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#### **Parish Name and Address**

#### Photo

#### St. Ephraim the Syrian 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

Ohio University Chapter of OCF started this past year.

Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Held a welcome back to school event (lay-led prayer service and reception) for new / returning Ohio University students. Emailed invitation to all incoming freshman Orthodox Christian students and non-Orthodox students indicating interest in Orthodox Christianity as reported to the Ohio University OCF by the university chaplain's office and the national OCF office.

Began serving a second Divine Liturgy each month.

The chapel purchased a domain name for the chapel website.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

The chapel collects donations to support a different local organization each quarter of the year. Recipients this past year have been a women's shelter and a pregnancy support agency both located in Athens.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Lack of worship space. The community currently uses a Methodist 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.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

The chapel council will be meeting in November to establish a mission statement to guide the chapel's future planning and work.

The chapel faithful will begin offering a lay-led prayer service and opportunity to meet and greet university students the first Sunday of each month at the chapel facility on campus.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count (Assessed as part of St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, OH)	13	11	9
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	16	10	12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	14	9	11
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	8	8
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	0	1
Funerals	0	1	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	0	0

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#### Parish Name and Address

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights, OH 44147



#### Clergy

Archpriest John Memorich, Rector

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 September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Our parishioner, John Mindala, Jr., who works for the Greek Archdiocese, gave a wonderful presentation on his travels to the Holy Land with Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis.

Cooked and served the pilgrim's meal at St. John's Skeet in Hiram, Oh, for their annual pilgrimage, which coincided with the 700 anniversary of St. Sergius of Radonezh.

Hosted the Diocesan Assembly

Hosted His Grace, Bishop Paul over Thomas Sunday weekend. Enjoyed quality time with him, took him to visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, held a special dinner by the lake with the parish council at an exclusive club, and

on Sunday His Grace elevated our beloved deacon, Dennis Lucak, to Protodeacon.

Co-hosted the FOCA's National Basketball Tournament at our parish

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

We continue to give tours to the area colleges and schools

We maintain an active Web Site and Facebook page which is posted to daily

We continue to support area charities such as St. Herman's House of Hospitality by collecting food, making meals, and donating money.

We support and participate in IOCC events

We volunteer and help manage Zoe House

We support St. Tikhon's Seminary, donating quite heavily and have three parishioners on their Board of Trustees

We support and help maintain St. Vladimir's Church Camp

#### Major Challenges Faced

Renovated our Woodside Party Center at a cost of \$400,000

Began work on refinishing our parking lot at a cost of \$200,000

Now that we have lost our assistant priest, everything has again fallen under Fr. John's responsibility. There is still hope of continuing the mentorship program and getting another priest for Fr. John to train.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

This year's Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Dinner Lecture will be given by Fr. Thomas Soroka, the topic being An Orthodox Christian Perspective on the Religion of Islam.

Just the normal banquets and events associated with having so many clubs and organizations in a

parish

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count			250
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			250
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			200+
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			25
Number of Catechumens			1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			8
Funerals			14
Marriages			4
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			70+
Adult Education/Number Participating			30+

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#### **Parish Name and Address**

#### 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 September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

The parish paid the tuition for Fr. Stephen to take the OCA's online conducting course. Professor David Drillock listened to recordings of the parish's singing during Divine Liturgy. He diagnosed areas for improvement. Fr. Stephen led a handful of rehearsals for the singers to practice the various hymns sung in the services. In recent months, the singing of responses and hymns has improved.

The parish had two baptisms of youth and an adult Chrismation.

Parish Facebook page was restarted and is active.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Supports the local school backpack program that provides meals for underprivileged students. The food provided is to feed them even when and especially when school is not in session.

Major Challenges Faced

Low membership numbers

Lack of formal ministries/outreach to the community

Financial stewardship (On a positive note, a pledging process is in place...3<sup>rd</sup> year for this.)

