

Kansas City Deanery
Report to the Diocesan Assembly
October 8, 2020
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean

Deanery Activities

- The Deanery clergy gathered in Springfield, MO on July 12-13 to meet with Archbishop Paul and to celebrate the retirement of Fr. Moses Berry.
- St. Macrina Program: The Kansas City Deanery cohort of the St. Macrina Institute currently has 14 students from the Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis areas. The cohort is a mixture of students intending to pursue the diaconate and students pursuing studies for their own spiritual growth. We are beginning the third class, which will cover various emerging syntheses of the patristic era in the areas of canon law, hymnography, scriptural interpretation, and iconology.

Clergy and parish changes

- Dn. Matthew McDonald did a 2 month internship at Archangel Michael Church in St. Louis, MO this summer. Dn. Matthew will be graduating from St. Tikhons in May of 2021.
- June 14, 2020: Fr. Moses Berry was granted retirement.
- June 14, 2020: Fr. Ephraim Tauck was assigned Acting Rector at Theotokos Unexpected Joy Church in Ash Grove, MO.
- June 22, 2020: Fr. Basil Ferguson was appointed 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 continues to serve two Sundays a month at each of these parishes.

Cancelation

- The Deanery celebration of the 50 years of Autocephaly to be held November 6-7 was canceled.

Parish Name

Theotokos Unexpected Joy Church - Ash Grove, MO

Date Submitted

10/09/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Ephraim Tauck

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Community Name

Theotokos Unexpected Joy Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Ephraim	Tauck
Rev. Dn.	Theodore	Niklasson
Rev. Dn.	James	Mullin

Committees / Societies

Charitable Giving

Burial Society

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

Ordination of New Rector

Retirement of Previous Rector

Installation of New Rector

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Advent of Charitable Giving Committee

Numerous dispensations to those in financial need

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

The political divisions brought to the surface by the current plague.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
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09/27/2020

Feast of the Precious Cross with piece of the True Cross

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

1

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

20

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

20

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

10

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

0

Number of Adult Education Participants

0

Parish Name

St. Nicholas of Myra Church - Lawrence, KS

Date Submitted

09/14/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Joshua Lollar

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Community Name

St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Mission

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Joshua	Lollar

Committees / Societies

Parish Council, Burial Committee

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

4 new catechumens have joined the community; began working with a local engineering firm to develop a site plan for our property; Fr. Joshua received a course development grant from KU to develop and eventually teach a course on Russian religious philosophy

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

LINK (Soup Kitchen); OCF at Univ. of Kansas

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

The COVID-19 pandemic has obviously been the biggest challenge we have faced.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
12/06/2020	Patronal Feast

Community Numbers**Supporting Membership Count**

45

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

35

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

25

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

6

Number of Catechumens

4

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

0


Number of Adult Education Participants

7

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2020

email completed form to chancery@domoca.org by September 15

Parish Name and Address	Photo
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church 416 Ewing Avenue Madison, IL 62060	
Clergy	
Reverend Nicholas Finley – Rector Very Reverend John Pawelchak – Retired Attached Very Reverend John Zabinko – Retired Attached	
Committees/Societies	
Society of the Myrrhbearing Women – Ladies Sodality – Sisterhood FOCA	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Substantive Renovations to the inside of the Temple including restoration following sewer back up from August of 2019; addition of new handicap accessible lift and new Front Doors for the Temple	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish continues to support people in need with our annual Urgent Needs Fund We are completing the addition of a food pantry to operate of a restored outbuilding; final touches are being applied soon and we hope to gather donations and begin to offer service to the Community in this capacity	
Major Challenges Faced	
-continuing to pursue a lawsuit to recoup damages from sewer back up	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021	

We celebrated our Parish's 120th Anniversary just a few weeks ago. His Eminence Archbishop PAUL visited. Bob Butchko was awarded a Diocesan Gramota for his help and assistance in the restoration and renovation as well as providing expertise to lawsuit.

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	61	58	60
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	56	56	25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	56	55	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	13	13	5
Number of Catechumens	1	2	0
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	1	1	1
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	0	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	15	15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	N/A	N/A	7

Parish Name

Holy Trinity Church - Overland Park, KS

Date Submitted

09/08/2020

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

Arts & Environment (oversees all beautification projects), Finance, Outreach, Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (EOYC), IOCC, OCMC, Bookstore, Library, Maintenance, Grounds, Church School, Youth Group, Greeters, Parish Celebrations, funeral support, Project Mexico, Stewardship, Altar Servers

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

Services have been livestreamed since beginning of March 2020

A Community Garden was started in March 2002 on the church grounds

St. Nicholas Festival for Children December, 2019

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Parish participated in the OCMC Trek for Missions and raised over \$3,000

Parish raised over \$1,000 for IOCC relief in Beirut

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Keeping people connected throughout the pandemic, large maintenance issues on church building and grounds

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
12/05/2020	St. Nicholas Festival

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

160

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

30

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

25

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

25

Number of Catechumens

4

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

4

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

2

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

71

Number of Adult Education Participants

25

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 201st Diocesan Assembly
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
ST. MICHAEL the Arch Angel Orthodox Church 1902 ANN AVE. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63104	
Clergy	
Fr. Christopher Phillips	
Committees/Societies	
N/A	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
N/A	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOCUS	
Major Challenges Faced	
DEALING w/ EFFECTS of COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2021 to September 2021	
New priests for the church	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	Reported for Calendar Year 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	24	20	18
	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	Reported for Calendar Year 2019	January 1 thru September 1, 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			9-12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2018	Reported for Calendar Year 2019	January 1 thru September 1, 2020
Baptisms			4
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			Not this year
Adult Education/Number Participating			BECAUSE OF COVID-19

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 (2018 and 2019).

Parish Name

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Springfield, MO

Date Submitted

09/14/2020

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**

Greek Festival

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Greek Festival
Support of seminarians (McDonald family)

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/06/2020	Patronal Feast
09/12/2020	"Curbside" Greek Festival

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

69

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

46

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

15

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

13

Number of Catechumens

5

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

9

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

15

Number of Adult Education Participants

8