

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY – 10/12/17

Father Thomas Mueller, Dean

Transitions

Fr John Adamcio retired and attached to Cleveland Deanery.

Fr Andrew Bartek from St Panteleimon, Summit to Holy Assumption, Marblehead, OH.

Fr Bryan Constantine Bodien ordained to the priesthood, remaining Attached to SS Cyril & Methodius, Milwaukee.

Fr Mykola Bodnarchuk from St Joseph Wheaton to St Nicholas, Joliet.

Fr Alexander Koranda ordained to the priesthood and transferred from St George Cathedral to Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Fr Jerzy Pietrowski ordained deacon and attached to St Joseph, Wheaton.

St Panteleimon Parish in Summit, IL is under the pastoral and administrative care of Protodeacon Robert Northrup, with the dean's oversight, while it awaits assignment of a new rector.

Lenten services

We served Sunday Vespers at St Joseph in Wheaton, St Panteleimon in Summit, St Nicholas in Joliet, and SS Cyril & Methodius in Milwaukee, as well as Palm Sunday Bridegroom Matins at Holy Trinity Cathedral. The following gave homilies on the Psalms of Ascent (read at Vespers on week days of Lent): Fathers Paul Jannakos, Thomas Keith, Mykola Bodnarchuk, and Gregory Madlom. His Grace Bishop Paul preached at Bridegroom Matins, which was very well attended by deanery clergy, as it should be. In my 30th year as dean, it is my strong conviction that these Lenten services and the meals which follow are extremely important to the unity we should live and manifest, especially in this spiritually crucial season. They serve as an antidote to the unorthodox parochialism to which we are often prone. We have discussed and affirmed this in our meetings.

Youth camps

Our winter camp took place on Feb. 18-20 and our summer camp from July 5-9, both at Edwards YMCA Camp on Lake Beulah in East Troy, WI. This is a premier camp facility, which is constantly upgrading activity offerings and is consistent in friendly, accommodating, efficient service. With our daily services and prayer and religious education and opportunities for youth to build community, this makes for a great camp experience. Our summer camp had 30 participants from ten deanery

communities. I was assisted by Protodeacon George Potym, Helen Metanchuk, Pat Labun, and junior counselor Nick Sharko. Our religious ed presented a holistic understanding of ethics - reflecting the image of God in our lives and interactions. We are grateful to Holy Theophany Chapel in William's Bay, WI for once again hosting campers and parents at Sunday Liturgy and lunch after, and for funding our field trip to Old World Wisconsin. We thank Bishop Paul for being with us for two days. 2018 camps: winter - 1/13-15 (tentative); summer - 6/30-7/3.


Meetings

We meet on Tuesday mornings about 5 times each year, with lunch usually at a restaurant afterwards. Most of the meeting time is given to a discussion of the readings for the following Sunday and to sharing and strategizing about an issue or project of common concern. We are concentrating on mission, accepting the call for deaneries to identify prospective mission sites, and also to collaborate in assisting new and already existing missions according to our Orthodox conciliar ethos.

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 8301 S. LeClaire Ave. (5037 W. 83rd Street – Rectory) Burbank, IL 60459</p>	
Clergy	
Priest Gregory Bruner – Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council “O” Club/Jr. “O” Club	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bishop Paul made an archpastoral visit on March 26. Fr. Andrew Bartek and the faithful from St. Panteleimon Church joined us. 2. Annual Feast Day Luncheon was well attended by clergy and faithful from many area parishes. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations are regularly made to the local food pantry. 2. Grocery cards are on hand to give to those looking for help buying food. 3. Fr. Gregory attempts to be visible in the community whenever possible. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <u>This is exacerbated by the continued exploration of mission planting in the area.</u> 2. 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. This is not a “Small Parish” issue, but an “Old Parish” issue. 3. Frustration over feelings of not being fully heard or understood when concerns are raised to higher church authority. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 108th Anniversary of the Parish (Nov. 8, 2018) 2. Annual Feast Day Luncheon (Nov. 12, 2017) 3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2018 (Sunday after Dormition) 	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	30	30	30
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25	25	25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	20	23	23
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	2	2	4
Number of Catechumens	0	1	0
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	0	1	0
Funerals	2	3	3
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	4-5	15