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

Parish Picnic (last year was the second parish picnic in a number of years) is on Saturday, October 17.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	18	17	18
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	15	14	16
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	12	11	15
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	5
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	0	2
Funerals	0	0	2
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	NA	NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating	NA	NA	NA

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#### Parish Name and Address

#### St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd. Campbell, OH 44405-1949

www.stjohnthebaptist-campbell.org

#### Photo



#### Clergy

Archpriest Andrew D. Nelko Deacon David Gemmel

3 Ordained Subdeacons - 6 Tonsured Readers

#### **Committees/Societies**

#### Ministries:

- 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.
- Prosphora 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:

- Church School Meets immediately following Divine Liturgy every Sunday (Sep-May).
- Adult Education/Discussion Group Meets twice monthly.

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Parish Accomplishments / Events:

- Fund raising campaign for LED sign completed.

Annual Parish Picnic/Liturgy at St. Vladimir's Campground.

Initiating planning for Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (October 2017)

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

#### Outreach to community:

- 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.
- 'Warm the Children' Campaign (Orphan children in Russia)
- Annual participation in the Campbell Memorial High School Baccalaureate Program.
- Participate in the Annual Campbell Middle School Supply Drive.

#### Major Challenges Faced

- Aging infrastructure (building)
- Dwindling population base (local community)

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

- Archpastoral visit by Bishop Paul (Scheduled for 12-14 February 2016)
- Visit by St. Tikhon's Choir (Scheduled for 13-14 February 2016)

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	134	126	111
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	118	112	100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	106	100	90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	17	19	17
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0

	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	3	1	1
Funerals	7	5	8
Marriages	4	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	46	40	35
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	5	5

Average Sunday Communicants = Average Sunday Attendance minus 10%

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 2027 – 18 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	
$2027 - 18^{th}$ St. NE	
Canton, OH 44705	
Clergy	
Priest Stacey (Anastasy) Richter	
Committees/Societies	
St. Ann's Guild (women's)	

Parish Council Choir

Church School

St. Stephen's men's group

Benevolence Committee

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Lent and Pascha Class

Catechism Classes

Children's Festival – Dormition Neighborhood Festival Aug 16, 2015

Community Garden

Orthodox Spirituality Class – just started Sept 2015

Our Big News is that we had an **onion dome** installed on the church this last year.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Support An Orphan – Hogar Rafael Ayau, Guatelmala

Children's Festival plus more – we have gotten to know some of our neighbors and have been helpful to them.

Local Neighborhood Association. We have been active in this, and they have been using our church hall and premises for some meetings and activities.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Have had some personal difficulty with parish council. Fortunately things are improving.

We lost 5 of our catechumens from last year (a family of 5) that moved away near the end of 2014.

Our air conditioner unit needed replacing (cost \$10,000)

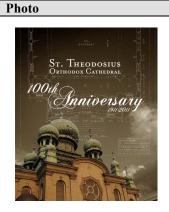
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016		

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	50	62	60
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70	75	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	60	60	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15-20	15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens	3	10	4
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	4	4	3
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	4	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	5	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	15-20	18	14-17
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	5	7

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## Parish Name and Address 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 September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

#### These two activities continue as in 2014

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.

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.

#### 2015

A new education program begins October 1, 2015. This is an introduction to the Orthodox Faith titled "Orthodoxy 101". Originally intended for non-Orthodox spouses but has resulted in many

parishioners attending. (25 weekly as of November 1). Simple introduction to Orthodox Church worship, doctrine, practice, etc.

St. Theodosius is the owner of a parish catering facility located adjacent to the Cemetery property in Brooklyn, Ohio. The business has been in decline for several years and the Parish Council appointed a new committee to oversee and develop a plan for rejuvenation. Sale of the property was considered but given the current real estate market it was determined that it would be better to improve the business. A new manager was hired and the improvement is in progress. This, unfortunately, has consumed much time for the Priest, the Council and committee. It is our hope that this will level out over the next year.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

St. Theodosius participates in the are food bank with Merrick House, an established community outreach group in the Tremont area for many years.

