



The Cleveland Deanery

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Cleveland Deanery Report - May 2025

Your Eminence, Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! I am happy to report that the Cleveland Deanery continues to meet the challenges and struggles that face the Church and its faithful daily. Thanks to the dedication of our deanery clergy and faithful the deanery continues to thrive and share the message of our Lord Jesus

The Lenten season provided us with the opportunity to gather together in prayer. On the Sunday of the Cross St. Nicholas in Mentor, OH hosted our annual Akathist to the Cross. The service was well attended by many of the faithful. An amazing lenten potluck was prepared by the parishioners. On the feast of St. Patriarch Tikhon the deanery gathered at St. Andrew's Parish in Maple Heights, OH. The service was held both to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Repose of St. Tikhon as well as help St. Andrew's. The Presanctified Liturgy was well attended and fellowship was shared at a lenten meal provided by the Parish. The proceeds of the collection were given to the parish to help with its financial needs. On the 5th Sunday the deanery hosted the Sacrament of Holy Unction at 2 parishes, Holy Trinity, Parma and St. Nicholas, Mogadore. Both services were well attended by both Deanery and Pan Orthodox clergy and faithful.

With the blessing of Archbishop Daniel a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of St. Nicholas, Mentor OH and St. Innocent, Olmstead Falls, OH coming together to provide support to St. Andrews Parish in Maple Heights to help them find stability and hopefully growth as it moves forward. This unique idea will provide insight and new ideas as to how thriving communities might help those struggling to grow and thrive.

Holy week and Pascha were celebrated in the deanery with much joy. The deanery clergy gathered on the Day of rejoicing for Liturgy and a deanery meeting hosted by Holy Assumption in Canton. It was a joy to gather as brothers to celebrate the Resurrection and to plot the future of the Deanery.

The deanery is planning to gather together on the 25th and 26th of June to celebrate the feast of the Chicago Tikhvin Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. Vigil and Divine Liturgy will be hosted by Holy Trinity in Parma OH. Also plans are being made to do the same for the Feast of Patriarch Tikhon in October.

We were blessed with the ordination of two new Deacons in the deanery. Dn. Noah Klembara was ordained at St. Michaels in Broadview Heights and Deacon Matthew Gluntz was ordained at Holy Trinity, Parma. We also wish well to Fr. Emilian Hutnyan as he enters into retirement.

Work continues at St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland to do the work necessary to bring the cathedral building and community to a full recovery from the tragic fire. Under the guidance of Fr. Jan as well as the Parish council much has been accomplished. Through the prayers and support of all the future of the Cathedral is bright.

The work of our Deanery Clergy wives group continues, Plans are in the works for an in person meeting of the group in August. They continue to grow and we look forward to their next gathering in the New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutzky". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutzky, Dean