

**CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**  
**September, 2016**

**TRANSITIONS**

**Fr John Beal transferred from St Nicholas, Joliet, to Bulgarian Diocese.**  
**Fr Daniel Doss transferred from Holy Apostles, Bloomington to attachment, St. Luke, Palos Hills.**  
**Fr. David Gresham appointed rector, Holy Apostles, Bloomington, eff. 8/1.**  
**Fr. Maximos Cabey transferred from St. Matthew, Green Bay to attachment SS Cyril & Methodius, Milwaukee, eff. 9/1.**  
**Deacon Bryan Constantine Bodien ordained 1/8 at Holy Theophany Chapel, William's Bay, WI, 1/9; attached to SS Cyril & Methodius, Milwaukee.**  
**Pending: Assignment of Fr Eugene Wozniak to St Matthew, Green Bay.**

**New chapel: St Luke Chapel, New Lenox, IL – an outreach of St Luke, Palos Hills.**

**Thanks to Fr John Matusiak and Fr Ned Lunic for substituting regularly at St Nicholas in Joliet during the pastoral vacancy this year, and to those others who have supplied occasionally as well.**

**MEETINGS**

**The Deanery has regular meetings in September, November, January or February, and June, as well as one meeting in conjunction with a Sunday Vespers in Lent. Our meetings consist of a considerable discussion of the readings for the coming Sunday, a business portion, and discussion or strategy session relating to some issue or theme of current concern.**

**We also have a clergy family dinner on one of the Sundays after Pascha, and sometimes a Christmas Dinner on the Sunday after the feast.**

**LENTEN VESPERS**

**Parishes from the Chicago, Milwaukee, and NE Indiana areas take turns hosting Sunday Vespers in Great Lent, with talks or homilies at each. This year the homilies followed Gospel lessons of the early days of Holy Week. Hosting parishes this year were: Archangel Michael, Burbank; Christ the Savior, Chicago;**

**Holy Resurrection, Palatine; Holy Theophany Chapel, William's Bay; and Holy Trinity Cathedral (Palm Sunday Bridegroom Matins).**

### **YOUTH CAMPS**

**Winter camp (2/13-15) and summer camp (7/6-10) took place at Edwards YMCA Camp in East Troy, Wisconsin – an excellent facility which we have used for about ten years. Campers came from the following parishes:**

**SS Cyril & Methodius, Milwaukee; Holy Theophany Chapel, William's Bay; Holy Resurrection, Palatine; St Joseph, Wheaton; Holy Trinity Cathedral; Christ the Savior, Chicago; St Panteleimon, Summit; St Peter & St Paul, Burr Ridge; St Luke, Palos Hills; and Holy Protection, Royalton, IL.**


**Counselors were Helen Metanchuk & Pat Labun of St Joseph's, Fr Tom Mueller, Protodcn. George Potym, and Daria Mueller of SS Cyril & Methodius. Frs. Tom & George shared coordination. Gordana Trbuhovic of Orthodox Christians for Healthy Youth gave a presentation on teen substance abuse prevention.**