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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 www.orthodoxssp.org	
Clergy	
Rev. Herman Kincaid, Rector Rev. Dn. John Kornafel, Parish Deacon Rev. Dn. Mark Sauskojus, Parish Deacon Rev. Dn. David Kenny, Parish Deacon/Youth Director	
Committees/Societies	
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, Men's Fellowship Group	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<u>Community</u> : Parish 85 th Anniversary Banquet (April)	
<u>Temple</u> : Iconography Project (March – Choir Loft Icon of Dormition)	
<u>Liturgical</u> : Ordinations of Deacon David Kenny (October) & Priest Alexander Koranda (May)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly collections in support of various charities: St. Herman's Seminary, St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Innocent's Orphanage, Greater Chicago Food Depository, OCMC, Fr. Stephen Karaffa Memorial Scholarship, IOCC, Fr. John Nightingale Fund, Kiwanis Club in support of Loyola Hospital Children's Unit, Martha & Mary House, Fr. Juvanley Repass OCMC Missionary, Diocese of the Midwest SOS campaign. Monthly Healing Service, Adult Education Series on worship; creation of a parish food pantry to support local needs; Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter; Youth service projects. Monthly visit/service at Eve Assisted Living Retirement Home, YOCAMA Mission Trip in June (5 people) to New Mexico.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Evangelization of new members. Increasing attendance at divine services, worship and prayer as we follow the word of Christ. Capital projects to our parish property.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
Annual Godparent/Godchild Blessing & Luncheon (2018)	
Annual Parish Meeting (Feb. 2018)	
Pre-Lenten Banquet (Feb. 2018)	
Annual Parish Picnic/Kermesh (July 2018)	
Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament (Fall of 2018)	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2016
Supporting Membership Count	130	135	132
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	115	108	105
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	80	77	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	17	18
Number of Catechumens	10	3	1
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	7	6	1
Funerals	3	8	3
Marriages	2	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	54	53	50
Adult Education/Number Participating	25	20	18

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Christ the Savior Church 927 N La Salle Dr Chicago, IL 60610</p>	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Baker, Rector & Dean	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Greeter Ministry Property Management & Maintenance Ministry	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Little Village Thanksgiving Meal fed over 350 people. 2. Ordination of Dn. John Kennerk to the Priesthood. Father John, who was received into the Church at Christ the Savior Parish in 2011, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 1, 2017 at Christ the Savior. After completing his studies at St. Tikhon's Seminary he received an assignment within the Diocese of the Midwest. 3. We rented a dunk tank for the end of the year church school party. The children were able to throw balls to dunk Father John and through the generosity (and desire of a few families to see Father in the water), \$20k was raised to towards designated updates to the church. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looking forward to the 7th Annual Little Village Thanksgiving Meal 2. Mission trip to San Miguel de Lago Boarding School (formerly Hogar Raphael Ayau Orphanage) in Guatemala. 3. Our food pantry continues to help feed those in need who come to our doors. 4. A percentage of our operating budget continues to go to our "parish tithe." Preference is given, but not limited to local recipients. 5. Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School. 6. Streaming of the Divine Liturgy live every Sunday on Ancient Faith Radio. 	


Major Challenges Faced
Parish growth continues to be hindered by a lack of parking as well as insufficient space for fellowship and church school.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018
Nothing scheduled presently.

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	58	64	55
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	75	90	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	55	75	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	19	25	25
Number of Catechumens	2	5	4
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	10	10	9
Funerals	0	1	0
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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<p>Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Bishop PAUL, Rector Priest Alexander Koranda (06.19.17) Protodeacon Thomas Keith</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>St. Martha and St. Mary Sisterhood Society of St. John (Kovhurov) St. Tabitha Needlework Circle Building and Restoration</p>	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Presentation of the Tikhvin Icon</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Food pantry St. Tabitha Needlework Circle AA groups Open House Chicago Saturday Tours</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p><i>Not Available</i></p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
<p>100th Anniversary of St. John's Martyrdom</p>	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	100	91	85
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	73	75	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	65	71	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	6	5	5
Number of Catechumens	8	4	0
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	7	4	1
Funerals	4	4	2
Marriages	1	5	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	18	18
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	5	0

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St Makarios the Great Church (Mission) c/o Fr. Elijah Mueller 1100 E.55 th St. Chicago, IL 60615	
Clergy	
Fr. Elijah Mueller	
Committees/Societies	
Orthodox Christian Fellowship at University of Chicago	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
New Catechumens, Successful Adult Educational Series, expanded Campus Outreach activities (table in student union, office hours)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCF events, “Angel Tree” Christmas gift project.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Need to find new Sunday Liturgy location. Still need a more permanent Liturgy space.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
10 th Anniversary	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	13	13	13
			September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	~32 during school year	~30	~34
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	~24	~24	~28
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	~10 during school year	8/school year	8
Number of Catechumens	0	0	4-6
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	1	0	1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	8	8	7
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	24	26

