

REPORT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS DEANERY  
To the 58th Diocesan Assembly of the Midwest  
Broadview Heights, OH  
Oct 7-8, 2019

We have three transitions to report from the Minneapolis Deanery. In August, 2019, Fr Stacey Richter was released as rector of St Peter the Aleut in Minot, ND and assigned to St Elizabeth the New Martyr in Chesterton, IN. Assignment of a new rector for St Peter the Aleut has yet to be made. Inquiries concerning possible assignment to St Peter may be made to His Grace or to me, Fr Paul. We will be happy to provide you with information.

Also in August, Fr Nathan Kroll was released as priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Chapel in St Cloud and assigned to the altar of Holy Trinity in St Paul. His Grace has appointed Fr Andrew Jaye to serve Holy Myrrhbearers as priest-in-charge, effective Sunday, Oct 27. Fr Andrew currently is attached to the altar of Holy Trinity in St Paul.

Finally, at the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Oct 19, at St Mary's Cathedral in Minneapolis, His Grace is scheduled to ordain Dn Gregory Ealy to the priesthood. He will be appointed to serve St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church in Dayton, OH. Dn Gregory has served St Mary's as choir director for the last several years.


We congratulate the faithful of Holy Resurrection Orthodox in Fargo, ND, under the pastoral leadership of Fr William Rettig. The mission [was] elevated to full parish status at the archpastoral visit of His Grace, Bishop Paul, on the weekend of Sept 28 & 29, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Archpriest Paul Wesche  
Dean, Minneapolis Deanery

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p><b>Three Holy Hierarchs Mission</b></p> <p>Services: 708 Schilling Drive, Dudas, MN 55019</p> <p>Mail: P.O. Box 105, Dundas, MN 55019</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Christopher R. Maciolek	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
- Three Holy Hierarchs Women's Fellowship	

**Since September 2018**

Highlights of Top Three Activities

- Moved into a new location where we rent 24/7.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

- Prison Ministry @ FCI Waseca in Waseca, MN
- College Ministry @ St. Olaf College and Carleton College in Northfield, MN

Major Challenges Faced

- - Continuing to renovate our new space.
- - Getting new vestments for priest.

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020**

- Mission community's 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding.
- Fr. Christopher's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	8	6	6
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	23	24	26
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	23	20	24
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	15	15	19
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	1	2
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0

<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	2	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	8	8	8
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	3	2	2

**Parish Name**

Holy Resurrection Mission - Fargo, ND

**Date Submitted**

09/11/2019

**Submitted By**

Rev. William Rettig

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**Community Name**

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission

**Community Photo**

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**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	William	Rettig
V. Rev.	Oliver	Herbel

**Committees / Societies**

Parish Council

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

1. Following a lengthy search for a new building, at special parish meeting in October an overwhelming majority voted to make an offer on a new property in North Fargo, and to sell the current property; additionally, we were able to pay off the current property's mortgage in full this month (just in time to move!).
2. By the efforts of the choir & readers, completed a fuller cycle of services throughout Lent and Holy Week than in years past.
3. For the first time, sent campers (4) and staff (2) to St. Mary's (GOA) Summer Camp in Amery, WI.

**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

Monthly barbecue/bonfire after Saturday great vespers

Monthly meal service and ongoing donation collection for Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Moorhead, MN

Fargo AirSho - a local event at which we host a vending booth as a way to gain exposure and initiate relationships with our neighbors.

### **Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report**

Struggle to sell our current property: We were within days of closing the sale when our buyer unexpectedly backed out of the purchase agreement, sending us back to square one in terms of selling our building. Showings of the property have been decent, but it is an odd property, having been a house that was remodeled to be a church, but which can only be sold as a house or a church, or for few other restricted uses. In August, we applied to rezone the property to make it more attractive to buyers (or at least those that are looking!).

Ongoing struggles to serve the needs of a young families-based parish; how to equip parents to be praying and attending to the spiritual life of the family at home, all in competition with various activities & demands.

Still at max capacity, esp. in Fall/Winter which were particularly long and harsh this past year.

Still puzzling over how to serve the majority of the state, from Montana to Minnesota! We have a lot of parishioners who travel long distances, but we only see them maybe once or twice a year. What to do in terms of follow-up (after baptizing or marrying, esp.) and ongoing spiritual life of the geographically isolated.