**- Fr Thomas Mueller, Dean**

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2016


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Archangel Michael Orthodox Church</b> <b>8301 S. LeClaire Ave.</b> <b>(5037 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – Rectory)</b> <b>Burbank, IL 60459</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Priest Gregory Bruner – Rector	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council “O” Club/Jr. “O” Club	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bishop Paul made a visitation and celebrated the first Presanctified Liturgy of Great Lent. Fr. Gregory was awarded the nabadrennik and kamilavka.</li> <li>2. Annual Paschal BBQ. This event began four years ago and is looked forward to as a way to break the Fast. Father Gregory supplies the meat and mans the grill, with everyone else bringing sides and desserts. An egg hunt also takes place for the younger children.</li> <li>3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – Held Annually after the Dormition Fast (8/21 this year), we had a wonderful turnout from the neighboring parishes.</li> </ol>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Donations are regularly made to the local food pantry.</li> <li>2. Grocery cards are on hand to give to those looking for help buying food.</li> <li>3. Fr. Gregory attempts to be visible in the community whenever possible.</li> </ol>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With 3 OCA churches, as well as 5 other canonical Orthodox Churches (3 GOA, 1 AOCA, 1 UOC), in the immediate vicinity, the mission field is somewhat saturated. This is exacerbated by the continued exploration of mission planting in the area.</li> <li>2. Visitors come but rarely return in spite of the fact that this is the most welcoming parish I have ever been affiliated with, Orthodox or otherwise. Any feedback given has been positive, so there is no clear reason for this trend.</li> <li>3. An aging parish population. While experience and institutional memory can be a blessing, it can also prove a hindrance when thoughts drift to “what was”. There is a desire to do more, but a feeling of helplessness when imagining the energy necessary.</li> </ol>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish (Nov. 8, 2017)</li> <li>2. Annual Feast Day Luncheon (Nov. 13, 2016)</li> <li>3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2017 (Sunday after Dormition)</li> </ol>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	30	30	30
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	30	25	25
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	26	20	20
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	1	2	2
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	0	1
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	0	1
<b>Funerals</b>	2	2	3
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	0	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	0	4-5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church 6980 S. County Line Road Burr Ridge, IL. 60527 630-323-3525 <a href="http://www.orthodoxssp.org">www.orthodoxssp.org</a>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Herman Kincaid, Rector Rev. Dn. John Kornafel, Parish Deacon Rev. Dn. Mark Sauskojus, Parish Deacon	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
FOCA Chapter 96, Choir, Church School (Pre-K through High School), Sunshine Committee, Outreach & Evangelism, Charity, Property, Capital Improvements, Community, Education, Women's Fellowship Group, Children's Choir, Greeters, Maintenance, Altar Servers, Church Beautification Crew, Handmaidens, Prospora Bakers	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<u>Community</u> : Annual Youth Christmas Program (Dec); FOCA National Convention (July)	
<u>Temple</u> : Iconography Project (May)	
<u>Liturgical</u> : Retirement celebration for Mr. John Sutko (January)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly collections in support of various charities: Zoe for Life, Martha & Mary House, St. Innocent's Orphanage in Mexico, Blessings in a Backpack (child hunger prevention), Diocese of Midwest Kenyan Motorbike Fund, Fr. Stephen Karaffa Scholarship Fund at St. Tikhon's Seminary, IOCC, Family Rescue (domestic violence care), Guildhaus (men's substance abuse support), St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral (fire), Kiwanis (children's hospital outreach). Monthly Healing Service, 2 Adult Education Series; weekly support of the West Suburban Food Pantry; Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter; Youth service projects. Monthly visit/service at Eve Assisted Living Retirement Home.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Implementing our parish mission statement. Evangelization of new members. Increasing attendance at divine services, worship and prayer as we follow the word of Christ.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
Annual Godparent/Godchild Blessing & Luncheon (Jan. 2017) Annual Parish Meeting (Feb. 2017) 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet (April, 2017) Annual Parish Picnic/Kermesh (July 2017) Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament (Summer of 2017)	

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	125	130	135
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	115	115	108
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	75	80	77
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	15	15	17
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	10	3
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	7	6
<b>Funerals</b>	4	3	8
<b>Marriages</b>	1	2	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	3	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	58	54	53
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	20	25	20

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<b>St. Makarios Mission</b> <b>c/o Fr. Elijah Mueller</b> <b>1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St.</b> <b>Chicago, IL 60615</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Elijah Mueller	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Orthodox Christian Chaplaincy / Fellowship, University of Chicago and Illinois Institute of Technology	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic Orthodox Vespers in conjunction with conference on Middle Eastern Religious minorities</li> <li>• Graduations of masters and doctoral students and high school students heading to college.</li> <li>• Educational programs on history of liturgy lead by doctoral student in Liturgy, senior year college prep Orthodoxy class, art/education program for pre-k.</li> <li>• Wedding of former members who met as students in our parish</li> </ul>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic Orthodox Vespers in conjunction with conference on Middle Eastern Religious minorities</li> <li>• Work project with undocumented, unaccompanied minors</li> <li>• Ongoing work with OCF, assisting in new OCF set-up at Illinois Institute of Technology</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Growth, transience of members, funding.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student/ University program-making prayer ropes</li> <li>• New parish education initiatives</li> <li>• Regular Wednesday student outreach campus table</li> </ul>	


