

Kansas City Deanery
Report to the Diocesan Assembly
October 7, 2014
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean


- Dn. Joel Wilson was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Alexander on December 8, 2013 at St. Thomas Church in Springfield, MO
- Fr. Peter Bodnar, recently retired, has moved to Marshfield, MO.
- The Dean and Chancellor met with the Mission in Quincy, IL on June 2, 2014. They also met with the St. Louis Clergy earlier that day.
- The Dean met with the clergy in Southwest Missouri on August 26, 2014.
- The Dean served Divine Liturgy, along with many visiting clergy, for Founders Day at Presentation Monastery in Marshfield, MO on September 20, 2014.

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
Fr. Moses Berry Hierodeacon Theodore Niklasson, attached	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Sunday School Committee St. Xenia Guild	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit of Hawaiian Iveron Icon Purchase of icons of St. Peter the Aleut, Mat. Olga Construction of addition to altar	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support of local foodbank, indigents	
Major Challenges Faced	
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		39 (including non-supporting)	25 (45 Total)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		28	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		3	3
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	2
Funerals			1
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		6	10
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St James, Brother of the Lord Mission St Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church 310 North 72nd Street Kansas City, Kansas 66112	
Clergy	
Fr Michael Medis, Fr Christopher Rowe, Fr Radomir Chkautovich.	
Committees/Societies	
None.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Sunday Divine Liturgies serviced by clergy.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
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Major Challenges Faced	
Aging congregation Financial Challenges Resources often below critical mass	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
St Archangel Michael's Slava Celebration by both communities November 16, 2014.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		10	6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	*JOINTLY WITH SERBIANS*	*15	*15
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		11	8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		3	0
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		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church 1235 Iowa St. Lawrence, KS 66044	
Clergy	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bp. Alexander was with us for the eve of our parish feast day in 2013. 2. Joint service project with KU and Omaha OCF groups at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City. 3. Fr. Joshua was on the planning committee for a multi-faith social justice ministry in Lawrence 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
KU OCF; LINK (soup kitchen); Reconciliation Services (Kansas City)	
Major Challenges Faced	
Lawrence is a fairly transient community, so we've experienced quite a bit of turnover in our parish community in the last three years.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
December 6 – Patronal Feast Day	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		15 Families	14 Families
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		20-25	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5-10	5-10
Number of Catechumens		3	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2 infant, 1 adult
Funerals			2
Marriages			1 (crowning)
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating		5-10	4-6


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St John of Kronstadt Church 2800 Holdridge Lincoln, Nebraska 68503	
Clergy	
Fr James Dank	
Committees/Societies	
St. Martha and Mary Guild Fr. Arseny Society Building Committee Catacomb Bookstore	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Pot luck dinners after every Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Community building, Building Committee has work hard and have developed a plan for the expansion of our church temple, offices, church hall, and Sunday School. The first phase was the purchase of the property to the north and the east of the church. The property was purchased in 2011 for \$68,000 the loan will be payed off in two months. Next phase will be two hire a architect to draw the plans for the renovation and expansion of the current temple to meet our needs.</p> <p>Catacomb Bookstore and coffee house. This is our major venue for outreach in our parish, Bible study every Monday night at the church.</p> <p>Healing service open to the public ever third Wednesday of the month.</p>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>Catacomb Bookstore and coffee house. This is our major venue for outreach in our parish.</p> <p>Bible study every Monday night at the church.</p> <p>Healing service open to the public ever third Wednesday of each month.</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>Keeping our income up, due to people relocating for work.</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		47	41
	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		?	50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		25	20
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		?	6
Funerals		1	0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			15-20


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 416 Ewing Avenue Madison, IL 62060	
Clergy	
Rev. Father Nicholas Finley	
Committees/Societies	
Society of Myrhhbearing Women (Sisterhood) Senior O' Club (FOCA)	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating request to review and change parish by-laws to reflect current practice (still in progress) • Parish voted to support Priest and his family to earn a housing allowance in order to purchase a home and move out of the Rectory • Increased Liturgical observances to include celebration of the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, August 2014, as well as the upcoming celebration of St. John Kuchurov, October 2014 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped with food, clothing and gifts for Christmas Holiday for area needy • Choir caroled at Christmas time by request, included a visit to a nursing facility to carol for a long time parishioner who is a resident at the home and can no longer make it to Church • Continue to help financially and with food and clothing donations to area needy as they contact the church asking for help. 	
Major Challenges Faced	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50th Anniversary of the “New” Church Building this coming year. 			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		68	68
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		59	59
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		55	55
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		3	4
Funerals		2	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		20	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	3