We also participate in their annual Angel Tree gifts for needy children during the Christmas Season.

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

#### As in 2014:

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.

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.

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.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

The parish will celebrate its 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this September.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	200	200	200
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	135	140	140
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		130	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	35	35-40	35-40
Number of Catechumens			3
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	2	4	5
Funerals	4	9	14
Marriages	1	0	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		9	12
Adult Education/Number Participating	16	18	32

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#### Parish Name and Address

Photo

St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church 2219 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201



#### Clergy

Fr. Matthew Moriak-Rector Fr. Daniel Rentel (retired, attached), Fr. Stephen Frase (attached)

Fr. James Sizemore (attached) Fr. Benjamin Johnson (attached)

#### **Committees/Societies**

St. Elizabeth Group, St. John of Kronstadt Men's Group, "O" Club chapter, Prayer group, Charities, Outreach, Book Club, Library Committee, Bookstore, Scholarship Committee

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- -Community Outreach continues to grow and expand. In addition to the four weekly meals, the food pantry, etc. bagged lunches have been prepared to be available whenever there is a need
- -The expansion plans have continued. We have worked with the architects we hired and have finalized the design plans. Are in the process of determining a final cost from contractors and continuing fundraising
- -2015 has been a year with a focus on the Sacrament of Confession, encouraging more frequent participation in this Sacrament.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

- -a portion of all pledged donations to the Church automatically goes into our charities fund. Charities continues to support people in need in our parish, community, the Diocese, our seminaries and throughout the world.
- -our parish "O" Club chapter has their primary focus on outreach and charity, supporting projects in the parish, the community and throughout the Orthodox world.
- -our outreach program was highlighted above

Major Challenges Faced

-as always noted, parking will always be a challenge.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

- -with the start of our 2015-16 Church school year, we are trying something different for our parish, by having classes prior to Liturgy.
- -continued focus on the next steps in our expansion project
- -looking forward to a visit from Bishop Paul in late January, 2016

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	104	102	102
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	120	120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	110	110	110
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	30-40	30-40	30-40
Number of Catechumens	5 (plus several inquirers)	5 (plus several inquirers)	4 (plus several inquirers)
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	4 (6 if dated back to last year's Assembly)	1	3
Funerals	0	1	1
Marriages	0	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	Apprx. 40	Apprx. 40	Apprx. 40
Adult Education/Number Participating	Approx. 25	Approx. 25	Approx. 25

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
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. "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)

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- 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

Food for the poor

#### Major Challenges Faced

- Financial challenges
- Our 100 year old church building is in constant need of repairs
- Pending repairs and other expenses: Mortgage, church roof, gathers, windows and some of the interior areas damaged by the roof leak, forthcoming winter heating expenses, insurance, and ongoing utility bills.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

- November 11, 2015 – Fr. Miroljub's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination into Priesthood

#### - January 2-3, 2016 – His Grace, Bishop Paul's first Hierarchical visit

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	15 (Dues paying members)	15 (Dues paying members)	12 (Dues paying members)
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	50	50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	35	45	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	25	20
Number of Catechumens	2	2	1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	3	7	6
Funerals	3	3	4
Marriages	2	3	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	14	20	18
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	25	19

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St. Vladimir's Chapel
St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church
Camp and Retreat
Center

2795 Wakefield Creek
Road
Farmdale, Ohio

#### Clergy

Archpriest John Memorich, Priest-in-charge

Dn Daniel & Mat. Catrina Kovalak, Camp Directors

#### **Committees/Societies**

Camp Committee

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- There were multiple clean-up sessions to get the camp ready for summer sessions
- Three successful weeks of camp were held (despite the rainy weather)
- I scheduled Fr. Alessandro Margheritino to be the resident priest during the first session of camp. This camp was comprised of 7–11 year olds and there were 32 campers during this week.
- I had Fr. Joseph McCartney do the second week of camp, which was the FOCA's Junior Olympics week. 64 campers participated.
- During the third week, Session II, I scheduled Fr. Jonathan Colcher. There were 49 campers, ages 12–17.
- Donna Tesar organized the cooking for sessions I and II, and Linda Livosky handled the

week of the FOCA's Junior Olympics.