	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	13	13	13
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	32+ during school year	~32 during school year	~30
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	~24	~24	~24
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	10+ during school year	~10 during school year	8/school year
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	0	0
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	1	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	6	8	8
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	20+	~20	~24



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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Christ the Savior Orthodox Christian Church</b> <b>927 N. La Salle Dr.</b> <b>Chicago, IL 60610</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest John Baker, Rector & Dean Deacon Theophan Warren, Attached	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Choir Greeter Ministry Property Management & Maintenance Ministry	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ordination of John Kennerk to the diaconate. Dn. John is in his third and final year at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Dn. John and his family were received into the Orthodox Church at Christ the Savior, October 2011</li> <li>2. Father John was elevated to Archpriest in June. As a gift for his 12 years of service to the parish and in honor of his elevation, the parish presented Father John and his family with a two week, all expense paid vacation to Alaska.</li> <li>3. 32 Children from three parishes in the Chicago area participated in our 6th annual Vacation Church School which is held during the last week of the Dormition Fast each year.</li> </ol>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual Little Village Thanksgiving Meal.</li> <li>2. Mission trip to San Miguel de Lago Boarding School (formerly Hogar Raphael Ayau Orphanage) in Guatemala.</li> <li>3. Our food pantry continues to help feed those in need who come to our doors.</li> <li>4. A group of Coptic Orthodox youth continue to meet in the Diocesan Center on a weekly basis.</li> <li>5. A percentage of our operating budget continues to go to our "parish tithe." Preference is given, but not limited to local recipients.</li> <li>6. Active prison ministry at local federal prison, Metropolitan Correctional Facility.</li> <li>7. Seminarian support for 2 parishioners attending St Tikhon's Seminary.</li> </ol>	

Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lack of parking.</li> <li>2. Lack of meeting space for fellowship and church school.</li> </ol>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Little Village Thanksgiving Meal</li> <li>2. Mission trip to Guatemala</li> </ol>

Table 2

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	58	58	64
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	85	75	90
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	60	55	75
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	30	19	25
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	9	2	5
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
<b>Baptisms</b>	5	10	10
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	3	2	0

<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	32	29	29
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	varies	varies	varies

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Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622	
<b>Clergy</b>	
His Grace, Bishop PAUL, Rector Archpriest John S. Adamcio, Dean Deacon Thomas Keith	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood Society of St. John (Kovhurov) St. Tabitha Needlework Circle Building and Restoration	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Restoration of south windows Participation in Chicago Architectural Foundation "Open House" Visit of Viktoria Postnikova (wife of Maestro Gennady Rozhdestvensky)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
St. Tabitha Needlework Circle Give room for 5 AA groups Open House Chicago Saturday Docents (tours)	
Major Challenges Faced	
Membership definition Finances Restoration	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
<i>St. John of Chicago Day, October 29-30, 2016</i> Presentation of Our Lady of Tikhvin replica to the Cathedral, and blessing Synaxis of the Saints of Holy Trinity icon written by Arlene Tilghman. <i>125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cathedral</i> June 11, 2017	

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	100	100	100
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	68	73	75
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	61	65	71
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	7	6	5
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	8	4
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	7	4
<b>Funerals</b>	4	4	4
<b>Marriages</b>	3	1	5
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	3	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	18	20	18
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	6	5	5

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St. Nicholas 1018 Barber Ln Joliet IL 60435	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Office of rector vacant. Consequently, this report is limited to statistics for this year.	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			30
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			32
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			23
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			Na
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			1
<b>Funerals</b>			2
<b>Marriages</b>			1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			na

