# **Cleveland Deanery Supplement to Parish Reports**

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. She's recovering from major surgery and will begin very aggressive chemotherapy in a few weeks. The Cleveland Deanery has donated \$1,000 to the Hutnyans for any necessities during this difficult time. Others can help by donating at www.gofundme.com.

Fr Yves Babich is doing remarkably well following surgery to remove a brain tumor. If all goes well, he will return to the altar on Oct 16.

Fr Basil & Nadean Stoyka recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. There was an excellent turn out of both clergy and laity at the reception held in their honor.

143 campers participated over three weeks at St Vladimir's Camp in Green Township Ohio.

A Subdeacon's Workshop took place on Saturday, Sept 10 at St Theodoosius Cathedral with 35 attendees from four parishes participating. Dean Daniel Boreo headed up the workshop and Bishop Paul was also there to stand in for himself for the vesting portion.

As of September 1, 2016

email completed form to chancery@domoca.org by September 1

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

# Holy Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church

5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights, OH 44147

www.stmichaelscleveland.org

frjmem@ohiocoxmail.com



# 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 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Fr. Thomas Soroka was our guest lecturer at our annual Fr. Prislopsky Dinner Lecture. Fr. Thomas' topic was entitled: An Orthodox Perspective on the Religion of Islam." Close to 200 parishioners and visitors participated in this timely, and interesting, lecture.

In June the parish hosted a special banquet in honor of Fr. John's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as rector.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

We give parish tours to the area colleges and schools

We maintain an active Web Site and Facebook page which is posted to daily. Our Facebook page has well over 10,000 followers!

We support and champion various 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

Over the summer we began a \$100,000 renovation of our Church's lower level. This project includes building a new classroom, enlarging our bookstore/gift shop, and erecting new partitioned classrooms for our Sunday school.

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

Annual Prislopsky Lecture

Archpastoral visit by Bishop Paul for our Annual St. Michael's Day banquet

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			250
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			200+
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			200+
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			0
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms			10
Funerals			14
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			78
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 from 2013-2016)
- Fr. Benjamin Johnson (began serving in August of 2015, Priest-in-Charge as of 9/1/16)
- Fr. Daniel Rentel (Retired)
- All 3 are canonically attached or assigned to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus.

#### Committees/Societies

None at this time

#### Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Fr. Benjamin Johnson and his family beginning to serve the parish has been a welcome addition to the community.

Religious education began being offered many Sundays from September through May.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

The parish supports the local school backpack program that provides meals for underprivileged students. The food provided is to feed the students 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 (though pledge drive is continuing.)

# Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017

The parish will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>.

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	17	18	20
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	14	16	17
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	11	15	16
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	5	6
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	0	2	0
Funerals	0	2	1
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	NA	NA	5
Adult Education/Number Participating	NA	NA	NA

As of September 1, 2016

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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





#### 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 prior to Divine Liturgy every Sunday (Sep-May).
- Adult Education/Discussion Group Meets twice monthly.

#### Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Parish Accomplishments / Events:

- Fund raising campaign for "LED Lighting" Project.
- 7-Branch Altar Candelabra replacement & Royal Doors Lampada refurbishment

Annual Parish Picnic on Parish grounds.

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 2016 to August 2017**

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	126	111	103
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	112	100	99
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	100	90	75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	19	17	16
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0

	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	1	1	0
Funerals	5	8	4
Marriages	1	1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	40	35	40
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	5	6

Average Sunday Communicants = Average Sunday Attendance minus 25%

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church	
$2027 - 18^{th}$ St. NE	
Canton, OH 44705	

#### Clergy

Priest Stacey (Anastasy) Richter

#### **Committees/Societies**

St. Ann's Guild (women's)

Church School

Parish Council

Choir

St. Stephen's men's group

Benevolence Committee

# Since September 2014

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Lent and Pascha

Children's Festival – Dormition Neighborhood Festival Aug 14, 2016

Interior Renovation – some rewiring and electrical work together with a major remodeling of the kitchen.

Community Garden

# 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.

Orthodox prayer services on Malone University

#### Major Challenges Faced

Have had some personal difficulty with parish council.

Financial – Fr Stacey has had to get a second job.

# Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	62	60	58
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	75	70	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	60	60	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15-20	15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens	10	4	4
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	4	3	6
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	0	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	18	14-17	14-17
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	7	

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# Parish Name and Address

# St. Theodosius Cathedral 733 Starkweather Ave Cleveland, OH 44113



## Clergy

Archpriest John Zdinak, Dean Priest Jacob Van Sickle, Attached Protodeacon Daniel Boerio, Assigned

# Committees/Societies

Parish Council

Altar Society

Faith Enrichment Adult Education Group

Cathedral Chapter F.O.C.A.

