

Kansas City Deanery
Report to the Diocesan Assembly
October 8, 2019
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean

Deanery Activities

- The Deanery clergy and their families gathered at Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, KS on June 19-20. We served the Akathist to the Holy Spirit on Wednesday evening followed by dinner and then served the Divine Liturgy on Thursday followed by a lunch. Our plan is to have this event every year the week after Pentecost.
- The Deanery has a class of over 15 students beginning the St. Macrina Program in the Fall of 2019 under the direction of Fr. Joshua Lollar locally.

Clergy and parish changes

- February 11, 2019: Fr. Andrew Moore was released from his duties at St. Thomas Church in Springfield, MO and transferred to the Diocese of the West of the Orthodox Church in America. Many thanks to Fr. Andrew for his years of service to the church in Springfield, MO!
- April 1, 2019: Fr. Basil Ferguson was released from his duties at St. Raphael Mission in Quincy, IL and was assigned as Acting Rector of St. Thomas Church in Springfield, MO.
- Without current rectors in Quincy, IL or Royalton, IL we are grateful to Fr. John Pawelchak who serves two Sundays a month at each of these parishes.

Looking Ahead

- The Deanery clergy and families will gather again in Overland Park, KS on June 10-11, 2020.
- The Kansas City Deanery will be celebrating the 50th year of Autocephaly on November 6-7 at Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, KS. Fr. John Erickson, retired Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary will give a lecture and the choir from Holy Trinity will sing arrangements by the late Fr. John Platko.

Parish Name

Theotokos Unexpected Joy Church - Ash Grove, MO

Date Submitted

08/31/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Moses Berry

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Community Name

Theotokos "Unexpected Joy" Orthodox Christian Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Moses	Berry
Rev. Dn.	Theodore	Niklasson
Rev. Dn.	James	Mullin

Committees / Societies

Building Committee, Sunday School Committee, Charity Committee, St. Joseph of Arimathea Burial Society

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Baptism of 23 souls on Lazarus Saturday, purchase of new iconography, attendance at All American Conference

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

support of seminarian, lectures by Fr. Moses, visits from Missouri State and Ozarks Tech religion classes

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Expansion of nave and church hall, expansion of cemetery

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
06/28/2020	22nd anniversary of parish

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

39

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

65

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

65

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

25

Number of Catechumens

4

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

26

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

20

Number of Adult Education Participants

4

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

Email completed form to domreport@dom.org by September 15

Parish Name and Address

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
1235 Iowa St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Photo

Clergy

Rev. Joshua Lollar

Committees/Societies

Parish Council
Burial Society
Adult Education/Study Group

Since September 2018

Highlights of Top Three Activities

1. Started a building fund
2. Work on Church property (cleaning brush)
3. Restart of OCF at University of Kansas

Outreach and Charitable Activities

OCF at University of Kansas
LINK (Soup Kitchen)

Major Challenges Faced

- We had a difficult time keeping the treasurer position filled.
- Talks with the city of Lawrence on future building plans have been challenging.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020

Pilgrimage to a nearby monastery 9/13 - 9/14

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	18 families	20 families	25 families
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	40	40-45
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	25	30	30-35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	8-10	8-10
Number of Catechumens	1	7	1
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	2	0	4
Funerals	0	1	
Marriages	2	0	1

Receptions into Orthodoxy

1

0

5

Church School/Number Enrolled

**Adult Education/Number
Participating**

6-7

5-6

5-6

Parish Name

St. John of Kronstadt Church - Lincoln, NE

Date Submitted

09/17/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. James Dank

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Community Name

St John of Kronstadt

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	James	Dank
Rev. Dn.	Proto Deacon Edwin	Aasen (retired)

Committees / Societies

Saints Martha and Mary Women's Group
Outreach Committee
Father Arseny Society

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Christmas Play
30th Anniversary Church Picnic
Russian Dinner - Patronal Feast

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Big Red Welcome - Booth at unl welcomeing students at University of Nebraska Lincoln
Giving Tree for friendship home women's shelter
Russian dinner fundraiser and clothing drive for Chaplynka Ukraine Hospital Children's Ward

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Loss of income due to families relocating

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

2019 DOM Assembly

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/20/2019	Russian Dinner- Patronal Feast
12/22/2019	Christmas Play
04/05/2020	Lenten Retreat and Speaker

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

43

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

60

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

50

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

10

Number of Catechumens

4

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

4

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

18

Number of Adult Education Participants

5

Parish Name

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church - Madison, IL

Date Submitted

09/02/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Nicholas Finley

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Community Name

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Nicholas	Finley
V. Rev.	John	Pawelchak
V. Rev.	John	Zabinko

Committees / Societies

Society of the Myrrhbearing Women/Sisterhood

FOCA Chapter

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Attended Parish Forum and are implementing suggestions to foster outreach to the surrounding community.

