

# Indianapolis Deanery

## DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p><b>Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church</b>  <b>4285 Ashland Avenue</b>  <b>Norwood, OH 45212</b></p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Steven C. Kostoff  Deacon Paul Gansle</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Stewardship Committee  St. Katherine Sisterhood  Prison Ministry</p>	
Since September 2015	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Ordination of parishioner Paul Gansle to the diaconate  Visit by Fr. Cyril Hovorun to speak on Great Council held on Crete  Parish vote to begin major renovation of the church hall</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Full sponsorship of child in Guatemala (Hogar Rafael Ayou Orphanage)  Allocated funds to support Diocese of Alaska  Food pantry with plans to open it up on a regular schedule for our local neighborhood  Growth of prison ministry</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
Parishioners moving in and out of Cincinnati Overcoming a “Sunday morning only” level of participation for many parish members Becoming a more integral presence in our local neighborhood
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017
40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year Retreat in October with Fr. Andrew Dimick Hosting Prosopon School of Iconography Workshop in October

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	139	136	145
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	110	115	120
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	95	100	110
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	10-15	10-15	15-20
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	5	6	6
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	8	4
<b>Funerals</b>	2	2	1
<b>Marriages</b>	2	2	2

<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	3	4	4
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	60	65	70
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	15-20	15-20	25-30

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<p><b>St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church</b>  <b>802 Whitlock Ave.</b>  <b>Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933</b></p>	
Clergy	
<p>Rev. Joel Weir, Rector            Subdeacon Michael Wilson            Reader Micah Wilson</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Church School Committee            Parish Life Committee            Strategic Plan Committee</p>	
Since September 2015	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Bishop Paul visited in October, 2015. Activities included a youth day at Achaius Ranch, pizza and conversation with the Bishop after Vespers, and Divine Liturgy.</p> <p>St. Stephen's hosted our first Vacation Church School. The theme was "Defenders of the Faith". We had 15 participants. The plan is to make this an annual event.</p> <p>To meet the needs of our quickly growing crop of young children, our Church School Program was expanded and revamped. We are in the midst of completing our first year of having three classes every Sunday.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>For our Nativity Charity we led a community donation drive for IOCC. We gathered items for Emergency Health Kits for the relief effort among Syrian Refugees. It was a great success and an opportunity to connect with our greater community in the effort. Our youth assembled the kits for shipping.</p> <p>Our Youth Group helped move in a refugee family in Indianapolis by setting up and cleaning their apartment before they arrived. We did this work day in partnership with Exodus Refugee.</p> <p>Ongoing donation drive for local food pantry and transitional housing charity.</p> <p>We helped several individuals locally through our Benevolence fund.</p> <p>Our young adult men began the "Crawfordsville Christian Men's Group" which meets twice a</p>	

month for fellowship and discussion. One meeting is always at the local coffee shop, and via the online “meetup” app, has been a source of invitation and outreach.

**Major Challenges Faced**

Adequate space. A Strategic Plan Committee has been established to carefully work through addressing this challenge.

Finding our specific role as a parish within the charitable work in our community. We are involved, individually, in many charities in our community, but a desire has been expressed for us to also find a shared work we can do. We are beginning some workshops to help us address and discern this.

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

“Back to School” Night – Pizza, Games, Music Event for local youth, including local mentoring program – September 2016  
 Bishop Paul visits in October 2016 and will ordain Sdn. Michael Wilson to the Diaconate.  
 Outreach/Charity Workshop – Sept. 2016  
 Nativity Charity – tbd.  
 Church School Nativity Play  
 Guest Speaker/Lenten Retreat  
 Vacation Church School – Summer 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>	37	36	34
	<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>	42	50	56
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	37	43	50
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	12	12	14
<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>	4	6	2

<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	15	19	19
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	7	8	10

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<b>St Paul the Apostle, 4451 Wagner Rd, Dayton, OH 45440</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, rector Dn. Stephan Gresh	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Risk Committee, Social Activities, Charity, Fellowship Hour, Greeters	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1) June 29 Parish Feast Day with “Journey of St. Paul” Potluck featuring foods from the countries St. Paul visited. 2) Parenting Seminar with Fr. Pavlatos making an excellent presentation. 3) Catechist/Diaconate Training Classes – More than 20 parishioners are participating in the training.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
The parish budgets nearly \$2000.00/month for charity. Additionally, the Parish gives Pascha baskets for the sick and elderly, supports an Angel Tree to help families at Christmas, did an IOCC Wine Tasting Fundraiser, supported a pro-life ENLC Table Hosting, supported Oasis House Blanket collection and Tea Table Hosting, School Supplies for refugees, Souperbowl of Caring	
Major Challenges Faced	
Space allocation for the Sunday school classes. Always in need of more volunteers.  Parish Clergy – Dn Steve Gresh retires this year. Fr. Ted will retire in the next few years.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
August – January Orthodox History Course October 14-16 Orthodox Icon Festival November 4-6 Hierarchical Visit of Bishop Paul	