Copper Stone Catering and Event Center Committee

St. Theodosius Cemetery Committee

Finance Committee

# Since September 2015

# 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 program has been in place for the last two years and has been working well.

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.

#### As in 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

Page 2 of 3 parishioners attending. (25 weekly as of November 1). Simple introduction to Orthodox Church worship, doctrine, practice, etc. This program was suspended due to the death of Fr. John's son, Joshua, in January of 2016. We hope to again begin this year

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.

#### 2016

With the addition of, now, Fr. Jacob Van Sickle, we have begun a Monday evening Scripture Study.

## 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.

#### 2015

The greatest challenge for us, as a parish, now is the maintaining and operating of our Catering Facility, Copper Stone Catering and Event Center, located in Brooklyn, OH.

# Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017

St. Theodosuis celebrated its 120th Parish Anniversary this year on September 11 with a visit from Bishop Paul and the ordination of Dn. Jacob Van Sickle to the Holy Priesthood.

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	200	200	200
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	140	140	140
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	130	130	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	35-40	35-40	35-40
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	4	5	6

Funerals	9	14	11
Marriages	0	2	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	9	12	12
Adult Education/Number Participating	18	32	35

As of September 1, 2016

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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 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Bishop Paul's 1st Official Visit

Building a spiritual community in Orthophronima

Full Liturgical cycle of the unabridged Services

A thorough traditional study of the Holy Scripture and the Holy Fathers

# Outreach and Charitable Activities

Food for the poor

Distribute complete Thanksgiving Dinners to the poor

Inner parish charity distribution

# Major Challenges Faced

Financial challenges

Pending repairs and other expenses

Our 100-year-old church building is in constant need of maintenance and repairs

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

15 years since our Church building purchase

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			12 (Dues paying members
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			3040
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15-25
Number of Catechumens			1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms			7
Funerals			2
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			16
Adult Education/Number Participating			20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church 2219 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201	
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#### Clergy

Fr. Matthew Moriak-Rector Fr. Daniel Rentel (retired, attached), Fr. Stephen Frase (attached) Fr. James Sizemore (attached) Fr. Benjamin Johnson (attached)

Fr. Dn. Paul Mitchell Fr. Dn. Joseph Shaluha

#### Committees/Societies

St. Elizabeth Group (outreach to sick and shut-ins), St. John of Kronstadt Men's Group, "O" Club chapter, Prayer group, Charities, Outreach, Book Club, Library Committee, Bookstore, Scholarship Committee

# Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- -enjoyed an Archpastoral visit from His Grace, Bishop Paul at the end of January, highlighted by the ordination of Joseph Shaluha to the Holy Diaconate.
- -partnered with the newly established FOCUS Columbus on a summer feeding program for community youth. With oversight from FOCUS, our parish hosted the program, which provided breakfast and lunch to community youth who receive meals through their schools during the school year. It was a pan-Orthodox effort in the Columbus area and we look forward to working with FOCUS Columbus on this and future efforts.
- -on the heels of 2015 being a year of focus on confession, we adjusted the way we hold General Confession. In trying to get to the spirit of Fr. Schmemann's original document, we are viewing the service as a means to help our faithful better prepare for private confession. The service is held six times per year (rather than monthly) with a specific emphasis on it being held prior to the four major fasting seasons. The practice of a line of faithful receiving absolution at the conclusion of the service was removed. Results have been positive with an overall increase in private confession, especially during the Nativity and Dormition fasting periods.

# Outreach and Charitable Activities

- -Community Outreach program continues with four weekly meals, the food pantry, clothing distribution, especially during the winter months.
- -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.

# Major Challenges Faced

#### -parking

-our expansion program is being re-evaluated. Budget concerns have made our proposed plans difficult to achieve, so we are looking at all possible avenues to see the best way forward.

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	104	102	102
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	120	120	125
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	110	110	115
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	30-40	30-40	30-40
Number of Catechumens	5 (plus several inquirers)	4(plus several inquirers)	3(plus several inquirers)
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	1	3	1
Funerals	1	1	1
Marriages	1	0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	apprx. 40	apprx. 40	apprx. 40
Adult Education/Number Participating	apprx. 25	apprx. 25	apprx. 25

As of September 1, 2016

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# Parish Name and Address Pho

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 2015

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
- Fr. John Memorich was the resident priest during the first session of camp. This camp was comprised of 7–11 year olds and there were 38 campers during this week.
- Fr. Nicholas Wyslutsky served during the second week of camp, which was the FOCA's Junior Olympics week. 68 campers participated.
- During the third week, Session II, I scheduled Fr. Jonathan Colcher. There were 44 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.