### **Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Anniversary</b>
09/29/2019	10 year anniversary of Holy Resurrection, visit of Bp. Paul & celebratory luncheon
12/22/2019	Church school play/pageant

### **Community Numbers**

#### **Supporting Membership Count**

28

#### **Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance**

65

#### **Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants**

49

#### **Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance**

15

#### **Number of Catechumens**

2

#### **Number of Baptisms with Chrismation**

6

#### **Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)**

2

#### **Number of Marriages**

0

#### **Number of Funerals**

0

**Number of Children's School Participants**

28

**Number of Adult Education Participants**

8



**Parish Name**

Holy Assumption Church - Lublin, WI

**Date Submitted**

09/14/2019

**Submitted By**

Rev. Hermann Klarr

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**Community Name**

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Hermann	Klarr
Rev. Dn.	James	Ellis

**Committees / Societies**

Parish Council
Holy Assumption Ladies Aid
Church School

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

Two infant baptism this year
Annual Church Picnic in conjunction with Holy Assumption's "Eleventy-First" Birthday (111th Anniversary)
Two new young couples attending church

**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

Monetary donations to IOCC, OCMC, FOCUS, Seminary Fund, and local charities
Monetary and food donations to local charities, including paying for several utilities and rent for a local family in need
In addition to sponsoring local family for Christmas, we provided clothing, school supplies, and gifts to two local families in need

**Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report**

Continued economic depression in immediate area

2019 DOM Assembly

Numerous parishioners, including the two new young couples, drive long distance to church

### Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
	Archpastoral visit from Bishop Paul coming up

### Community Numbers

#### Supporting Membership Count

33

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

39

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

33

#### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

9

#### Number of Catechumens

0

#### Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

#### Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

#### Number of Marriages

0

#### Number of Funerals

0

#### Number of Children's School Participants

8

#### Number of Adult Education Participants

10

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 15, 2019

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St Herman's Orthodox Church</b> 5355 38 <sup>th</sup> Ave So Minneapolis, MN 55417	
Clergy	
Archpriest Paul Wesche	
Committees/Societies	
Since September 2018	
Highlights of Activities	
Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery Steady stream of visitors every Sunday Expansion of Soleia Reception of 14 into Orthodoxy through baptism and/or chrismation	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
IOCC, ZOE, FOCUS, Holy Dormition Monastery, SOS	
Major Challenges Faced	
An aging rector making prostrations! Commitment of parents to the spiritual formation of their children.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020	
Mittel European Fund-raising dinner Annual Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction	

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	42	47	59
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	63	74	83
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	58	60	68
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	18	24	25
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	3	14
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019

<b>Baptisms</b>	4	1	7
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy Through Confession of Faith &amp; Chrismation</b>	0	1	7
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		21	18+
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		15+	20+

**Parish Name**

St. Mary's Cathedral - Minneapolis, MN

**Date Submitted**

09/04/2019

**Submitted By**

V. Rev. Andrew Morbey

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**Community Name**

Protection of the Holy Virgin Cathedral (St Mary's)

**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Andrew	Morbey
Rev.	Benjamin	Tucci
Rev.	Richard	Flom
V. Rev.	John	Schroedel
Rev.	William	Neumann
V. Rev.	Myron	Manzuk
V. Rev.	Eugene	Tarris
V. Rev.	Gregory	Krutchek, Sr
V. Rev.	Gregory	Grivna
Rev. Dn.	Gregory	Krutchek, Jr
Rev. Dn.	Michael	Tarris
Rev. Dn.	Jason	Ketz
Rev. Dn.	Mark	Griffin
Rev. Dn.	David	Kostick
Rev. Dn.	Alexei	Dupay

**Committees / Societies**

Parish Board and its various committees; Mother's Club; Mens' Club; Perohe Group; O Club; Youth Group (The Saints); Bible Study; Theology on Thursdays; Library and Archives; Prison Ministry Group, FOCUS Minnesota Group; Festival Committee; Cemetery Maintenance Group; Funeral Catering Group; Book Club; Young Mothers' Club; Balalaika Orchestra; Clergy Association activities; Daily Vacation Bible school; Church School; Altar Servers; tc....

## Previous Year & Upcoming Year

### Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report

Parish Educational series: Metropolitan Leony Spirituality Series (October) with Fr John Behr; St Alexis (Toth) Lecture (May) with Dr Bogdan Horbal

Renovation of Parish Center parking lot, with festival accessories

Parish Pilgrimage to Georgia (May)

### Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Monthly charitable collections; St Nicholas Help Fund; Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program; IOCC support; FOCUS Minnesota support; OCMC support; Prison Ministry support; regular Eastside Neighborhood services support; participation in Art-A-Whirl; Cathedral tours (senior groups, local schools, colleges, home schooling associations; Russian Museum of Art groups); Youth Group participation in various outreach ministries

### Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Parish and cemetery maintenance

Replacing retiring volunteers

### Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
05/08/2020	50th Anniversary of OCA autocephaly
10/19/2019	Ordination of Deacon Gregory Ealy to the Priesthood
12/08/2019	Ordination of Reader Phillip (Rick) Wagner to the Diaconate
10/20/2019	Metropolitan Leonty Spirituality Series
09/28/2019	Taste of Northeast Parish Festival

