry used to support local neighborhood needs. Increased the size of our Kairos prison ministry	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Food Pantry open to local neighborhood needs. Annual support of a child at the San Miguel del Lago (formally the Hogar) in Guatemala. Collection for suffering children of Syria.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Attendance at non-Sunday services and events. Parishioners continue to “move in and out” of Cincinnati.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Youth retreat led by Antiochian Village visitors.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		141	144
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		115-120	120-125
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		90-100	95-100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens		3	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	3
Funerals			
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		75	84
Adult Education/Number Participating		15-20	15-20

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St. Stephen the First Martyr 802 Whitlock Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933	
Clergy	
Rev. Joel Weir, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Youth/Young Adult Group Church School	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>In October, our parish joined with our sister parish in town, Holy Transfiguration (ACROD) to celebrate the archpastoral visit from their bishop, Gregory of Nyssa. During His Grace's visit, he consecrated the ground of a new Orthodox cemetery at Holy Transfiguration. The cemetery has and continues to be a cooperative effort involving members of both parishes for the mutual use and blessing of the Orthodox community in our area.</p> <p>In April, we hosted a pizza/game night at the local Community Center. Along with participants from St. Stephens, and Holy Transfiguration, we welcomed over 40 mentors and kids from the local JUMP Mentor Program. The event was such a success that we are hosting a follow up at our parish in the fall.</p> <p>Our parish continues to grow steadily. A memorable moment was the reception of four new faithful members at Palm Sunday liturgy. This crowned a year of receiving regular visitors to our parish along with the baptism of three newborns through the year, with four more on the way!</p>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Weekly food donations to local food pantry.

Youth Group visits local nursing home twice a month, providing music program and Bible Study for the residents

JUMP (Youth Mentoring) Program Events in the fall and spring, hosted by our parish.

Benevolence Fund has provided help for members of our greater community in need who have sought assistance.

David Chronic, from Word Made Flesh Ministries, was the guest speaker at an event in August. He spoke about his work among the poor in Romania.

Fr. Joel is involved in a local pastors group as well as Montcares, a group of representatives from local charities and faith communities.

Major Challenges Faced

We face the challenge of a growing parish with now limited space. This challenge has been partially dealt with through the building of the St. Maria House, which will serve as an extra classroom/fellowship space.

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Paul Abernathy (FOCUS Pittsburgh) will speak at our parish in early January.
Lenten Speaker Series (Lent 2015)

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Supporting Membership Count		36	37
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		40	42
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	37
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	12
Number of Catechumens		3	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		7	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		10	7

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St. Paul the Apostle 4451 Wagner Road, Dayton, OH 45440	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh Dn. Stephan Gresh	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Parish hosted in March a weekend Marriage Enrichment Seminar led by Fr. Timothy Pavlatos. Very well attended and received.</p> <p>Parish hosted a choir workshop led by Dave Drillock in February, several other parishes sent participants as well.</p> <p>The parish initiated some new adult education efforts, also very well attend and received.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Parish allocates from its normal budget \$1800/month given to special charity projects. Additionally parish has collected and donated more than \$30,000 to various charity needs.</p> <p>Parishes continues to help serve lunches at St. Vincent de Paul. Parish has participated in Angel Tree project and other Christmas charity projects.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Still in need of more space for the church school, adult education projects and other parish meetings.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<p>Parish is hoping to do a Parent Enrichment weekend.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		130	130
	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		100	100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		7	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		9	4
Funerals		4	2
Marriages		1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		5	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		43	45
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	35

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St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221	
Clergy	
Priest Zachariah Trent - Rector Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Associate Priest Priest David Maroney - Attached Subdeacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham	
Committees/Societies	
Book Corner Ministry	Childrens Education Ministry
Benevolence Ministry	Worship and Liturgical Ministry
Hospitality Ministry	Buildings and Grounds Ministry
Adult Education Ministry	Parish Life Ministry
Finance Ministry	St. John’s Camp Ministry
Library Ministry	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Five week discussion/teaching on the <u>Great Lent</u> on Wednesday evenings during the preparatory weeks before the Lenten season.	
Five week teaching on the Acts of the Apostles during the weeks following the Ascension.	
Group attendance at an Indianapolis Indians baseball game which benefitted our neighborhood community center. 56 of our parishioners and family participated. A two part challenge was issued to the congregation. If 25 tickets were sold Fr. Zachariah and Subdeacon Luke would have to perform a song and dance number during coffee hour. If 50 tickets were sold, Subdeacon Luke would have his head shaved. The challenge was met and the punishment has been meted out.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Weekly collections for the Community food pantry.	
Neighborhood kids day to reach out to neighborhood children. Foods is provided along with activities and music. The aim is simply to show the love of Christ to those around us.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Despite the fact that we have moved into our new temple, we had continued to use the basement of the old Church building for a fellowship hall. During the harsh winter the old building which had been deteriorating for some took a fatal blow with frozen pipes and flooding making the building uninhabitable. We were compelled to move our coffee hour and our Paschal Celebration to our annex building. The space is cramped but we are thankful that we had an option. With the writing of this report, the old Church is being demolished and if it is God’s will we can look toward the construction of a parish hall in the near future.	
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Celebration of the ministry of Archpriest Joseph Gibson upon the occasion of his retirement from active ministry – To be determined.	

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Supporting Membership Count		107	93
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		75	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		65	65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12	15
Number of Catechumens		2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	2
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		6	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		17	24
Adult Education/Number Participating		N/A	20


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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 914 W. Taylor St. Kokomo, IN 46901	
Clergy	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Relay for Life – St Thomas booth Harvest Party at the Fadil’s Lenten Retreat held by Fr. Silviu Bunta	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
Major Challenges Faced	
High unemployment	

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		21	22
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		33	29
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		28	26
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		9	10
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	4
Funerals			1
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		4	4
Adult Education/Number Participating		9	9

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<p>ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR MISSION 3560 SHAWNEE RD LIMA OH 45806</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>V.REV.DR. MARK HODGES, PRIEST IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP PORN/SEX ADDICTION GROUP BUILDING MINISTRY CHARITIES COMMITTEE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATING COMMITTEE YOUTH GROUP GREETERS MINISTRY INTERCESSOR MINISTRY HOLY BREAD / WINE / HOSPITALITY / INTERIOR CLEANING MINISTRIES</p>	
<p>Since October 2013</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>COOKIE WALK ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE PASCHA</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>FOOD DRIVES FOR DIFFERENT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS OPEN GATE MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY NURSING HOME VISITATION GROUP PRISON VISITATION MINISTRY CHARITY DRIVES FOR LOCAL THRIFT SHOP HOSTING VARIOUS CLERGY ASSOCIATIONS' MEETINGS</p>	

Major Challenges Faced

FINANCIAL –still not able to support full time priest
EVANGELISM –establishing OCF chapters at area colleges
BUILDING –need an office and social area, as well as Sunday School rooms
MID-WEEK SERVICE –not well attended

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CONFERENCE 2015 –T.B.A.
MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. JAN. 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		28 adults/13 children	33 adults (10 adults tithing – that’s five households; an additional two households give and two more households make a rare token donation) /16 youth
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		39	41
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		20 adults, 13 children	24 adults, 15 children
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		13	12
Number of Catechumens		4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2 adult baptisms, 2 adult chrismations, 4 children baptized	One (plus three next month)
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		Just the 2 adult chrismations	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		4	7
Adult Education/Number Participating		4	3