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St Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive Green Bay, WI 54302 920-455-0744	
Clergy	
Rev Eugene Wozniak father.wozniak@gmail.com 910-467-7467	
Committees/Societies	
Mission Team Facilities Team	
Since September 2015	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Dedication of a new Cross atop St Matthew's Initiation of a Beautification Campaign, commissioning icons for the altar Expansion of children/adult education program (highlight and challenge)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
House of Hope collections for local families in need Quarterly Benevolence Drive IOCC collections quarterly and for special needs Food Pantry Collection for local food pantry 40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayers/walk Adopt-a-Family annual collection of food and household goods	
Major Challenges Faced	
Finance Driving distance for parishioners especially in bad weather	
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	50	50	40
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30	40	50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	20	30	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	15	20
Number of Catechumens			2
	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016
Baptisms			4
Funerals			1
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			6
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</p> <p>1018 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL 60435-2918</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk – Acting Rector Archpriest John Kuchta – Retired, Pastor Emeritus Sub-deacon David Hanneman</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ladies Aid ❖ Parish Council ❖ Choir 	
<p>Since September 2016</p> <p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Restored Historical Icons on our Iconostasis ❖ Annual Parish Picnic ❖ Christmas and Easter bake sales 	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Annual Christmas gift giving to Morning Star Mission ❖ IOCC donation for hurricane relief \$1,000.00 ❖ Blini Luncheon for charity - Morning Star Mission 	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Church building updates and upgrades ❖ Increasing membership count of our parish. 	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 110th Anniversary ❖ Blessing of Restored Icons on our Iconostasis by Bishop PAUL ❖ Sub-deacon David Hanneman to be ordained to a Deacon 	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	35	30	38
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	24	32	50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	6	23	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	6	Na	8
Number of Catechumens	0		2
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	1	1	4
Funerals	3	2	1
Marriages	0	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	4	Na	2

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH 4313 18TH AVE KENOSHA, WI 53140	
Clergy	
ARCHPRIEST STEPHEN J. HRYCYNIAK SUBDEACON JAN FARRAL READER NICHOLAS YURSCHAK	
Committees/Societies	
HOLY TRINITY SISTERHOOD	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
OKTOBERFEST/ ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND PARISH FEAST AND PASCHA. SUBDIACONAL ORDINATION.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
MARTIAL ARTS DOJO FOR AREA YOUTH. RAISING ORGANIC PRODUCE FOR POOR. SPONSORED WORLD RACE MISSIONARY	
Major Challenges Faced	
AGING INFRASTRUCTURE - REPLACED A/C & FURNACES NEAR BREAKEVEN FINANCES	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
HANDICAP RAMP COMPLETION NEW DOORS FOR CHURCH	


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Supporting Membership Count			50
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			55
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			42
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			7
Number of Catechumens			2
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms			3
Funerals			2
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH 8600 Grand Blvd. Merrillville, IN 46410 219-947-4748 – Church 219-947-5750 – Priest’s Office	
Clergy	
Priest John S. Russin, Acting Rector	
Committees/Societies	
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
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
105 th Anniversary Celebration (Patronal Feast) Fashion/Style Show Golf Outing	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
“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	
Major Challenges Faced	
Continuing paying balance on our mortgage Upkeep of the Facility	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018
Sodality Fall & Spring Rummage Sales 106 th Anniversary & Patronal Feast Day (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2017) Sodality Vendor Craft Sale Thanksgiving & Paschal Bake Sales Annual Yolka Program Fashion/Style Show Golf Outing

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	100	95	87
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	71	73	69
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	42	43	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	9	10	11
Number of Catechumens	0	1	0
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	4	1	5
Funerals	7	4	3
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	22	18
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	7