## Community Numbers

### Supporting Membership Count

397

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

340

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

275

### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

32

### Number of Catechumens

10

**Number of Baptisms with Chrismation**

15

**Number of Chriptions (without Baptism)**

3

**Number of Marriages**

12

**Number of Funerals**

21

**Number of Children's School Participants**

169

**Number of Adult Education Participants**

60

## DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church</b> <b>109 6<sup>th</sup> St. SE</b> <b>Minot, ND 58701</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Anastasy Richter	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Choir	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Fundraising with Gyro booth at State Fair and some other events.</p> <p>We had a Bible Study much of last year, which was very well attended.</p> <p>Church School – Not consistently. One of the problems is many families with children usually don't come to church on a regular basis – it's too much trouble by their explanation!</p> <p>Pascha was very well attended, however. Feedback was that it was the most joyous Pascha in many years.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
none	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>The parish has really fallen into neglect. Unfortunately, this is the norm here. Lack of people to do things, and people simply not coming out are problems. Many who identify as “parishioners” do not come to church on a regular basis. Trying to get it back into a more functioning parish, and also lack of funds are the major issues.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020</b>	
<p>Fr Stacey Richter has accepted another parish assignment and moved away from Minot on Aug. 5, 2019. The parish does not have a priest for the moment.</p>	



	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	28	28	30
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	15-20	20-25	20-25
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	10-12	12-15	12-15
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	5	5	5
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	0	1
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	7	3
<b>Funerals</b>	1	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	8	8
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	7	7

**Parish Name**

St. Nicholas Mission - Pella, IA

**Date Submitted**

09/03/2019

**Submitted By**

V. Rev. Bartholomew Wojcik

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**Community Name**

St. Nicholas Mission - Pella, IA

**Community Photo**

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**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Bartholomew	Wojcik
Rev. Dn.	Spyridon	Roegner

**Committees / Societies**

Parish Council

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

Pascha: midnight service, full church with visitors followed by pot-luck agape meal, then the Agape Vespers that day followed by an open house party at the president's & choir director's house.

Moved to a new location with a three year lease. Now have handicap accessibility, a nicer space, and ample parking.

Bp. PAUL's visit (about a month after we moved into our new location) along with the Minneapolis Deanery's Dean Emeritus, Apr. Thaddeus Wojcik

**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

On-going support of the local food pantry.

Two to three times per year visits to local nursing facilities to serve a Molieben on a Sunday afternoon as part of our participation in the Pella Ministerial Association's schedule of churches providing services to nursing homes.

Fr. Bartholomew participates in the local ministerial association's book club (with attendance fluctuating with time available).

### Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Moving! It was difficult, but we got the new place well situated to our needs due to the truly great efforts of some volunteers supplemented with further help by most of the rest of the church.  
Fr. Bartholomew still works a full-time side job.

### Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
12/06/2019	St. Nicholas Day

### Community Numbers

#### Supporting Membership Count

18

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

28

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

26

#### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

13

#### Number of Catechumens

1

#### Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

0

#### Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

#### Number of Marriages

0

#### Number of Funerals

0

#### Number of Children's School Participants

9


#### Number of Adult Education Participants

18

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 956 Forest Street Saint Paul MN 55106</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Jonathan Proctor (assigned) Archpriest Thaddeus Wojcik (retired, attached) Archpriest Nathan Kroll (attached) Priest Andrew Jaye (attached, leaving Oct. 20, 2019 for assignment to Holy Myrrhbeareres Chapel in St. Cloud, MN). Deacon Kelsios Willis (attached) Fr Philip Ramstad (ROCOR) is also in regular attendance.</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Archangel Michael Hall managing board Men's Fellowship, meets monthly Mom's Group, meets weekly Community Garden—planting, tending and harvest</p>	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Keller Lake Summer Picnic &amp; Bike Ride—Parish Feast Day, Holy Pentecost (annually) Carpenter Nature Center Fall Excursion (annually in October) East Side Harvest Festival—local community event with parish participation, summer</p>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<p>Sunday food shelf in Church Hall—outreach to our surrounding community FOCUS participation—Parish prepares a FOCUS meal quarterly Community Service—Ham and turkey distribution to our neighbors at Thanksgiving and Christmas Hall Use program—sharing our church hall space with members of the neighboring community. Harvest Sunday—three times annually funds are donated to dedicated missions and charities' funds.</p>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Preserving volunteer energy while still moving ahead.	

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020**

Farewell meal for Fr. Andrew & Brenda Jaye leaving our parish to serve at the Holy Myrrhbearers Mission in St. Cloud, MN. October, 2019

His Grace Bishop Paul's visit in November 2019 for the ordination of two deacons: Daniel Bassett and Luke Freeman

	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	114	113	120
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	100	104	110
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	95	90	95
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	25	25	35
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	1	4
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	6	7
<b>Funerals</b>	1	4	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	2	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	5	4	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	25	25	22
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	20	12 - 20	15 - 20