• His Grace, Bishop Paul came up to camp on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15, which coincided with the camp and chapel's patronal feast (St. Vladimir). I invited the entire deanery clergy to concelebrate services and to interact with the kids. Following a wonderful liturgy, we processed through the camp to bless all of the buildings and then gathered at a small shrine erected in memory of Archbishop Job. There a Trisagion was sung followed by a short reminiscence of how much the Archbishop enjoyed coming to camp and being with the kids.

On a side note, there have not only been many friendships which have been forged at the camp over the years, but a number of couples have met and gotten married because of camp. The most recent was my own son and daughter in law on Memorial Day weekend. They both attended camp and continued on in years as camp counselors – even this summer as a married couple!

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Those children who came to camp were asked to bring items for care packages that could be packaged and distributed to the homeless or those in crisis.

#### Major Challenges Faced

The camp is doing well and is run well, but we could always use more money for repairs and renovations.

We are discussing the possibility of erecting another cabin because of growing numbers of children coming.

We are also in the process of deciding on a new pavilion.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

This coming year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp's purchase and we would like to hold a Family Day at camp to mark the event.

	As of	As of	As of
	September 1,	September 1,	September 1,
	2013	2014	2015
Supporting Membership Count			
	September	September	September
	2012 thru	2013 thru	2014 thru
	August 2013	August 2014	August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			
Number of Catechumens			
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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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 Welcome Committee St. Mary Altar Society Outreach Committee The Men's Club F.O.C.A	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Lakewood Arts Fest Madison Ave food Festival Steak Roast	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol> <li>Collect for the Lakewood local food banks</li> <li>Collect for St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality</li> <li>Collect for St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Monastery</li> <li>Collect for Monastery Marcha</li> <li>Help and support the St. Panteleimon Orthodox Christian Outreach</li> </ol>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol> <li>Membership</li> <li>Up keep of the Church building</li> </ol>	

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016** 

Sept 12 2015 Madison Ave food Festival

Oct 3, 2015 Annual Steak Roast
June 29 2016 the Feast day of the Church
July 9 2016 Family day picnic
Aug 6, 2016 Lakewood Arts Fest
Sept 10 2016 Madison Ave food Festival

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	30	28	26
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	40	44	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	32	25
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	4	5
Number of Catechumens			2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	1	2	1
Funerals	1	2	1
Marriages	1		
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2		
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	3	2
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	5	2

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Saints Peter & Paul 2238 E 32nd St Lorain, OH 44055 www.OrthodoxLorain.org	

#### Clergy

Priest Joseph McCartney, Rector Archpriest Basil Stoyka, Retired, Attached Protodeacon Edward Kolenda Deacon Basil McNary Riasaphor Monk Vladimir

#### **Committees/Societies**

PTO

Men's Club Sunday School Altar Sisterhood Choir

#### Since September 2014

#### **Highlights of Top Three Activities**

- The parish has had a smooth transition since Fr Basil retired on Dec. 31, and Fr Joseph began on January 1. The parish has been receptive and cooperative during the transition period. As with any pastoral change, some people leave, new people come and fallen away people return. This has been the case here at Ss Peter and Paul as well. One positive highlight is the presence of quite a few new children in the parish.
- The parish is resurrecting the Church School program. An organized program has not existed in several years due to the lack of children. The proposed plan of the Church School for ages K-5th grade will be part in-Church lessons and part in-home lessons. For Middle School and High School students, there will be more formal instruction with the parish priest on topics pertaining to the Faith and Orthodox Life. Adult Education has also taken on a new look. Instead of a Bible Study or class on a weekday evening, Adult Education classes have been moved to coffee hour 2 Sundays a month. This makes it possible for all present to stay, and so far most present do stay.
- Our Church festival continues to grow and be a presence in the community. This year our parish and festival got quite a bit of coverage in local newspapers. Over 2,000 people from the community made their way through our church property when they normally wouldn't.