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<b>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</b> <b>4313 18th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Stephen Hrycyniak Archpriest Basil Aden, Attached Archpriest Alexis Fedec, Retired Emeritus	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
St. Nicholas Brotherhood Holy Trinity Sisterhood	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Oktoberfest Presentation by Priestmonk Mark of New Gracanica Monastery Parish Picnic at Pringle Nature Center	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Sandwich Sunday St. Nicholas Martial Arts Dojo for Area Youth Parish Enabling Gardening Beds—Organic produce for area homeless.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Adjusting to a working priest balancing chaplaincy and parish ministry.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
Oktoberfest Parish Feastday Celebration—Fish Fry Parish Feastday Celebration—Presentation on Consumerism by Fr. Gregory Jensen Parish Picnic at Pringle Nature Center Parish Blini/Maslenitsa	

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016




<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>		50	50
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>		50	55
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>		35	40
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>		5	6
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		1	1
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>		2	0
<b>Funerals</b>		0	0
<b>Marriages</b>		3	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>		0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		12	12
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		35	30

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<b>PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> <b>8600 Grand Blvd.</b> <b>Merrillville, IN 46410</b> <b>219-947-4748 – Church</b> <b>219-947-5750 – Priest's Office</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Priest John S. Russin, Acting Rector Protopresbyter George Havrila, Retired Hieromonk John (Merrick), Retired	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council PTVM Choir St. Mary's Sodality ("Altar Society") O Club (Outreach & Missions) Church School Parent-Teacher Council (children's activities)	Bookstore St. Clement group
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
104 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Patronal Feast) Open House (targeting 2 recently closed Orthodox parishes & our own lapsed parishioners) Golf Outing	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
"Feed the Flock" (providing Saturday lunches for local needy on a quarterly basis, in participation with other local community churches) Continued participation in the Winfield Food Pantry Food Drive for Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage St. Nicholas Children's Service Project "Pet Drive" for area Humane Society Holiday Bake Sales Sodality Rummage Sales Sodality Vendor Craft Sale	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Continuing paying balance on our mortgage	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>			
Sodality Fall & Spring Rummage Sales 105 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Patronal Feast Day (Oct. 1-2, 2016) Sodality Vendor Craft Sale Thanksgiving & Paschal Bake Sales Annual Yolka Program Fashion/Style Show Golf Outing			

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	103	100	95
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	72	71	73
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	54	42	43
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	6	8-10	10
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		0	1
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	5	4	1
<b>Funerals</b>	2	7	4
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	22	20	22
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			12

# SDOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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<b>Saints Cyril and Methodius</b> <b>2505 S 30<sup>th</sup> Street</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI 53215-2829</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Rector          Priest John Jones          Protodeacon George Potym          Deacon Bryan Constantine Bodien</p> <p>Chapel dependencies: Holy Theophany, William's Bay, WI. Priest-in-charge John Jones;          pastoral team member Protodeacon George Potym.          St Herman, WestBend, WI. Priest-in-charge Gregory Madlom.</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>We do not have distinct organizations or societies in the parish, preferring to do things as a body. There is currently a group of recent Ethiopian immigrants meeting in the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month to do para-liturgical singing and praying in Amharic, with a little English homily by the rector.</p> <p>We sponsor a campus ministry at Marquette and Fr John Jones is the advisor for its OCF. Our OCF chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee needs to be revived. Fr Tom Mueller is the advisor.</p> <p>We participate actively in the Orthodox Clergy Syndesmos of (SE) Wisconsin and the Orthodox Christian Women's Association and a Pan-Orthodox young adult group. All local.</p>	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<p>Holy Week and Pascha through All Saints – Mysteries, services, fellowship, outreach. What could be more of a highlight?</p> <p>Neighborhood Block Party hosted by parish (7/20) &amp; Liturgy/Picnic in the Park (8/28)</p> <p>Creation of a Prayer Garden near our church entrance, providing a beautifully landscaped and sheltering place for prayer, resting, or quiet conversations in our urban neighborhood. This includes an icon kiosk with a box for prayer intentions which we take to the services inside. This was funded by a Parish Health Grant. The work was done by parishioners and neighbors.</p>	

Holy Theophany Chapel, William's Bay, WI.:

Visit by Bishop Paul for nameday Liturgy on Jn. 8<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of Water in chapel, and then Blessing of the Waters of Geneva Lake, followed by free brunch & swimming (indoors). 100 people attend this event annually.

