

# Kansas City Deanery

## DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Orthodox Mission	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Moses Berry Hierodeacon Theodore Niklasson, attached (Mother Sergia (Renner), Mother Victoria)	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Sunday School Committee Burial Society	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit from Bishop PAUL Visit of miraculous icon of St. Anna, during retreat conducted by Archimandrite Sergius Funeral of Vadim Serykh	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Support of local food bank, indigents Seminary support	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Lack of space in hall Recruitment of Sunday School staff	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>			
<p>Fall Festival, September 11</p> <p>Construction of hall expansion by Dec. 25</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>	25	27	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	35	37
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	30	30	35
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	3	5	5
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	0	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>	2	6	1
<b>Funerals</b>	1	1	1
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	10	12	11
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			3

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ST JAMES THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD MISSION	<a href="https://images.o.ca.org/parishes/v-1322931691/oca-mw-mkcsjb.jpg">https://images.o.ca.org/parishes/v-1322931691/oca-mw-mkcsjb.jpg</a>
<b>Clergy</b>	
FR MICHAEL MEDIS	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
WORSHIPING WITH ST ARCHANGEL MICHAEL SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH <a href="http://www.stjamesnorthland.org/">http://www.stjamesnorthland.org/</a>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
<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>	4	5	6
	<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>	4	5	6
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	4	5	6
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	0	0	0
<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>	0	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	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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St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church 1235 Iowa St. Lawrence, KS 66044	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Burial Society	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Sunday Visit of Bp. Paul Award of gold cross to Fr. Joshua	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Soup Kitchen in Lawrence	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
December 6 – Patronal Feast Day	

	<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>	14 Families	16 Families	16 Families
	<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
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	20	25	25
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	4	4	8
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	4	4	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>	3	1	3
<b>Funerals</b>	2		
<b>Marriages</b>	1 (crowning)		
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	2	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	4-6	6-8	6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St John of Kronstadt</b> <b>2800 Holdrege</b> <b>Lincoln, Nebraska 68503</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest James Dank Proto Deacon Edwin Aasen	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Fr Arseny Society St.Mary and Martha Women's Society	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Fundraising projects: for Chapynka Regional Hospital in Ukraine. (This hospital is both orphanage and hospital and is runs by a doctor who is the sister of one of our parishioners). We had a Christmas fundraiser and collected \$2,700 and a Lenten fundraiser and shipped much needed clothing and supplies to them.</p> <p>Fundraising for motorcycles for priests in Africa. We raised enough money to fund two motorcycles.</p> <p>Fundraising for local women's shelters (Friendship Home and St. Gianna's Home for Women and children). We have collected needed kitchen items, clothing, gifts and toys.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Same as above. Fundraising for the monks and nuns at two monasteries. Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete in Missouri. We collected \$500 for Sisters needs as well as linens and food supplies. And sent needed supplies to the sisters in St. Paisius Monastery in Arizona.	
Catacomb Bookstore Weekly Women's book study. Currently studying Fr. Thomas Hook's book, The Names of Jesus. We have a healing service open to the public on the last Wednesday of every month.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
We have lost some key donors in the past year due to job moves. Attendance on major Feast days	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>			
Fall Festival and Fundraiser and Patronal Feast of St. John of Kronstadt in October. Christmas Pageant 2016. Lenten Retreat 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>	46	43	45
	<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>	60	65	65
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	60	65	65
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	6	3	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	3	2
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	2
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	6	0	5
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	12	13	14
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	25	20	20



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<b>Holy Trinity Orthodox Church</b> <b>11901 Pflumm Road</b> <b>Overland Park, KS 66213</b>		
Clergy		
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Rector Fr. Christopher Rowe, Associate Rector Fr. Michael Medis, Attached Fr. Thomas George, Attached		Fr. Josef von Klarr, Attached Dn. Stephen Beasley, Attached Dn. Phillip Camerlynck, Attached
Committees/Societies		
Arts & Environment (oversees all beautification projects), Finance, Outreach, Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (EOYC), IOCC, Bookstore, Library, Maintenance, Grounds, Church School, Youth Group, Greeters, Parish Celebrations, funeral support, Project Mexico, Breakfast with the Saints, Stewardship, Altar Server, Friday Night Reconciliation Services Meal		
Since September 2015		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Kansas City Youth Camp (EOYC), led by Fr. Christopher Rowe, hosted His Grace, Bishop Paul in July. Nearly 100 youth from around the Midwest and 40 counselors attended. The camp focused on Champions of the Faith.</li> <li>• Fr. Timothy Sawchak was able to take a 4-month sabbatical made possible by the Lily Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant.</li> <li>• A number of activities in the life of the parish have grown in size and participation. Those activities include a redesigned Friday Night Meal program, a Saturday Morning with the Saints women's group and others.</li> </ul>		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We prepare and serve a meal to the hungry at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO once a month. We provide over 175 meals each month.</li> <li>• Collections are taken throughout the year to help those affected by tragedies or other difficult situations. We also support the many Orthodox Mission organizations like IOCC, Project Mexico, and OCMC. IOCC is supported by Souper Bowl Sunday in February, all children receive OCMC coin boxes at Great Lent and we built over 200 School Kits for IOCC in August.</li> <li>• Monthly financial support is given to our Missions in Rolla, MO and Lawrence, KS and also to Reconciliation Ministries in Kansas City, MO.</li> </ul>		
Major Challenges Faced		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of meeting space and classroom space as the number of children in our church school program continues to grow.</li> <li>• Parishioners living a great distance from the church</li> </ul>		