#### **Outreach and Charitable Activities**

- Our parish continues to be as philanthropic as we can. During the St Tikhon's Mission Choir visit, over \$11,000 was raised and given to the Seminary. We continue to support St. Herman's house of Hospitality in Cleveland with monetary and food donations. The highlight of our support to St Herman's is always our Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, in which over 100 turkeys and Thanksgiving type foods are donated from our parish.
- Outreach to Oberlin college students.

#### **Major Challenges Faced**

- Major Challenges faced are typical of 100 year old parishes. They neighborhoods where the church was founded has changed over the years, the parishioners have died off, moved away or their children have left the faith. But our people are not afraid of these challenges, but rather we are excited to do what we can in the community that we are. We welcome visitors and are happy to have them.

#### Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016

- 103rd anniversary November of 2015
- Parish Iconography to be Finished
- Alaska Outreach Fundraiser, Fall 2015
- St. Tikhon's Fund Raiser, May 2016
- Annual Cookie Walk

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	87		90
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50		60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	45		50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	13		20
Number of Catechumens	0		0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	1		2

Funerals	3	1
Marriages	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		11
Adult Education/Number Participating	18	30

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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. Father Emilian Hutnyan	

#### **Committees/Societies**

Parish Council
Fish Fry Workers
R Club
Jr. R Club
Bible Study
Church School
Hall Rental

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Baptism of 2 youngsters, one aged 4, the other aged 8.

Marriage of a young couple who relocated from Arizona. The groom will be to studying the Orthodox Faith from his Roman Catholic background.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Holiday Giving Tree – Gift Cards collected and then given to the local Knights of Columbus who have a charity called "Ray's Kids". They disburse to the most needy children and families of Maple Heights.

Prepared a packet of useful information including food banks in the area and facilities that can be of help to someone when they come to our door for help

Monthly Charity Collection

Open our hall for the city of Maple Heights to use at no charge for their city fundraisers Local Boy Scout Troop meets weekly at our hall free of charge

Sponsoring a local Police Officers daughter with a fundraiser to help her raise funds to compete in the Olympics

Open our hall free of charge for a fundraiser for a family of the Scout Troop who is facing leukemia and cannot work or support his family

Starting up a quarterly youth evening to encourage the youth and young adults of our parish to meet and do community service such as caroling at Christmas, and serving at St. Herman's House.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Age of parishioners

Poor Attendance at certain times of the year, mainly summer months

When parishioners are not in attendance and are not sending in a monthly pledge

Trying to compete with the youth and their secular schedules, which seem to take precedence over Sunday Liturgy.

#### Only 46 out of 92 pay assessments

Trying to find a good day and time to hold Bible Study that will be good for the majority of the parish.

Lack of participants in Church School, we are going to home schooling this year.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

We are planning an event to celebrate Fr. Emil's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination, hoping to hold early January, based upon His Grace's schedule to be with us. We are planning a banquet.

We have several fundraising and fellowship ideas planned which include: Annual Steak Roast, Several Fun Lunches at coffee hour, St. Nicholas Brunch and gifts for the children.

We would like to start to plan for a Festival for our parish possibly ethnic food and music on our grounds for the neighborhood.

Wine and Cheese evenings after Vespers

St. Andrew Day Celebration on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Parish Picnic

Ladies Craft Lunches following Liturgy - Fall Cemetery wreath class and lunch planned Ice Cream Social for our youth

Wedding of a couple who will be joining the parish

Baptism of a new child born, and also the upcoming birth of twins. We have had six new babies born to our parish in the last two years.