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Trinity 11901 Pflumm Rd. Overland Park, KS 66213 www.holy-trinity-church.org	
Clergy	
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Pastor Fr. Christopher Rowe, Associate Pastor Fr. Gregory Dye, Attached Fr. Michael Medis, Attached Fr. Thomas George, Attached Dn. Brent Beasley Dn. David Neff	
Committees/Societies	
Arts & Environment (oversees all beautification projects), Finance, Outreach, Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (EOYC), IOCC, Bookstore, Library, Maintenance, Grounds, Church School, Youth Group (The ROCK—Real Orthodox Christian Kids, 6 th grade-12 grade), Greeters, Parish celebrations, coffee hour, funeral support	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Alexander led the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on December 7, 2013 and 13 students completed our first class of the Midwest Vocations Program. • New icons (Dormition, St. John of San Francisco, St. Nikolai of Zhicha, St. Innocent of Alaska and St. Raphael of Brooklyn) were installed in September, 2014. • A young man from the parish painted and re-organized the outdoor shed at the parish for his Eagle Scout project. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We serve a meal to the needy the first Friday of every month at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO. • Members of the parish serve on the Board for Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO • Collections are taken throughout the year to help those affected by tragedies or other difficult situations. During Great Lent and after Pascha we highlighted Missions each Sunday. (IOCC, Project Mexico, Midwest Vocations Program, OCMC, Indonesia, Kansas City Deanery Missions, Parish Ministries, Ethiopian Orphanage • Monthly financial support to our Missions in Rolla, MO and Lawrence, KS and also to Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of classroom space • Parishioners living a great distance from the church 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

- Presbytera Iulia Curtright will be leading the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on November 22, 2014.
- 2015 is the 50th Anniversary of our Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (a Pan-Orthodox camp for churches in the Kansas City area). Celebrations are being planned for Labor Day weekend 2015.
- A young man from the parish is building a picnic pavilion on the church grounds for his Eagle Scout project.

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Supporting Membership Count		155	154
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		150	150
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	125
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30-35	30
Number of Catechumens		6	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		10	4
Funerals		3	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		4	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		73	85
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Mission 611 Hampshire P.O. Box 115 Quincy, Illinois 62306-0115	
Clergy	
Fr Thaddeus retired last fall but he and both Fr Nicholas Finley and Fr Andrew Moulton have been taking turns ministering to us. Fr Basil Aden and Fr Daniel Hickman have also both served in the last year.	
Committees/Societies	
~ Woman's Group does fundraising thru Etsy. ~ 1 member is in the diocesan catechism and vocational deacon program	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
~ The corporate worship of God. In spite of our lack of full time clergy, we have been holding regular services at least twice each week. ~ Father Thaddeus and Matushka Sally returned for Holy Week services. ~ 1 member attended the Small Parish Forum in OH	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
~ We maintain a charity fund that is used for those in our neighbourhood that are in need. ~ 2 members are having monthly readers vespers in Jacksonville (60 miles away) with an average attendance of 13.	
Major Challenges Faced	
~ A majority of our services in 2014 have been reader's services. ~ A few long standing members of the parish have left in the wake of Father's retirement. ~ Our storefront space has served us well but there's strong interest within the parish in buying a free standing building to convert into a temple. We've looked at several quite different options with financing (down payment especially) being the main barrier. ~ Increasing membership.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
~ Our Dean is visiting for our annual meeting in October. ~ One member has received the blessing of Bishop Alexander to serve as an iconographer.	


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Supporting Membership Count		18	14
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance (<i>includes Obednitsa's</i>)		22	19
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		Most of 22	Most of those in attendance
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance (<i>includes Wed night readers vespers</i>)		5	7
Number of Catechumens		none	none
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	1
Funerals		2	0
Marriages		2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		none	10
Adult Education/Number Participating		Most of 18	0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission 601 Kingshighway / PO Box 171 Rolla, MO 65401 / Rolla, MO 65402	
Clergy	
Fr. Joel Wilson	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Getting established Adding a weekday Liturgy Renovating new space for worship	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Participation in "Celebration of Nations" annual festival in Rolla Hosting of Hawaii Myrhh-streaming Icon of the Theotokos Upcoming spiritual retreat	
Major Challenges Faced	
Consistency of attendance Financial strain Ethnic and language barriers	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
October 2014 - Spiritual retreat with Fr. Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's October 2014 - Relocation to new chapel space December 2014 - 1 year since first Liturgy as a priest	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		0	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		0	~20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		0	~10
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		0	3
Number of Catechumens		0	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	
Clergy	
FATHER CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS	
Committees/Societies	
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – MS. HELEN ALLEN	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY EVENINGS ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY – PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY COFFEE AND LIGHT LUNCH HOSPITALITY HOUR FOLLOWING LITURGY	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOCUS GATEWAY CITY	
Major Challenges Faced	
MAJOR ROOF REPAIR REGULAR ATTENDANCE TO SERVICES OTHER THAN DIVINE LITURGY	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
PEROGIE WORKSHOP ST. MICHAEL'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		24	24
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		12	14
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		N/A	8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	6
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		2	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		6	6

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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 4200 S. Holiday Ave Springfield, Mo 65810	
Clergy	
Fr. Andrew Moore Fr. Peter Bodnar	
Committees/Societies	
Festival Building Mission Altar Grounds/Maintenance Library	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Worship and Catechumenate Ed Property purchase Festival Outreach	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Growth Issues 1. Limited space for worship and fellowship 2. Changing expectations moving from small community to serving a larger number of people 3. Establish a youth Ed program	

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			48
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			--
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			--
Number of Catechumens			33
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			9
Funerals			0
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			--
Church School/Number Enrolled			--
Adult Education/Number Participating			--