Hosting of Chicago Deanery Lenten Vespers service on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Hosting Liturgy and feeding Chicago Deanery Youth Camp participants afterwards, on Sundays, 2/14 and 7/10. These are annual events,.

St Herman Chapel, West bend, WI:

Grew by 7 members this year – 1 baptism, 2 chrismations.

Initiating a study group this fall.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Frequent charitable appeals at the rectory door – funded from Gina Mueller Fund.

Provision and serving of hot meal monthly at women's and children's shelter downtown.

Provision and upkeep of much-used and needed kids' playground beside church for neighborhood and parish children.

Annual free neighborhood block party hosted and provided by parish – food, music, games, tours. This year featured Latin drumming circle.

Assistance to teachers working in inner city public schools; advocacy for public elementary, secondary, and college education and decent funding levels.

Participation in MICAHA, a local interfaith social and economic justice group.

OCF chaplaincies (see above).

Prayer Garden (see above).

Initiation of a neighborhood development organization, Layton Park South, meeting monthly in our hall. Issues are neighborhood safety, cleanliness, and unity in this diverse multi-cultural and multi-racial neighborhood.

Commitment to Roots Ethiopia sending famine relief directly to families.

Participation in Clergy Syndesmos group's effort to assist local refugee resettlement agency and to help provide for one or two Syrian refugee families, when the State Dept. has finished its exhaustive 1 – 2 year vetting of these refugees.

Participation annual Pan-Orthodox Youth Day in the spring and in Chicago Deanery Youth Camps.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Urban membership, including many immigrant families – modest financial resources. We are improving in stewardship and financial planning.

Participation in festal services and in the practice of Confession, given the diversity of Orthodox backgrounds from which our members come. This requires slow, patient, and steady work.

How to reach out and bring in newer Ethiopian immigrants. Our base Ethiopian membership consists of 15-20 families that have been in this country for 20 – 30 years.

Restarting of Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) OCF and ministry.


<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>
<p>90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of parish next year – plans not formed yet.          Holy Theophany Nameday celebration 1/14/17.          Annual Block Party and Liturgy/Picnic in the Park.          Fr Tom Mueller's knee replacement in October and hopefully excellent recovery.</p>

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	106	107	109 (plus 47 children)
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	80-90	80-90	85-90
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	60-70	65-75	65-75
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	2	5
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	7	7	7
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	1
<b>Marriages</b>	3	3	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4	1	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	30	26	26
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10	5	10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Holy Apostles Orthodox Church</b> <b>1670 West Hovey Avenue</b> <b>Normal, IL 61761</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. David Gresham	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
-Development and Growth Committee -Library and Book/gift store -Christian Education	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
-Dn. David Gresham attended St. Tikhon's Seminary for a year, was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 2, 2016 and assigned as Acting Rector on July 31. -Our 1 <sup>st</sup> annual Vacation Church School was held on one Saturday in July with 15 children participating. -The Sunday School program has grown to include about 17 regular students...we added another class to the program to make three classes instead of two.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. The parish continually collects food and donations, with special drives during the Nativity and Great Lent fasts.	
Major Challenges Faced	
-Continuing to pay off the mortgage (which is down 63% in the past 3 years, so we are making progress!) -Increasing charitable and outreach activities -Developing a fuller liturgical life now that we have a priest who lives in town -Maintaining active membership and attracting new members in our very mobile society	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
-Starting Adult Education program in September with weekly Bible Study on Wednesday nights after a short Daily Vespers.	


	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	23	25	29
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	30-35	35-40	38
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	35	35	30
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	3	8
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	1	2
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	6	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	11	14	17
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	One-on-one	One-on-one	One-on-one



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<b>Holy Resurrection</b> <b>1449 N. Quentin Road, POB 421</b> <b>Palatine, IL 60078</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Emmaus Adult Study Stewardship ministry	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Weekly education for youth and adults Annual Parish Dinner-Social Altar Feast following Pascha	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Monthly Parish Charity collection Christmas gifts for Cook County Dept. of Children and Family Services Annual donation to a priest's widow Preparation of at least two dinners for PADS Other collections for appeals Preparation of catechumens for entry into the Church by Anna Strelka, our lay catechist	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Replacement of our Church cupola	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>
None for this year.


