

Michigan Deanery Report — October 2023

The Michigan Deanery celebrated a one-year memorial for His Eminence, Archbishop Paul, at his graveside at Dormition Monastery on Monday, April 24th. It was a cold but beautiful day as we sang Christ is Risen! Archbishop Paul's sister Agatha was present at the Deanery memorial, and she was very grateful for the prayers and loving support. After the service we ate lunch at the monastery, hosted by Mother Gabriella and the sisters.

Sts. Peter and Paul: Fr. Paul Albert is planning on retiring in December 2023. Preparation plans are in the works of making the salary/benefits package for the next priest. Dn. Philip Dage was ordained on August 19th 2023, at Sts. Peter and Paul. Discussing what to do with interim time from Fr. Paul's retirement and the new priest installation in the summer of 2024. Orthodox Detroit Outreach is continuing serving at least 90 meals every Sunday, with the participation of area churches helping prepare the meals to go. Kitchen and dining area in the center still in process of completion to once again open up for "in dining" meals, hopefully by this Fall of 2023.

Holy Ascension: Fr. Joshua Frigerio and the parish are in the process of planning for a new Church building. The architectural plans are still ongoing, and waiting for approval, in order to begin the fund raising campaign.

St. Mark: Fr. John Baker is continuing his work with church growth, bringing in new catechumens in his community.

Holy Transfiguration: Fr. Michael Butler reported that His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, attended their Feast Day, celebrating their 35th Anniversary, this past August. They are planning a Men's Retreat "Beloved Sons" October 6-8, 2023.

Holy Trinity: Fr. Lev Kopistiansky, reported that they are continuing their work with Zoe for Life, helping expecting mothers. Working with Focus Detroit, giving clothing/food out to homeless at the 6 mile and Woodward area. Continued involvement with O.D.O. helping pack lunches for those in need. Fr. Lev had successful hip surgery back in June. The Fall Concert for the Orthodox Churches is being planned and prepared by Matushka Vicki.

St. Demetrius: Fr. Dusan Koprivica. Planning on our 65th Anniversary; His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, will celebrate with us on November 4-5, 2023.

I also met with the Chancellor Fr. Paul Jannakos for an interview concerning our Michigan Deanery back in August.

Archpriest Fr. Dusan Koprivica

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