	As of	As of	As of
	September 1,	September 1,	September 1,
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	60	60	46

	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	60	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	40	40	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	15	15
Number of Catechumens	1	1	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	3	2
Funerals	2	4	2
Marriages	1	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	1	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	8-10	8-10	8-10
Adult Education/Number Participating	Approx 10	Approx 10	Approx 10

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#### Parish Name and Address

Photo

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 110 East Main Street Marblehead, Ohio 43440 419-798-4591



Clergy

Archpriest David A. Lis

#### Committees/Societies

Finance Committee Festival Committee

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Memorial Day Yard & Bake Sale Halupki Festival

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Danbury Food Pantry Heartbeat Pregnancy Center "Joyful Connections" – supervised family visitation center for divorced couples Ottawa County Holiday Bureau

#### Major Challenges Faced

Keeping young families in the parish with such limited full-time employment opportunities in what is essentially a resort area. This coupled with high real estate values makes it very difficult for young couples to move into the area or to remain in it after college.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

Memorial Day Yard & Bake Sale 2016 Halupki Festival Lighthouse Festival held in October

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>		23	26
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		30	24
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		18	12
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	6
Number of Catechumens		2	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms		1	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	N/A
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	N/A

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Nicholas 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd Mentor, OH 44060	
Clergy	

Very Reverend Fr Andrew Clements Subdeacon Leonard Heim

#### Committees/Societies

Parish Council

**Altar Crew** 

Choir

Church School

Adult Class - Sunday morning, Tuesday Evening

Coffee Hour

Womens Book Study Group

Kitchen Crew (raises money for special projects)

Cleaning Crew

**Grounds Crew** 

Landscaping Crew

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Annual Blood Drive initiated

New Bookstore - Kiosk wall mounted Cabinetry completed

Next phase of Iconograpy in planning stage

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Prepare and serve lunch quarterly at St James Soup Kitchen

The Uganda Children's Fund (two parishoners on site 6 mo each year)

St Juliana the Merciful Society initiated (provides meals to those in need)

Provided funding for 65 new outfits for Uganda Children

Provided infant needs - Birthright of Geauga County

Inner parish charity distribution

Distribute 100 complete Turkey Dinners for Thanksgiving

Major Challenges Faced

Getting people to serve on the Parish Council

Finding Church School Teachers

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

Upcoming Parish Wedding
1st Annual Mel Tintor Blood Drive – Oct 2

St Nicholas Day Celebration – Banquet & Childrens's original Play

2 Chrismations planned for Christmas

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>		114	122
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		140	150
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			25
Number of Catechumens			2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			7
Funerals			1
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			50
Adult Education/Number Participating			40

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#### **Parish Name and Address**

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 755 S Cleveland Ave Mogadore, OH 44260





#### Clergy

V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutsky 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. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

#### Since September 2014

#### Highlights of Top Three Activities

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.

Our Long range planning committee together with parish council continue to prepare for our upcoming centennial in 2017.

Last year we began our blessings in a backpack program where, through the generous donations of our faithful we have begun to provide weekend meal items to as many as 40 school children in a local school district whose families may not be able to provide meals for them.

#### 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.

We are also working to begin a sponsorship program for a married seminarian and their family.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Our major challenges continue to be Finances and membership. After losing almost 30 members to repose over the past few years our stewardship program which seemed to have been working in supporting the parish has again begun to struggle leaving us reliant once again on our Festival and Church hall to provide much needed operational funds. Though we have taken on various outreach programs we continue to struggle in an economically challended area to add new members to the Church

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

2015 Something Russian Festival October 6 & 7 November 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 – 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	149	144	140
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	135	120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	125	115	115
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10-20	10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens	3	1	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	1	2
Funerals	20	4	9
Marriages	0	1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	30	20	20

Adult Education/Number	15	10	10
Participating	13	10	10

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#### Parish Name and Address