	<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>			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>			110
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			100
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			9
	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			3
<b>Funerals</b>			2
<b>Marriages</b>			1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			50
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			50



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St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Priest Zachariah Trent – Rector Priest David Maroney – Attached Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Retired – Attached Deacon Joshua Coolman	Subdeacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Book Corner Ministry Benevolence Ministry Hospitality Ministry Adult Education Ministry Finance Ministry Library Ministry	Childrens Education Ministry Worship and Liturgical Ministry Buildings and Grounds Ministry Parish Life Ministry St. John’s Camp Ministry
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<u>Highlights of Top Three Activities</u>	
<p>The second annual West Indianapolis Kids Day Festival in September brought out over 200 neighborhood kids and parents participated. Socks and school supplies were distributed to the children in attendance.</p> <p>The annual fall retreat was held. Fr. Silviu Bunta was the speaker and he spoke on prayer.</p> <p>In June, His Grace Bp. Paul visited St. John to serve a Vespereal Liturgy during which Joshua Coolman was ordained to the Holy Diaconate. While Matushka Michele and I were not able to be present due to the falling asleep of our granddaughter, His Grace’s presence at St. John’s was a great consolation to the parish and my family. Deacon Joshua is settling into his role and the parish is blessed by his service.</p>	
<u>Outreach and Charitable Activities</u>	
<p>Weekly collections for the Community food pantry.</p> <p>FOCUS Indianapolis has continued to host a breakfast open the neighborhood in our annex building. The breakfasts initially began as monthly events and have now expanded to twice monthly. Eventually the plan is for a weekly event. There have been many volunteers from multiple parishes including St. John. The latest news is the purchase of a truck to be outfitted as a mobile shower unit. The effort is modeled after a successful ministry in St. Louis. The ministry is called “Shower to the People.” The truck is connected to public water supplies and used to give the homeless a place to bath.</p>	
<u>Major Challenges Faced</u>	
<p>We have some parishioners who are battling illnesses but God is good.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
<p>Another multi-parish retreat is scheduled for October. The speaker will be Fr. Andrew Cuneo. Fr. Anthony is a renowned C.S. Lewis scholar.</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>	93	92	94
	<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>	75	80	80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	65	70	70
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	3	2
	<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	4	3
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	3	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	3	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	24	26	26
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	20	22	0

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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 914 W. Taylor St. Kokomo, IN 46901	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Relay for Life – St Thomas booth – raised more than \$1,000.00 Haynes Apperson Festival Baptized: Ben & Tarah White’s son Parker, and Trenton & Skyler Harrison’s son Braxton, and chrismated Ben & Tarah White’s son Everett & daughter Olivia	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
Major Challenges Faced	
A house west of the church is coming available to purchase, and we are going to pursue purchasing. We received a bid to expand our parish hall, but it is more than we can currently afford.	

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

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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	22	21	21
	<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>	29	29	
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	26	25	
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			2
	<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	2	4
<b>Funerals</b>		1	
<b>Marriages</b>		1	
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	4	2	
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	9	7	10

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St Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church 3560 Shawnee Rd Lima Oh, 45806	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Mark Hodges. Reader Jonathan Wey. Reader Daniel Hodges. Subdeacon Joshua Hodges.	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
- St Stephens Church Council - Church School - Parsonage Building Committee. - Hospitality Committee	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
- Purchase and complete renovation of a house, to be used as a - parsonage. - Annual 'Cookie Walk' - Vacation Bible School	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
- We sponsor a 'Christmas Family' every year - identified through Allen County Children Services. - Womens Group	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
- Financial challenges - Growth	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
- St Stephens Feast Day celebration - Parsonage 'Open House'. - 'Cookie Walk' - Neighborhood Christmas caroling - Pascha Celebration - Epiphany Blessing of Water at local Reservoir	

	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	8 Faithful Families	8 Faithful Families	9 Faithful Families
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	40	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	35	40	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	20	20
Number of Catechumens	0	3	1
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms	4	1	3
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	8	11
Adult Education/Number Participating - <i>Deaconal Class</i>	2	1	1