	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	86	93	93
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	70-100	70-100	65-95
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	66-96	66-96	55-85
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12*</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	4	5	5
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	4	2
<b>Funerals</b>	4	5	5
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	3	2	4
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	26	22	27
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	12	12	12

\*These attendance and communicant numbers are “best guestimates”.

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church</b> <b>10700 S Kean Ave</b> <b>Palos Hills IL 60465</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Rector; Archpriest Andrew Harrison, Pastor Emeritus (Attached) Proto Deacon. Andrew Werbiansky Deacon. John Segvich	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
1) Welcomed Fr. Paul Jannakos as their new pastor upon the retirement of Fr. Andrew Harrison, who had pastored the parish for 19 years. 2) Provide Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 521 Women and Children housed and fed during season once a week from October to May. PADS food teams from 3 Orthodox churches and 2 from other Christian Churches. 3) 1 Missions Team of 6 to Hogar Raphael Orphanage Guatemala, 1 Mission team of 4 to the Navajo Reservation, YOCAMA sponsored, 1 Mission team of 3 to the Blackfoot Reservation YOCAMA sponsored, and 1 Mission Trip to Romania by Fr. Paul & Fr. Andrew for Drug & Alcohol education with the Orthodox Church in Romania.	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
\$950 a month to St. Luke's Chapel outreach in Mokena/New Lennox area. Donations given to Kenya for 2 motorcycles (for clergy). Monies offered to Orthodox Christian Fellowship, St. Luke Mission fund, OCMC – St. Dimitriu Center in Cluj, Romania, Ancient Faith Radio, and to IOCC for flooding in the South.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
St. Luke is still working with the Forest Preserve of Cook County in order to resolve some issues regarding its parking lot. The parish is also finishing its new Strategic Plan which has been two years in the making, which will focus on internal growth and external expansion.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	
Annual St. Luke Feast Day Great Vespers celebration to be held on Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> , at 7:00pm.	

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	124	126	128
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	112	97	101
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	112?	97?	97
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	10	10	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	1	4
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	6	0	3
<b>Funerals</b>	5	2	3
<b>Marriages</b>	3	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	2	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	67	64	61
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	35	30	45

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<b>Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Church</b> <b>111 North Fairdale Street</b> <b>P.O. Box 307</b> <b>Royalton. IL 62983-0307</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Frederick J.Janeček, Rector	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish council. Choir, Altar Servers. Forming ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WITNENESS in SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (OCWSI) A group dedicate to: proclaiming the Holy Gospel to every one in Southern Illinois (Royalton, Carbondale, Marion, Herrin, etc.) by word and example beyond the church walls. Christ is very clear in His great commission that the Gospel is to be proclaimed to “all the nations” (παντα τα εθνη), and “to every creature” (παση τη κτισει). In the Greek both St. Matthew’s (28:16-20) and St. Luke’s (24:44-49) Gospels record Jesus saying: “all the nations” παντα τα εθνη. Εθνη (ethne) is the word from which “ethnic” is derived. Εθνη means ethic groups or races. In the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-8), Jesus is instructing His apostles to give witness “to the end of the earth” (εως εσχατου της γης).	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Hierarchical visit and celebration of 100 <sup>th</sup> (101st) Anniversary Cabbage Roll Dinner Namesday celebration of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Chapel, Buckner, Il – Sept. 8 Children’s Christmas pageant.	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Visiting and ministering (anointing and communing0 to members in hospitals, nursing homes and home bound. Visiting and concelebrating the Divine Liturgy in the Federal Prison in Marion, IL Serving as volunteer chaplain in Herrin IL Serving on Ethic Committee at Herrin Hospital. Assisting at the Royalton food pantry. Attending meetings and events of ministerial alliances in Royalton, Herrin and Marion and the Carbondale Inter-faith council. Meeting with the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless. Meeting with the Race Unity Group of Carbondale Promoting Gamaliel in Southern Illinois..	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
The church is known in the community as “the Russian Church” where they have the delicious cabbage roll dinners. The church is not known as the Orthodox Church where the true faith is realized. Where two or thee or more are gathered together and Christ is present among them especially at the breaking of bread (the Divine Liturgy) as Christ commanded in His memory. There is a vestige of trusteeism and maintaining a deteriorating status quo. There was a lack of catechizing in the past and the young are not available to be catechized.	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>			
Church namesday, 102 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary, home coming. Founders' day, celebration commemorating all members of blessed memory including 13 miners reposed in the mine explosion of 1914.. Cabbage roller dinner. Presentations and Discussions on: (1) Development of the Holy Bible;; (2) Types of Religious Life. St. Maria (Skobtsova) of Paris;; (3) Great Command; (4) Great Commission;; (5) Death and Dying in St. John's Gospel and Father Alexander Schmemmann.; (6) Development and Content of the Divine Liturgy: (7) Forgiveness and Being in Communion (Hopko & Zizoulas).;(8) Life and Work of Elizabeth Behr-Sigel, Grandmother of Western Orthodox.			

