

Chicago Deanery Report for the 2020 Diocesan Assembly

This has been an eventful year due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We started with big plans for the Deanery commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America. Our deanery celebration took place at Holy Resurrection Church in Palatine on February 7 with an Akathist to the American Saints, presentation by Fr. Andrew Harrison, and a youth program hosted by Fr. Thomas Mueller. On Saturday February 8, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy took place at St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Burr Ridge with a celebratory meal afterwards.

We mapped out a plan for our annual Lenten Sunday Vespers at our January meeting, with topics and speakers scheduled for those services. As events would have it, after the emergence of the corona virus, we polled clergy, and decided to shelve plans for services. Because of the general shutdown ordered by the Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana Governors, all of our parish clergy were forced to severely alter Liturgical schedules: e.g. having services with family only or in clergy homes; then back at Church with skeleton crews to serve and sing. Archbishop Paul allowed clergy to schedule Holy Week and Paschal services with strict limitations for attendance of three people, then later allowing the gathering of ten people. Soon after he began to entertain requests for a blessing to have parishes hold services with approximately 25% of church capacity. During the pandemic, the Bishop's Council has met frequently with Archbishop Paul to assist him with the extraordinary demands of this time. Thankfully, we have not experienced any infections contracted during any services in deanery parishes.

There have been some changes in pastoral assignments in the deanery:

1. Fr. Elijah Mueller has been released from his assignment as priest in charge of St. Makarios Mission and his attachment to Holy Trinity Cathedral and was assigned as acting rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church in Milwaukee, WI effective July 1, 2020.
2. Fr. Thomas Mueller has been relieved of his duties as rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Milwaukee, WI and assigned as associate priest effective July 1, 2020.
3. On June 22, Archbishop Paul named Fr. Stacey Richter rector of St. Elizabeth parish in Chesterton, IN.
4. Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) released Deacon Philip Maikulla from the Diocese of the South and transferred him to Archbishop Paul's *omophorion* and the Diocese of the Midwest effective July 15, 2020. He is attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral but assigned to serve St. Makarios Mission in Hyde Park. Deacon

Philip was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8th at Holy Trinity.

5. On July 23, Archbishop Paul released Deacon Mark Roosien to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon for assignment to the Diocese of New England in New Haven, CT.

Normally the deanery holds a summer youth camp in Wisconsin. The virus made this impossible. Fr. Thomas Mueller will look into the possibility of holding a fall camp session in early November, if the public health situation permits.

We have a number of meetings scheduled for this year. It seems highly likely that these will be conducted remotely, but at this point we don't know anything for sure.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Alexander Kuchta

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Chicago Dean

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2020

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Apostles Orthodox Church 18884 U.S. Highway 150 Bloomington, IL 61705	
Clergy	
Rev. David Gresham	
Committees/Societies	
Myrrh-bearers (women's group) Church Growth Committee Building Committee (for building improvements & selling old property) Maintenance Committee	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Survived Covid-19 pandemic in terms of attendance & finances, so far. Sunday attendance down about 40%.2. Increased weekly services, adding vespers and liturgy once during weekdays, usually Wed night/Thurs morning, but on different days if a feast occurs.3. Hired an architect to design improvements to our new church home (formerly a Jehovah's Witness hall), began fundraising for 1st step: crosses/cupala on the roof.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Nativity fast fundraiser (2019): Saint Vincent DePaul food pantry (local help for those in need)-Great Lent fundraiser: local food pantry-Dormition fast fundraiser: Mary and Martha House-Nativity fast service (2019): Children visited assisted living facility, singing Christmas carols and giving out cards/cookies.-Other service work that was planned was canceled because of pandemic.	
Major Challenges Faced	

1. Building up attendance again after the pandemic.
2. Getting the children programs back up and running after pandemic.
2. Selling the old church property.
3. Finding ways to spread the Gospel and the knowledge of our parish in our community.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021

February 2nd will be the 5th anniversary of Fr. David's ordination and August 1st will be the 5th anniversary of his appointment to Holy Apostles.