The camp is also rented out to area parishes and parishioners for church events or family reunions.

# Outreach and Charitable Activities

We generally have children bring items to camp so that a type of service project or charitable offering can be made

# Major Challenges Faced

We have to replace the pool within the next couple years

We also have to upgrade our sewage system to bring it up to code

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

We will again be hosting three weeks of camp along with retreats and an open house family day

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church	
12711 Madison Ave. Lakewood, Ohio 44107	
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Clergy	

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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

# Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Lakewood Arts Fest.

Madison Ave food

Steak Roast

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

- 1. Collect for the Lakewood local food banks
- 2. Collect for St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality
- 3. Collect for St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Monastery
- 4. Collect for Monastery Marcha
- 5. Help and support the St. Panteleimon Orthodox Christian Outreach

#### Major Challenges Faced

- 1. Membership
- 2. Up keep of the Church building

## Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017

Madison Ave food Fest. Sept 10 2016 Steak Roast October 15 2016

100 th. Anniversary of our church July 2 2017

Lakewood Arts Fest. August 5 2017

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	28	26	23
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	44	35	32
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	32	25	23
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	4	5	4
Number of Catechumens		2	
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	2	1	3
Funerals	2	1	4
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled	3	2	2

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#### Parish Name and Address

#### Photo

# Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church 2238 E 32nd St Lorain, OH 44055



## Clergy

Rev Joseph McCartney - Rector V. Rev Basil Stoyka - Retired/Attached Protodeacon Edward Kolenda

Deanon Basil (Doug) McNary

#### **Committees/Societies**

**Fundraising Committee** 

Sisterhood

Men's Club

Luba's Blanket

Church School

#### Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- Sunday Liturgy Attendance remains steady. Participation in Church School and Adult Education continues to increase.
- Our parish held our Annual Turkey Drive and collected over 100 turkeys at Thanksgiving, then donated them to St Herman's House of Hospitality in Cleveland, OH.
- Friday Lenten Pierogi Dinners were held During Western and Eastern Lent this year. This gave us the opportunity to open our doors to the public and meet some for the first time.

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

- Annual Turkey Drive
- Luba's Blanket
- Parish Festival and Pierogi Dinners

## Major Challenges Faced

- Rising Cost of Health Insurance
- Repairs to Physical Plant

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

- Parish Anniversary (November)
- V. Rev Basil Stoyka 50th Anniversary of Ordination

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			85
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	2	1	3
Funerals	0	0	5
Marriages	0	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	15
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church 16029 Maple Park Drive Maple Heights, OH 44137



#### Clergy

V. Rev. Fr. Emilian D. Hutnyan

# **Committees/Societies**

Parish Council
Fish Fry Workers
"R" Club
Jr. "R" Club
Bible Study
Church School
Hall Rental
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

#### Since September 2015

#### Highlights of Top Three Activities

Forming a partnership with a local charity "Woman of Hope" who help homeless woman veterans in our immediate area. Working with them to raise necessary funds to renovate, and furnish a home locally which will house 4 homeless woman. Promoting their charity and fundraising efforts thru our parish family, website, and Social Media.

Formed a relationship with the local Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scout Troup to work together with our parish and hold at least three fundraising events per year. The profit from these events will be used exclusively for community outreach.

Held a fundraising Paschal Concert at our hall on May 22, 2016 for Fr. Deacon Serhii Chebotar from St. Sergius Russian Orthodox Church. We had four choirs attend and our church was filled with many people. We hosted a coffee hour following the concert, and were very pleased to present to the Deacon, who is the choir director for St. Sergius, a donation of over \$5000.00 to help with his on-going medical expenses (as he needs a double lung transplant).

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

Holiday Giving Tree – Gift cards are collected and given to the local Knights of Columbus, who have a charity called "Ray's Kids" They will give the gift cards to the most needy children and families of Maple Heights. Thru the generosity of our parish we were able to provide to them approximately \$300.00 in gift cards.

Offer our hall to the Knights of Columbus free of charge to enable them to hold their charitable events. In return the Knights have given back to us at Christmas with a gift of money, which we gave to our Charity Account.

## Monthly Charity Collection

Open our hall for the city of Maple Heights to use at no charge for their city fundraisers, or meetings as needed. Also open our hall for the local Condo Association to use for their meeting, and have made friends with them and have offered to help their community in any way they may need us, and to become a "friend" to the neighborhood.

Open our hall for the local Boy Scout troop to meet weekly. In return, the Scouts have donated their time and talents to help our parish. Also, when we hear of someone locally or in the parish in need of something, we turn to them for help.