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

- The parish is participating in a project to archive and preserve parish records from our inception. Funding is coming from National Endowment for the Humanities and the Kansas Humanities Council
- Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is beginning work for our celebration in October 2017. Events will be occurring throughout 2017.
- The next phase of our iconography project will be installed

	<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>		160	165
	<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>		165	165
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>		125	125
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>		35	35
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		16	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>		5	17
<b>Funerals</b>		1	1
<b>Marriages</b>		2	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>		1	6
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		94	92
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		30	32

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<p>St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Mission  P.O. Box 115  Quincy, Illinois 62306-0115  (216) 307-3918</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>We are currently without a resident priest.  Fr Nicholas Finley and Fr Andrew Moulton have been taking turns ministering to us.  Fr Basil Aden and Fr Daniel Hickman have also both served in the last year, as has Deacon Theophane Warren.</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Sunday school for the children met during Lent, and went through the “Journey to Pascha” lessons from the OCA website.</p>	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<p>~ Our Grace Bishop Paul visited last February and we very much enjoyed praying w/ and getting to know him.  ~ Father Basil Aden &amp; his wife Matushka Sandy returned to lead us in a full set of services for Holy Week.</p>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<p>~ We maintain a charity fund that is used for those in our neighbourhood that are in need.  ~ 2 members are having monthly readers vespers in Jacksonville (60 miles away) with an average attendance of 13.</p>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<p>~We recently lost the lease of our storefront space and have been temporarily worshipping in the chapel at Quincy University. We are searching for a more permanent solution.  ~Growth to support a priest is needed and yet it would seem that having a priest is necessary to encourage growth. We have family members and friends that have expressed interest in Orthodoxy and that have visited but again without a priest, it is a challenge to convince them to join.  ~Most of our families have small children and we have several boys that are of acolyte age but we have no members w/ training and with our clergy visits being rare, don’t have many opportunities to prepare them to serve.</p>	


**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 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>	14	14	14
	<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> <i>(includes Obednitsa's)</i>	19	17	18
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	most of those in attendance	most of those in attendance	most of those in attendance
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	7	13	<b>16</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	none	none	none
	<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	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	10	?	13
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	0	0

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<b>Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission 14020 Private Drive 2083 Saint James, MO 65559</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Joel Wilson	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
None	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baptism and Chrismation of 9; Chrismation of 6.</li><li>• Participation in local Celebration of Nations cultural festival</li><li>• Second hosted spiritual retreat with Dr. Harry Boosalis in Oct. 2015</li></ul>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hosted a free 2-day retreat that was advertised across southern Missouri. Had about 10 people attend the first day and 30-40 people the second day.</li><li>• Participated for the first time in the Celebration of Nations festival which resulted in wonderful exposure of the community and the return of one Orthodox Christian who had been away from the church for over 30 years.</li><li>• Support of The Rucker Family, OCMC Missionaries</li><li>• Public evening education classes and occasional "Priest in the Hot Seat" offered nearly every week</li><li>• At least one Vespers and Liturgy offered during the weekdays nearly every week.</li><li>• Concelebration with other area parishes for select feast days</li></ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	

- Transience of community members (*primarily military but also college*). Everyone who was brought into the church this summer (aside from my own son) will be relocating within 6 months. Hard to build a core group because of this.
- Having to work a full-time job in addition to serving the mission
- Difficult to get into university for OCF. Requires 10 full time students to charter new organization.

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

Sep. 24 – Booth for Outreach & Education at Local Culture Festival (Celebration of Nations)  
 Oct. 29 – 2nd Annual Fall Retreat with Fr. Alexii Altschul of Archangel Michael Skete  
 Feb. 9 – Four year anniversary  
 Mar 25 – Parish feastday (Annunciation)


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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	3	5	6
	<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>	10-15	15-20	20-30
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	5	10-15	10-15
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	6	7	7
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	10	4	13
	<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	3
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	10	15

<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	8	12
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	5-10	2-4	5-10

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<b>SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> <b>1901 ANN AVE</b> <b>ST. LOUIS, MO 63104</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
FATHER CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS, RECTOR	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – MS. HELEN ALLEN	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY EVENINGS ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY – PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY COFFEE AND LIGHT LUNCH HOSPITALITY HOUR FOLLOWING LITURGY	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOCUS GATEWAY CITY SHOWER TO THE PEOPLE	
Major Challenges Faced	
MAJOR ROOF REPAIRS CONTINUE, NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE, NEED REGULAR ATTENDANCE TO SERVICES OTHER THAN DIVINE LITURGY	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017</b>	
PEROGIE WORKSHOP ST. MICHAEL'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY	



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	<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>	12	12	13
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>		8	8
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>		6	7
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		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	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	2	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	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	4	4