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	40	30	27
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	35	30	27
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	35	28	25
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	7	10	12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	0	0
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	0	1
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	4
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	0	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	0	0

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<b>St Panteleimon Orthodox Church</b> <b>7545 W 61<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Summit, IL 60501</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector Rev. Anthony Spengler, Attached Proto-Deacon Robert Northrup	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Sisterhood	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Successful 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Community Block Party Annual Lamb Roast for Patronal Feast Renovation of Rectory / Church Basement	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Community Day Picnic / Orthodoxy 101 opened to the public, Christmas Morning feeding of the less fortunate & lonely, Monthly Healing service open to public, Bible Study Group open to public, Monthly special Collections for various organizations (i.e. OCMC, IOCC, etc)	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Getting young families back to church & working on consistent weekly offerings	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>			


	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	32	29	30
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	25-30	31	27
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	20	23	21
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	7	8	7
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	0	4
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	1	0
<b>Funerals</b>	3	2	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	4
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	15	8	5
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	10	12



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<b>St Joseph Orthodox Church</b> <b>412 Crescent St</b> <b>Wheaton, IL 60187</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Joseph Kopka Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk Archpriest John Matusiak Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
No formal structures of this sort other than the Parish Council and the staffs of the two Sunday Schools. All ministries are organized in a fluid manner based on the nature and duration of the outreach effort.	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. OCMC visit by Fr Martin Ritsi, Executive Director to St Joseph's in June 2016; \$2000.00 was raised for their work. 2. Hierarchical visitation by Bishop Paul 9 & 10 April. 3. Overhaul of Sunday School, curriculum, addition of extra teachers, etc	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parish supports the Peoples Resource Center, a local food bank and social services agency. Volunteers from our parish help distribute food once a month.</li> <li>2. Food is collected to supply the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.</li> <li>3. Annual School Supply donation drive for needy children of Du Page County.</li> <li>4. Christmas gift drives for Du Page County Rehabilitation Center and the PRC.</li> <li>5. Participation in the September Meet-n-Greet for area churches at Wheaton College.</li> <li>6. Rotational clergy responsibility for the invocation prayer at Wheaton City Council meetings.</li> </ol>
Major Challenges Faced
Negotiation and implementation of a repayment plan for Assessment arrears.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Back to School picnic – Sun 11 Sep</li> <li>2. Young Families Night – Thu 22 Sep</li> <li>3. St Joe's Restaurant Outing – early Nov</li> <li>4. Annual visit of Bishop Paul for Old Calendar Nativity Liturgy – 07 Jan 2017</li> </ol>

	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	290	291	287
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	8a – 20-25 930-200-250 1130a-40-80	8a-15-25 930a-200-250 1130a-40-80	8a-15-20 930a-200-250 1130a-40-80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	No formal count is taken. Most at 930a, least at 8a.	Same	Same
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15-25/30</b>	<b>15-25</b>	<b>15-20</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	3	4
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	11	15	21
<b>Funerals</b>	1	8	2
<b>Marriages</b>	5	4	4
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	7	1	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	930a-107 1130a-31	930a-118 1130a-30	930a-115 1130a-30
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	15-25	15-25	20-35