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count		31	29
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		48	41* *not including Mar 22-June 14
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		38	30*
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		14	11*
Number of Catechumens		9	1
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms		4	3
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0

Receptions into Orthodoxy		5	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		20	21
Adult Education/Number Participating		8	15 Sun. morn. 7 Wed. night

Parish Name

Archangel Michael Church - Burbank, IL

Date Submitted

09/04/2020

Submitted By

Rev. John Segvich

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Community Name

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	John	Segvich

Committees / Societies

"O" Club

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

Move of His Eminence and DOM Chancery to vacant rectory
Celebration of Patronal Feast
Parish engaging in discussion about the future

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Financial support of Burbank food pantry
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Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Coivid-19 Pandemic - accelerated need to combine with Orthodox Christian community in the far southern suburbs.
Aging Parish Population - Parishioners continue to move further out from collar suburbs which impacts participation in parish life and ability to undertake local outreach.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
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11/08/2020

Patronal Feast

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

22

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

12

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

6

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

0

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

2

Number of Children's School Participants

0

Number of Adult Education Participants

8

Parish Name

St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Church - Chesterton, IN

Date Submitted

10/05/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Stacey Richter

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Community Name

St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Stacey	Richter
Rev.	John	Russin

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Iconostasis Committee
church school
Choir
P.A.C.T. Society for teenage girls

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

Bible Study - our weekly Bible Study was interesting and well attended
up until the coronavirus hit us, we were steadily growing
We did a lot of repairs and renovating

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

we had a community trivia night outreach event
community bake sale

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

The Coronavirus! Having to limit church attendance to 25, and Zoom and Youtube our service

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
08/20/2020	none

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

30

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

23

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

20

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

5

Number of Catechumens

1

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

10

Number of Adult Education Participants

10

Parish Name

Christ the Savior Church - Chicago, IL

Date Submitted

09/23/2020

Submitted By

V. Rev. John Baker

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Community Name

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	John	Baker

Committees / Societies

Parish Council

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

Departure of the Diocesan Headquarters from the property

Little Village Minsitry

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

We served dinner to over 200 people at our annual Thanksgiving dinner in the Little Village neighborhood. For Christmas, we provided Christmas gifts and a meal for over 20 families. We invited them for a Memorial Service for their loved ones who have been murdered do to the ongoing gang violence in Chicago. Since the beginning of Covid, we have done grocery delivers to this community on four separate occasions, distributing over \$4600 worth of groceries to 35 individuals.

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Taking over full financial responsibility for the properties the same month as the Covid lockdowns began.

20 stewards of our parish have the parish in the past year with several of them having left the OCA since the Covid lockdowns began.

Lack of volunteers.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
08/16/2021	Parish Feast Day

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

54

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

100

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

75

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

25

Number of Catechumens

7

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

3

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

2

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

25


Number of Adult Education Participants

18

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622	
Clergy	
Archbishop PAUL, Rector Priest Alexander Koranda, Dean Protodeacon Thomas Keith	
Committees/Societies	
St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood Building & Restoration “O” Club	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Six people received into the Orthodox Church Finalization of restoration plans Reopening the cathedral for public services	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Cathedral’s Kitchen (<i>Weekly Soup Kitchen</i>) Open House Chicago St. Tabitha Circle Saturday Tours Food Pantry Project Mexico Mission Team AA Meetings (3) Young Adults Group (<i>monthly meetings</i>) Lecture/Retreats Bible/Church Study Pilgrimages	
Major Challenges Faced	
Global pandemic Ongoing restoration	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021	

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	88	100	109
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	86	95	98
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	60	60	65
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12	15	15
Number of Catechumens	01	06	02
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	05	03	04
Funerals	05	04	04
Marriages	02	02	01
Receptions into Orthodoxy	02	01	04
Church School/Number Enrolled	15	17	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	06	10

Parish Name

St. Makarios Mission - Chicago, IL

Date Submitted

09/15/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Dn. Philip Maikkula

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Community Name

St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Philip	Maikkula

Committees / Societies

Sunday School, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Chaplaincy at the University of Chicago

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

St. Makarios marked with sadness the departure of Fr. Elijah Mueller. The mission welcomed Fr. Philip and his family to take over as Priest in charge of the mission. Preparations were made for moving into a new permanent location and for Fr. Philip's ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. Philip began a Bible Study on the Book of Psalms

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Continuing work with local interfaith organization in Hyde Park and at the University of Chicago.

