


DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
 for the 2014 Diocesan Assembly
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Monastery P.O. Box 644 Marshfield, MO 65706</p>	
Clergy	
<p>No clergy are attached to the monastery.</p> <p>The monastics: Mother Sergia, Abbess Mother Alexandra</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>None</p>	
Since October 2013	
<p style="text-align: center;">Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Attendance of the Monastic Synaxis of abbots and abbesses of the OCA called by His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON</p> <p>Providing music resources and assisting with singing at the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Church, Rolla, Missouri</p> <p>Inheritance of liturgical candle business (prior to September 2014, we had struggled to have a cottage industry and were <i>most grateful</i> to inherit this from St. John's Monastery as the monks moved to the Ukraine)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Contributions to local food bank</p> <p>Collection of clothing for those in need</p> <p>Contributions to local Christian Mission Trip to Costa Rica</p> <p>Donations to Holy Transfiguration Monastery in support of their building program</p>	

Major Challenges Faced

Upon inheriting the candle business from St. John’s Monastery at the end of July 2013, we had approximately six weeks to learn the business, purchase required equipment, and fulfill all the legal requirements for opening a new business in the State of Missouri.

By Our Lord’s grace, we were able to do so in time to get all shipments out by the deadline in September.

We are most grateful to Mother Thecla and Mother Helena of Ss. Mary and Martha Monastery for dropping everything to teach us how to produce the candles. Never wanting to compete with their candle business, we voluntarily made a pledge to them to never knowingly sell to their customers.

Due to the high flammability of beeswax, during the following months, we had to raise funds and install a separate building as the “Candle House” so that the monastery and chapel would not be damaged if a fire were ever to occur during candle production.

Although all of this temporarily depleted most of our savings, it was most worthwhile, because this provides a predictable income for the future.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Annual Founders Day, Saturday, September 19, 2015

Annual Feast Day, Presentation of the Theotokos at the Temple, November 21, 2015

Participation in the 2015 Monastic Synaxis of abbots and abbesses of the OCA

Goals for the Coming Year

Continuing the struggle for growth

Professional reconstruction and updating of the monastery’s website by Father Joel Wilson

Outreach within the community, and as various needs are identified by individuals, parishes, and monasteries

Further expansion of candles sales

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		Two attending Divine Liturgy at the local parishes.	Two attending Divine Liturgy at the local parishes.
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		2	2
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		2	2
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