Hosted Joe Kormos who helped our Parish Council with insight as to strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for Parish Development

Christmas Outreach for families in the community in need

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Blessing cars of surrounding community, as well as 2 Fire trucks, and 2 Police cars

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

3 weeks ago we had a heavy rainstorm come through 7-8 inches of rain in less than 4 hours which caused the sewer lines in the Rectory and the Church building to back up. Our insurance company is currently denying coverage on our claim. And the repairs and remediation are targeted about \$150,000. We are seeking legal representation and pursuing opportunities to try and address these very real concerns. We are currently able to hold Divine Services, but are not able to host coffee hour. Please keep us in your prayers.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
09/08/2019	Parish's 119th Anniversary

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

60

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

51

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

50

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

8

Number of Catechumens

2

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

15

Number of Adult Education Participants

0

Parish Name

Holy Trinity Church - Overland Park, KS

Date Submitted

08/31/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Timothy Sawchak

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Community Name

Holy Trinity Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Timothy	Sawchak
V. Rev.	Christopher	Rowe
V. Rev.	Michael	Medis
V. Rev.	Thomas	George

Committees / Societies

Outreach
Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp
IOCC
OCMC
Project Mexico
Youth Group
Memorial Society (still forming)
Stewardship
Greeters
Bookstore

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

2019 DOM Assembly

127

Delegate Book

Group from the parish participated in Project Mexico in July 2019

Performed our second "Symphony of Witnesses" in November 2018 (Exploring the Ancient Christian Church through Image, Word, and Song)

Parish Field Trip to St. George Cathedral in Wichita, KS February 2019

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Collected 100 School Kits for IOCC in September, 2018

Johnson County Christmas Bureau December 7, 2018

Dollars for Donuts to benefit OCMC March 10, 2019

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Continued maintenance issues and keeping a balanced budget.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
11/03/2019	Visit of Bishop Paul

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

155

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

165

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

120

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

22

Number of Catechumens

3

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

4

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

3

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

2019 DOM Assembly

0

Number of Children's School Participants

80

Number of Adult Education Participants

30

Parish Name

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Mission - Saint James, MO

Date Submitted

08/30/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Joel Wilson

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Community Name

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Mission

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Joel	Wilson

Committees / Societies

Epistle Readers
Altar Servers
Chanters
Children's Ministry

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Kids Fest 2019
New Iconostasis by Pascha
New Building Fund

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

GRA
Prayers at City Council
Monthly Support of Two Seminarians

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

2019 DOM Assembly

Loss of catechumens, families relocating

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/19/2019	Annual Fall Retreat
02/09/2020	Anniversary of Founding
03/25/2020	Patronal Feastday

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

20

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

40

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

35

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

12

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

15

Number of Adult Education Participants

10

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
 for the 2019 Diocesan Assembly
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
ST. MICHAEL the Archangel 992 Ave Ave.	
Clergy	
Fr. Christopher Philtype	
Committees/Societies	
N/A	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>VESPERS Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour CATECHESIS</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>F90S - occupy the BREWERY outreach homeless & neighbors Does not bring people to the church</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Get the faithful to feed each other gradually, so as to draw people forth</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries	
<p>NONE other than we are now FREE of the RENTAL property!</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2017	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count			18
	Reported for Calendar Year 2017	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	January 1 thru September 1, 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			22
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			N/A
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2017	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	January 1 thru September 1, 2019
Baptisms			
Funerals			2
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

N.B.: Since this is a new form for the Diocese of the Midwest, it is not necessary to fill out the fields for the previous two calendar years (2017 and 2018).

Parish Name

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Springfield, MO

Date Submitted

09/18/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Basil Ferguson

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Community Name

St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Basil	Ferguson

Committees / Societies

Altar Guild
Announcements & Bulletin
Cemetery & Burial Society
Charity/Missions
Grounds/Property
Housekeeping
Liturgical
Library
Social Hour

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Dec. 2018 - First Burial Society preparation and burial of member.
Feb/Apr. 2019 - Farewell dinner for Fr. Andrew; welcome dinner for Fr. Basil
Sept. 2019 - 12th Annual Greek Festival

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Assistance to Sam Miller and family during chemo treatment
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Assistance to seminarians Matt McDonald and family

Food collection for local area charities

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Transition due to departure of longtime priest, Fr. Andrew, and reception of new priest, Fr. Basil.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/06/2019	Patronal Feast

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

66

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

80

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

40

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

25

Number of Catechumens

13

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

4

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

15

Number of Adult Education Participants

5