Continue to sponsor a local police officers daughter with a yearly fundraiser to help her raise funds to compete in future Olympics.

Worked together with our Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scouts to hold a Chicken Paprikash dinner together to raise money for the community. The result of this combined effort was a profit of \$1000.00. St. Andrew parish was given the honor of choosing the charity of our choice. We chose to donate to the Woman of Hope organization mentioned above. We also sponsored a fundraiser for them at our hall, where Fr. Emilian, and Christine Hoover presented the organization with the \$1000.00 check. The fundraiser was an open house for their current project of renovating and furnishing a home. People from the community were able to come in to see the pictures and meet the Board of Directors, as well as drop off much needed items for the house and woman.

The second of the three events planned for the community will take place on September 17, 2016, where we will be hosting along with the Knights and Scouts, a Clam Bake.

The Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, based on charity, and to render financial aid to the community and anyone in need. We are very pleased and proud to have formed this partnership with them in order to give back to our community.

## Major Challenges Faced

Age of our parishioners

Poor attendance during the summer months, and parishioners not sending in their pledges when they do not attend.

Majority of the Parish chooses not to attend Bible Study.

Poor attendance to Great Vespers, Holy Days, Moliebens, Akathist Services and Lenten Services. Small Choir.

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

Annual Steak Roast – Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Nicholas Day Brunch

Wine and Cheese evenings after Vespers

**Annual Parish Picnic** 

Ladies Craft Lunches following Liturgy

Anticipating the birth of two new babies. We will now have a total of 8 new babies in our parish!

Upcoming St. Andrew Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, in which His Grace Bishop Paul will be with us and bestow upon Fr. Emilian the Jeweled Cross and formally celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. We will be hosting a banquet in our hall following Liturgy on that day.

Sponsoring the Konevets Quartet from St. Petersburg Russia on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for the Elevation of the Life-Creating & Precious Cross. Slavonic Divine Liturgy will be sung by the quartet with a Lenten brunch to follow. At 6:00 pm there will be a Liturgical & Folk Concert.

Possible Choir Concert to raise funds for Monk Juvenaly (Repass), an OCMC Missionary.

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	60	46	57
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	60	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	40	40	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15-20	15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens	0	1	0
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	3	2	4
Funerals	4	2	3
Marriages	2	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	3	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	8-10	8-10	8-10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo	
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church		
110 East Main Street		
Marblehead, Ohio 43440		
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Clergy		,
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Committees/Societies		
Festival/Fund Raising		
Finance Committee		
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Since September 2015		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
Memorial Day Yard & Bake Sale		
60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Halupki Festival		
Marblehead Lighthouse Festival		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
Our outreach continues to be our	parish website, and especially our annual Halupl	ki Festival with the church

As far as charitable activities, we strongly support the local food pantry; Heartbeat Pregnancy Center, and "Joyful Connections" a family-setting sight where divorced couples can meet to facilitate visitation of children in a neutral setting.

#### Major Challenges Faced

Parish Growth continues to be a challenge due to the demographics of this resort location. We do look forward to several families joining us in 2017 as they are relocating to Marblehead from parishes in the Cleveland area. As to our young adults – to find full-time employment they have little choice but to move out of the area.

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

Annual Seminarian Support Diocesan Appeal

Lighthouse Festival – October, 2016

Holiday Bureau – Special collection of food, clothing, and toys for area poor for Thanksgiving & Christmas Memorial Day Weekend Yard & Bake Sale – May, 2017

Monthly Marblehead Village "Farmer's Market" held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May thru October

2017 Halupki Festival – August, 2017

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	23	26	25
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30	24	26
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	18	12	18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7	6	6
Number of Catechumens	2	0	0
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms			0
Funerals			2
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

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

St Nicholas Orthodox Church 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd Mentor, OH 44060

# Photo



#### Clergy

Archpriest 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 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Next phase of Iconograpy in planning stage

Parking Lot expansion and new lighting added

Bishop Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Official Visit

# 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

Beatitude House – Provides services to disadvantaged women & children

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 2016 to August 2017**

Fr Andrew's  $30^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary at St Nick's honored  $2^{\text{nd}}$  Annual Mel Tintor Blood Drive

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			122
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			160
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			150
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			30
Number of Catechumens			3
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	2013 thru	2014 thru	2015 thru
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Funerals	2013 thru	2014 thru	2015 thru August 2016 2
Funerals  Marriages	2013 thru	2014 thru	2015 thru August 2016 2 1

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#### Parish Name and Address

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



#### Clergy

V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutsky

V. Rev. John Mason (Retired) Attached

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 2015

#### 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.

This Summer we hosted a diocesan Seminarian From St. Tikhon's Seminary, Jonathan Lincoln, as a Summer intern. It was very beneficial for the parish to learn first hand what it takes to serve the Church as future clergy. Jonathan led a book study, made visits to the sick and shut ins, led the singing for several feast day services as well as participated in some liturgical practicum and social activities. It was truly a blessing for our parish to have him and we hope it is a program that we can participate in, in the future.