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Lack of permanent location has been challenging and Covid-19 has made services more challenging and some are less willing to attend services.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
09/08/2020	Fr. Philip's Ordination to the Priesthood
09/15/2020	Begin Lease on new meeting location

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

13

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

25

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

20

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

7

Number of Catechumens

1

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants


6

Number of Adult Education Participants

15

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 15, 2020

Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive Green Bay, WI 54302 920-455-0744	
Clergy	
V.Rev Eugene Wozniak father.wozniak@gmail.com 910-467-7467	
Committees/Societies	
Mission Team Facilities Team	
Since September 2019	
Highlight of Top Activity	
Fix roof	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Financial Support for our seminarian OCMC general support and special support our missionary stewards 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 Warm the Children	
Major Challenges Faced	
General covid adjustments Finance Driving distance for parishioners especially in bad weather	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020	
Special events have been suspended due to covid	

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	45	42	45
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	60	35* *covid #s
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	50	48	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	15	12
Number of Catechumens	2	2	5
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	0	4	2
Funerals	1	0	1
Marriages	0	1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	1	2
Church School	12	9	6?
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	9	9

Parish Name

St. Nicholas Church - Joliet, IL

Date Submitted

09/17/2020

Submitted By

V. Rev. Mykola Bodnarchuk

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Community Name

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Mykola	Bodnarchuk
Rev. Dn.	David	Hanneman

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Sunday School
Choir
Ladies Aid

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

Christmas bake sale
Annual Parish Celebration

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Annual Christmas gift giving to Morning Star Mission
Quarterly Pantry Donation

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Attracting more new people to the church

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
12/06/2020	Feast Day

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

41

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

10

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

7

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

5

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

5

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

2

Number of Children's School Participants

10

Number of Adult Education Participants

5

Parish Name

St. Nicholas Church - Kenosha, WI

Date Submitted

09/03/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Constantine Bodien

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Community Name

St Nicholas Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Constantine	Bodien

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

There are no activities to be reported

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

There is charitable activity or outreach

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

One of the major challenges has been maintaining active membership on the parish council.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
09/01/2020	none

Community Numbers**Supporting Membership Count**

50

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

20

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

15

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

3

Number of Catechumens

1

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

0

Number of Adult Education Participants

0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church 8600 Grand Blvd. Merrillville, IN 46410	
Clergy	
Rev. Jacob N. Van Sickle - rector Dn. Nicholas Denysenko - unattached but serving regularly	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council, Hall committee, O-Club, Ladies' Sodality, Coffee Hour, Iconography committee, Church School, Greeter's ministry	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Feast Day visit of Bishop Paul Sept 30-Oct 1 Hosted Northwest Indiana Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers with guest speaker Fr. Alexei Altschul Iconography/Frescos begun in September by John Jurewicz	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Meal delivery to nursing homes' staff throughout the COVID crisis Feeding the poor through Feed the Flock ministry, a collaboration of local churches Collecting and delivering material support to foster children through MAK'S Bags ministry Host regular Red Cross blood drives Grocery and Utility help for the poor Guidance and support to the Valparaiso University OCF Financial Support to STS and SVS	
Major Challenges Faced	

COVID: Attendance down considerably, especially among the elderly and young families. People are discouraged and some are drifting away


Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021

October 1: Parish feast day. Archbishop Paul will preside and bless the new icon of our feast God-willing, next summer we will join our neighbors in offering a Family Festival

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	64	91	95
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	70	75 before COVID 45 since
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	40	55	55, 35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	6	9	10
Number of Catechumens	0	4	2
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	2	1	6
Funerals	5	4	1
Marriages	0	0	1

Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	14	17, 7 since COVID
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	27	25