### **St Innocent Orthodox Church** 8526 Usher Rd – PO Box 38208 Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

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#### Clergy

Rev. Fr. Alessandro Margheritino

Pdn. Michael Timko

#### Committees/Societies

Community meal, Sunshine Committee, Library Committee, Youth Group, Outreach, Grounds management, Facilities, Church school, Women's fellowship, Scholarship Committee

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Church beautification and Hall improvement project continued Creation of the St Innocent Orthodox Church Scholarship Website Redesign & Expansion of the Parish Education Program

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Monthly free community meal served at the parish (avg. 90 persons). Monthly serving at St Herman House of Hospitality—FOCUS. Monthly Produce Distribution in partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank. Monthly Charity Donations and recently re-established involvement with IOCC and OCMC.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Creating a stronger sense of community/fellowship - we are a very widely-spaced congregation. Striving to be the vibrant Orthodox Christian community that God calls us to be.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

6 Oct 2015, 32nd anniversary of the parish. Episcopal visit November 1, 2015.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	95	95	96
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	97	98	100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	85	85	87
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	21	21	26
Number of Catechumens	3	2	1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	1	3	2
Funerals	1	1	1
Marriages	0	1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	25	25	28
Adult Education/Number Participating	16	13	20

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## Parish Name and Address Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Rd Parma, OH 44134



#### Clergy

V. Rev. Alexander Garklavs, Rector

V. Rev. John Klembara, Retired-Attached

Protodeacon Anthony Kall

#### Committees/Societies

Parish Council, Church School, Choir, St Elizabeth Reading Group, Readers, Charities - Outreach Committee, Greeters Committee, Men's Club, Women's Club, LaCoupole Bookstore

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Fr. Thomas Hopko's Last Public Lecture (on Iconography - 10.10.14)

Hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> Eastern Christian Seminar (October, 2014)

Visit of His Grace, Bishop Paul (3.1.15) and hosting the Cleveland-area Sunday of Orthodoxy

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Funding a apartment-room for homeless at St. Herman House of Hospitality

Monthly food preparation and serving at St. Herman House of Hospitality

#### Major Challenges Faced

New membership, developing more effective outreach, maintenance issues for large and aging physical plant.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

Spiritual Retreat with Fr. John Behr (10.10.15)

Hosting Educational Retreat for "Zoe for Life!" (October, 2015)

Adult Education Program (Fall – Winter, 2015)

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	168	168	168
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	125	130	130
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	80	80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	30	30	25
Number of Catechumens	2	2	1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	1	1	4
Funerals	3	4	9
Marriages	1	4	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	27	29	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	NA	NA	20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church	
2220 Reeves Road NE	
Warren, OH 44483	
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Clergy	

Fr. Jonathan H. Cholcher, Rector

#### Committees/Societies

Parish Council

St. John's Sisterhood

St. John's Society (Youth/teens)

#### Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- 1. First phase of Church iconography project began in August 2015.
- 2. Several births and receptions of converts into the Parish.
- 3. Parish efforts and improvements demonstrating a high degree of Christian concord.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

- 1. Fish Dinners in the Fall & Winter of the year (concluding before Great Lent)/Sausage Sales twice a year
- 2. Distribution of Food Boxes to needy families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Pascha
- 3. Food Pantry for needy persons
- 4. Giving of gifts to needy children at Christmas
- 5. Public events such as the Mahoning River Blessing at Theophany

#### Major Challenges Faced

- 1. Maintaining our Orthodox way amid the mores of a non-Christian society.
- 2. Retention and regularity of participation of members.

#### **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

- 1. First official Episcopal visit of Bishop Paul the last weekend in September & presentation of a Synodal Grammota to former Rector Archbishop Peter Pawlack for 50 years of priestly service.
- 2. Completion of first phase of Church iconography project before Christmas.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	85	82	84
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	90	90	90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	80	80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	15	15
Number of Catechumens	3	5	2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	3	3	2
Funerals	6	6	3
Marriages		1	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	4	
Church School/Number Enrolled			15
Adult Education/Number Participating			50