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<p>SS Cyril & Methodius 2505 – 2515 S 30th Street Milwaukee, WI 53215-2829 (Chapel dependencies: Holy Theophany, William’s Bay/Lake Geneva, & St Herman of Alaska, West Bend, WI</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Thomás Mueller, Rector Priest John Jones (in charge: Holy Theophany Chapel) Priest Bryan Constantine Bodien Protodeacon George Potym</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Campus Fellowship, Marquette University Orthodox Clergy Syndesmos of Wisconsin</p>	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Great Lent, Holy Week, and the Paschal Cycle 90th Anniversary Celebration 9/9-10/17 – Wine & Beer-Tasting Reception after Vespers – Liturgy with Bishop Paul – Ordination of Fr Bryan Bodien – No banquet. Annual Block Party with good participation by neighbors and our local community organization – July 20, 2016 – very lively with a good spirit.</p> <p>Holy Theophany Chapel – Annual Nameday Blessing of Geneva Lake with free brunch and Swimming at Geneva Springs Resort for 100 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two chrismations – several more pending - Hosting of Chicago Deanery Youth Camp at Sunday Liturgy in Winter and Summer – funding camp field trips. <p>St Herman Chapel – visit of Bishop Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly prayer services for victims of abortion, families, abortionists on Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks in the Spring and the Fall (40 days periods). 	

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Free Neighborhood Block Party with food and live entertainment
Hosting and initiation of Neighborhood Improvement Organization
Providing of Playground and Prayer Garden on church property for neighbors' use
Monthly meals prepared and served at Women's and Children's Shelter downtown
Participation in faith-based social and economic justice network MICAH
Strong engagement in Pan-Orthodox Youth Day
Campus Ministry Marquette Univ.
Pro-life prayer services of St Herman Chapel (see under chapel highlights)
Holy Theophany Chapel Nameday celebration & party
St Herman Chapel Adult Study group.

Major Challenges Faced

We have lost a number of members, principally through moves to other areas, including a number of college students who completed undergraduate degrees and moved on for new jobs or graduate work. This may relate to economic stagnation in Wisconsin. At the same time, some of our faithful members are going through family or work difficulties that have made regular attendance problematic for them. We are dedicating ourselves after our 90th anniversary to revitalizing our outreach and communications in order to regain our momentum of the past 20 years.

We remain a very diverse, welcoming, and warm community in a city that has much that is attractive in terms of cultural vitality.


Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries – September 2017 to August 2018

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	107	109	96
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	80-90	85-90	75-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	65-75	65-75	65-75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	15	15
Number of Catechumens	2	5	4
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	7	7	3
Funerals	1	1	0
Marriages	3	0	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	3	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	26	26	24
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	10	10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Apostles Orthodox Church 1670 West Hovey Avenue Normal, IL 61761</p>	
Clergy	
Priest David Gresham	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Holy Apostles Women's Group -Development and Growth Committee -Library and Book/Gift Store -Christian Education 	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chrismated 8 new members on Lazarus Saturday. -Established Adult Education program with weekly Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. -Visit by Bishop Paul on Lazarus Saturday. He appointed Father David as Rector of Holy Apostles parish. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. The parish continually collects food and donations, with special drives during the Nativity and Great Lent fasts. -Great Lent charitable contribution focus on International Orthodox Christian Charities (I.O.C.C.) 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Frequent communion is a part of our parish culture, but we need to encourage a healthy practice of regular Confession as well. -Beginning process to expand our worship, teaching, and fellowship space...our current building is full when more than 50 people attend church. And the old house that serves for Fellowship and Sunday School is falling apart. -Building relationships with other Orthodox parishes in Central Illinois by visiting for feast days and special occasions, and inviting other parishes to visit us. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
-20 th Anniversary of Holy Apostles. Will be celebrated on our feast day.	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	25	29	31
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35-40	38	44
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	35	30	38
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7-10	7	9
Number of Catechumens	3	8	2
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	1	2	0
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	6	3	8
Church School/Number Enrolled	14	17	24
Adult Education/Number Participating	1 on 1	1 on 1	6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Resurrection Church 1449 N. Quentin Road, POB 421 Palatine, IL 60078	
Clergy	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Emmaus Adult Study Stewardship ministry Greeters ministry	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Weekly education for youth and adults Annual Parish Dinner-Social Altar Feast following Pascha	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
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, lay catechist	
Major Challenges Faced	


Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018			
Presentation on the Book of Ruth			

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	93	93	90
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70-100	65-95	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	66-96	55-85	55-85
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	10
Number of Catechumens	4	5	0
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	4	2	2
Funerals	5	5	1
Marriages	0	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	4	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	22	27	14
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	12	12