## 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 challenged area to add new members to the Church

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

2016 Something Russian Festival October 4 & 5 November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	144	140	136
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	120	120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	115	115	115
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10-20	10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens	1	0	0
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	1	2	1
Funerals	4	9	4
Marriages	1	3	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	20	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	30	20	15

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

## **St Innocent Orthodox Church**

8526 Usher Rd – PO Box 38208 Olmsted Township, OH 44138

440.235.4558

www.saintinnocent.org



#### Clergy

Rev. Fr. Alessandro Margheritino

Pdn. Michael Timko

#### Committees/Societies

Community Meal, Sunshine Committee, Library Committee, Youth Group, Facility & Grounds, Church school, Women's fellowship, Scholarship Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

## Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Episcopal Visit at the end of October, 2015 Youth trip to New York / St. Vladimir's Seminary in February, 2016 Spaghetti Dinner in support of IOCC

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Monthly free community meal served at the parish (avg. 80 persons). Monthly serving at St Herman House of Hospitality—FOCUS. Monthly Produce Distribution in partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank, now serving an average of 150 families a month, monthly Charity Donations, and recently re-established involvement with IOCC and OCMC.

## Major Challenges Faced

Reinforcing sense of stewardship, building stronger lay leadership, involving more parishioners in the education programs, discerning the possibility of expanding our facilities, including the worship space (we are over 100% of our capacity)

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

3 September – Retreat with Dr. A. Rossi "Holy Conversations at home" 6 October – 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the parish 29 October – Retreat with Fr. A. Rentel "Liturgy and Christian Worship"

Youth trip and retreat, adult retreats TBA

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	95	96	95
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	98	100	103
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	85	87	90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	21	26	28
Number of Catechumens	2	1	1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	3	2	4
Funerals	1	1	1
Marriages	1	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	25	28	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	13	20	20

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# **Parish Name and Address**

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Rd Parma, OH 44134



#### Clergy

V. Rev. Alexander Garklavs

V. Rev. John Klembara

Protodeacon Anthony Kall

#### **Committees/Societies**

Parish Council, Choir, Church School, Greeters, Church Readers, Women's Reading Group, Outreach Cooking Ministry, La Coupole Bookstore

#### Outreach and Charitable Activities

Monthly preparation and distribution of food to St. Herman's House of Hospitality Lenten charitable-outreach by Church School

Major Challenges Faced

Maintenance Issues

Raising parish membership consciousness

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017** 

Annual Parish Meeting - October 23, 2017

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	168	168	159
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	125	130	125
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	80	80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	30	30	25
Number of Catechumens	2	2	1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	1	1	2
Funerals	3	4	5
Marriages	1	4	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	27	29	31
Adult Education/Number Participating			TBA

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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, Choir, Sisterhood, St. John's Society (teens), Grounds and Cleaning Volunteers

# Since September 2015

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- 1. First official episcopal visit of Bishop Paul (9/25-27), tonsuring of Subdeacon John Tutoki, presentation of Synodal Grammota to retired Archpriest Peter Pawlack (50<sup>th</sup> year in the Priesthood);
- 2. Completion of first phase of iconography in the Church: half-dome over the Altar and center ceiling arch;
- 3. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary "surprise" picnic for Fr. Jonathan's service in the Parish a celebration of our life and mission together at St. John's.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

- 1. Monthly Charity offerings to various agencies and organizations;
- 2. Seasonal gift and food drives;
- 3. Participation in community events, e.g., Mahoning River Blessing (Jan. 6), Mahoning Valley Association of Churches choral festival, popular Fish Dinners and Homemade Sausage sales, etc.

Major Challenges Faced

- 1. Apathy and secularism, especially among teens and young adults;
- 2. Declining membership due to diminishing economic opportunities in the region;

# **Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017**

- 1. Production of first Parish pictorial directory in 16 years;
- 2. Ninetieth Anniversary of Parish in 2017

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	85	84	79
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	90	85	80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	85	80	75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	15
Number of Catechumens	1	2	1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	2	3	3
Funerals	6	4	5
Marriages	1	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	16	12
Adult Education/Number Participating	50	50	50