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Sts. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church 2505 S. 30th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215-2829	
Clergy	
Archpriest Elijah Mueller, Rector Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Associate Priest John Jones, attached Protodeacon George Potym	
Committees/Societies	
Sunday School OCF at Marquette Informal men's group	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Pastoral transition, with Fr. Elijah taking over as rector Parish Picnic with Liturgy, which allowed greater attendance and a welcome break from isolation. Launching of outdoor Sunday school and social time for kids, who are very appreciative.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Before Covid—work with homeless shelter monthly, participation in Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope. Work with Marquette OCF, in planning stages for UWM OCF. Holy Theophany (Lake Geneva) and St. Herman (West Bend), chapels under Sts. Cyril and Methodius	
Major Challenges Faced	
Dealing with the fragmentation and isolation of the pandemic	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2019 to September 2020	

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020

Supporting Membership Count	102	103	Sts C&M: 73 adults, 39 kids. HTheoph: 26a, 5k. StH: 15?a 5k TOTAL: 114 adults 49 kids
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	75-80	75-80	NA/pandemic Up to 30 now
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	65-75	65-75	All attendees
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	12	16	10/pandemic
Number of Catechumens	18	2	2
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	4	6	1
Funerals	1	2	1
Marriages	2	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	6	17	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	29	29	30
Adult Education/Number Participating	19	?	16

Parish Name

Holy Resurrection Church - Palatine, IL

Date Submitted

09/07/2020

Submitted By

V. Rev. Alexander Kuchta

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Community Name

Holy Resurrection

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Alexander	Kuchta

Committees / Societies

Parish Council, Holy Myrrbearing Women's Ministry, St. Nicholas Men's fellowship

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

Installation of American Saints icons on east wall of church; Formation of 50th Anniversary celebration committee; hosted Chicago Deanery 50th Anniversary of OCA Autocephaly

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Served two dinners at our local PADS site; collected toys for Cook County Department of Children and Family Services; Monthly Parish Charity collection for parishioners and other Orthodox organizations such as OCPM, IOCC, SOS

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Corona Virus

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
08/01/2020	35th anniversary of Fr. Alexander and Natalie Kuchta's arrival at HROC

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

80

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

27

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

26

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

9

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

0

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

12

Number of Adult Education Participants

12

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church 9300 W. 107th St Palos Hills, IL, 60465	
Clergy	
Archpriest Paul Jannakos Hieromonk (Alexis) Lisenko (Attached) Protodeacon Andrew Werbiansky	
Committees/Societies	
Layministries: Community: Share-the-Care Seniors, Youth Group, Media & Internet, Greeters. Outreach: Beds Plus - homeless, Garden Center Home for the less abled. Mission TripsMental wellness ministry, AA Recovery groups, St. Luke Endowment.	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Because of the Covid 19 Crisis many of our yearly activities were either cancelled or postponed. On the other hand, access to additional Adult Educational Classes through Social Media and Zoom were offered to the faithful and the community at large.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
St. Luke Endowment:	
Major Challenges Faced	

On account of the Covid-19 Crisis it has been difficult to make everyone “happy” concerning procedures while in Church, masks, sign-up for services, singing, etc.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021

St. Luke Feast Day, Saturday & Sunday, September 17 - 18.
Vespers, 10/17/20, 5:30pm.
Divine Liturgy, 10/18/20, 9:30am.

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count			
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			
Number of Catechumens			
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			

Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			

Parish Name

St. Joseph Church - Wheaton, IL

Date Submitted

09/21/2020

Submitted By

V. Rev. Joseph Kopka

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Community Name

St Joseph Orthodox Church, Wheaton, IL

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Joseph	Kopka
Rev.	Jonathan	Lincoln
Rev. Dn.	John	Coleman
Rev. Dn.	Lawrence	Dugoni
Rev. Dn.	Jerzy	Pietrowski

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Music Leaders
Religious Education
Aurora Mission Committee

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

1. Covid related migration of services & instruction to online platforms
2. Redevelopment of Religious Education for distance participation
3. Update of Liturgical music & related books

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

PRC Food Distribution
MWSHV (Homeless Veterans) support

Feed My Starving Children service days

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

As with all parishes, the major challenge has been Covid related restrictions and protocols.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
	None

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

657

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

275

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

260

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

15

Number of Catechumens

5

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

7

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

3

Number of Marriages

2

Number of Funerals

3

Number of Children's School Participants

90

Number of Adult Education Participants

20