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church 10700 S Kean Ave Palos Hills IL 60465</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Rector; Archpriest Andrew Harrison, Pastor Emeritus (Attached) Proto Deacon. Andrew Werbiansky Deacon. John Segvich</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team</p>	
Since September 2015	
Highlights of Top Four Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcomed His Grace, Bishop PAUL for his annual visit to St. Luke's on Sunday, January 8th. 2) Marched in the 2017 Chicago Right to Life, on Sunday, January 22nd. 3) Provided Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 639 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. 4) Parish Mission Team of 5 to Northern Guatemala in March, Parish Mission team of 6 to the Caribbean in July, IOCC sponsored, Parish Mission team of 8 to the Navajo Reservation in August, YOCAMA sponsored, Parh Mission team of 2 to the Blackfoot Reservation in August, YOCAMA sponsored, and Educational Mission Trip to Romania by Fr. Paul & Don Noble for Drug & Alcohol education with the Orthodox Church in Romania. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>\$950 a month to St. John of Chicago Chapel outreach in Mokena/New Lennox area. Donations also sent to ICMC, IOCC, St. Dimitriu Center in Cluj, Romania, Ancient Faith Radio, and to IOCC for flooding in Houston & Florida.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>St. Luke is still working with the Forest Preserve of Cook County in order to resolve some issues with property.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
<p>Parish Name's Day (Altar Feast) for St. Luke, October 17th & 18th.</p>	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	126	128	132
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	97	101	105
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	97	95	95
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	12
Number of Catechumens	2	2	3
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	1	3	4
Funerals	2	5	3
Marriages	1	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	67	64	61
Adult Education/Number Participating	35	30	45

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Church 111 North Fairdale Street P.O. Box 307 Royalton. IL 62983-0307	
Clergy	
Archpriest Frederick J. Janeček, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish council. Choir, Altar Servers. Forming ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WITNESSESS 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).	
Since September 2015	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hierarchical visit and celebration of 100 th (101st) Anniversary Cabbage Roll Dinner Namesday celebration of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Chapel, Buckner, Il – Sept. 8 Children’s Christmas pageant.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Visiting and ministering (anointing and communing) 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..	
Major Challenges Faced	
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.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2016 to August 2017

Church namesday, 102nd 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.

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

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Diocesan Assembly

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Herman of Alaska Chapel 135 S. 6th Ave West Bend, WI 53095	
Clergy	
Archpriest Gregory Madlom	
Committees/Societies	
Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom	
Since October 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
St. Herman of Alaska serves a Moljeben for victims of abortion, parents and abortionists during the 40 Days for Life. Services are held on Sunday afternoons for six weeks. There are two 40 Days for Life – in Spring and Fall Adult study group continues. Bishop Paul visited St. Herman of Alaska	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
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	8	8	13
	September 2013 - August 2014	September 2014 - August 2015	September 2015 - August 2016
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	12	12	17
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	12	12	17
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	0	0	0
Number of Catechumens			
	September 2013 - August 2014	September 2014 - August 2015	September 2015 - August 2016
Baptisms			1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	7	0
Adult Education/Number Participating			6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St Joseph Orthodox Church 412 Crescent St Wheaton, IL 60187</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Joseph Kopka Archpriest John Matusiak, Pastor Emeritus Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni Deacon Jerzy Pietrowski</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>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.</p>	
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pastoral Visitation of His Grace on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the 1130a Liturgy/ St Gabriel community & Diaconal ordination of Sbdn Jerzy Pietrowski 2. Expanded outreach to our growing number of young families: Pizza Night, World's largest Orthodox playdate, establishing a special Facebook group for them, etc. 3. Replacement of three aging A/C & Furnace systems 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

2. Food is collected to supply the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.
3. Annual School Supply donation drive for needy children of Du Page County.
4. Christmas gift drives for Du Page County Rehabilitation Center and the PRC.
5. Participation in the September Meet-n-Greet for area churches at Wheaton College.
6. Rotational clergy responsibility for the invocation prayer at Wheaton City Council meetings.

Major Challenges Faced

1. Loss of one full time priest due to assignment transfer
2. Major health challenges by clergy & clergy spouses
3. Acquiring a replacement full time Second Priest

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018

1. Back to School picnic – Sun 10 Sep
2. Young Families Night – Thu 28 Sep
3. “Let’s Bowl” after church outing – early Oct
4. Annual visit of Bishop Paul for Old Calendar Nativity Liturgy – 07 Jan 2018

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	291	287	288
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	8a – 15-25 930-200-250 1130a-40-80	8a-10-15 930a-200-250 1130a-40-80	8a-Discont'd 930a-200-250 1130a-40-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	No formal count is taken.	Same	Same
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15-25/30	15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens	3	4	3
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms	15	21	9
Funerals	8	2	0
Marriages	4	4	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	930a-118 1130a-30	930a-115 1130a-30	930a-115 1130a-30
Adult Education/Number Participating	15-25	15-25	15-20