

# Chicago Deanery

## **CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT October, 2018**

**Submitted by Fr Thomas Mueller, former Dean, on behalf of  
Fr Alexander Kuchta, Dean**

### **TRANSITIONS**

**Fr. Esteban Vazquez was assigned to St Panteleimon in Summit, IL effective in January. He is receiving some mission funding in his careful, intentional efforts to begin a Spanish-language ministry at St Panteleimon, whose neighborhood is largely Mexican-American. We feel that his assignment at this location provides us with a unique opportunity to break the ice in terms of this type of mission, which is essential if we are to be a Church that reaches out to all Americans.**

**Fr John Russin released from Protection of the Virgin Mary, Merrillville, IN, to St Joseph Wheaton, 3/18; to retirement 9/18.**

**Fr Frederick Janecek released from Holy Virgin Protection, Royalton, IL, transferred to the Diocese of the South, 9/18.**

**Fr William Bass, St Elizabeth, Chesterton, placed on six-month medical leave 8/18.**

**Fr. Gregory Brunner released from Archangel Michael, Burbank, to the Bulgarian Diocese 8/18. Assignment for Archangel Michael pending.**

**Fr. Jacob Van Sickle assigned to Protection of the Virgin Mary, Merrillville 6/18.**

**Fr Jonathan Lincoln assigned as second priest at St Joseph, Wheaton 9/18.**

**Deacon Mark Roosien ordained to diaconate 9/8/18 to serve at St Makarios, Chicago - Hyde Park.**

**DEANERY MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP Meetings have been held roughly every other month, involving exegetical Scripture discussion, deanery business, and open discussion of a particular issue or event, followed by lunch provided for by the host parish. We met at the Diocesan Center residence on April 29<sup>th</sup> for the annual Clergy Family Paschal Dinner.**

### **DEANERY ELECTION**

**On May 29, 2018, with 18 in attendance, the Deanery clergy unanimously nominated Fr Alexander Kuchta for confirmation by His Grace Bishop Paul as the new Dean of Chicago. Several absentee ballots had also been sent to His Grace**

supporting Fr Alexander. He humbly accepted this charge. Outgoing Dean, Fr Tom Mueller, gave a report and statement regarding his 30+ years as Dean (1987-2011 and 2013-2018).


**LENTEN VESPERS** These were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent with Bridegroom Matins on Palm Sunday at Holy Trinity Cathedral. This is a long standing Deanery tradition that we have struggled for many years to foster and maintain. It is crucial to Deanery unity and interparochial fellowship. This year our Vespers were at: St George Cathedral, St Luke in Palos Hills, St Elizabeth in Chesterton, & St Peter and St Paul in Burr Ridge. The theme for homilies and talks was: Mission, viewed from different perspectives; speakers were Fr Thomas Mueller (who also preached at the Bridegroom Matins), Fr Joseph Kopka, Michelle Jannakos of OCMC, and Fr Esteban Vazquez.

**YOUTH CAMPS** The winter camp was January 13 – 15. We began our camp with Liturgy at Holy Theophany Chapel for its annual nameday celebration, which included the blessing of beautiful Geneva Lake, a huge buffet, and an afternoon of swimming in a private resort pool. Leaving Lake Geneva we traveled to our usual camp site in East Troy WI for a very lively and congenial camping experience, which included sledding, tube sliding, skating, and x-country skiing, as well as indoor sports. The summer camp was at the same site from June 29 – July 3. Great waterfront activities, as well as a new popular feature – the zip line! Our religious ed centered around the questions: Why come to Liturgy? and Why pray? Protodeacon George Potym, one of the counselors (along with Fr Tom Mueller, Pat Labun, Helen Metanchuk, and Gabriel Mueller) led a great discussion on the dangers of misuse of emails and social media. All the education presentations provoked good interaction. We had 30 at the summer camp and 25 in the winter. Eight parish communities sent participants. Protodeacon George will be co-director of future camps along with Fr Tom Mueller.

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2018

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Christ the Savior</b> <b>927 N. La Salle Dr</b> <b>Chicago, IL</b> <b>60610</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest John Baker, Rector & Dean	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Choir	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holy Week, Pascha, the Festal Cycle and overall participation of our parish family in the liturgical life of the Church.</li> <li>2. Annual participation <i>and presence</i> with a specific community from the Little Village Neighborhood serving a Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds each year. Also, for the first time we also hosted at Christ the Savior Church many families from that community who have lost loved ones to gang violence at our parish for an evening of prayer in the church followed by fellowship next door in the diocesan residence. We also and gave gifts to each of these families.</li> <li>3. Continuing our pledge to take on more financial responsibilities with the church and diocesan offices, the parish community paid for all necessary maintenance over the past year totaling \$41,162. List of repairs has been provided at our parish annual meeting and also to the Diocesan Council.</li> </ol>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Looking forward to the 8th Annual Little Village Thanksgiving meal.</li> <li>2. Our food pantry continues to help feed those in need who come to our doors.</li> <li>3. A percentage of our operating budge continues to o to our parish tithe.</li> <li>4. Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School attend by over 40 children.</li> <li>5. Streaming of the Sunday Divine Liturgy and Feast Day services live on Ancient Faith Radio.</li> </ol>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This past year we lost seven families to relocation, all of whom were stewards and major financial contributors.</li> <li>2. Parish growth continues to be hindered by insufficient space for fellowship and a growing church school program.</li> </ol>	

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019**

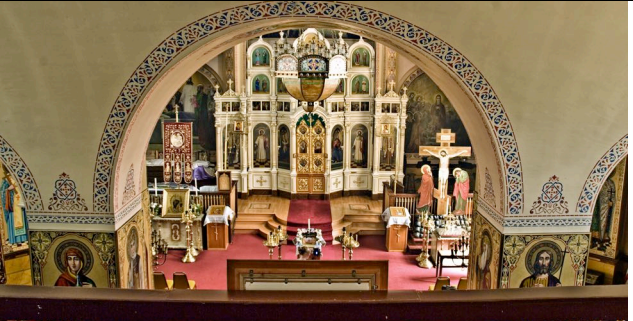
None to report

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	64	55	61
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	90	85	100
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	75	60	80
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	25	25	35
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	5	4	6
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	10	9	10
<b>Funerals</b>	1	0	2
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	2	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			43
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			9

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<p><b>Holy Trinity Cathedral</b> 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622</p>			
<b>Clergy</b>			
<p>Bishop PAUL, Rector Priest Alexander Koranda Protodeacon Thomas Keith</p>			
<b>Committees/Societies</b>			
<p>St. Martha &amp; St. Mary Sisterhood Society of St. John Kovhurov Building &amp; Restoration “O” Club</p>			
<b>Since September 2017</b>			
Highlights of Top Three Activities			
<p>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John of Chicago’s Martyrdom Visits by the Miraculous Hawaiian &amp; Kurtsk Root Icon Visitation by Archbishop LEO of Finland</p>			
Outreach and Charitable Activities			
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Major Challenges Faced			
<p>Majority of parishioners live 40 minutes away (without traffic) Ongoing restoration</p>			
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>			

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	--	85	88
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	75	75	86
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	--	55	60
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	6	5	12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	4	0	1
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	04	01	05
<b>Funerals</b>	04	02	05
<b>Marriages</b>	05	0	02
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	01	0	02
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	18	18	15
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	05	0	12

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SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL 917 N. WOOD STR. CHICAGO, IL 60622	
<b>Clergy</b>	
ARCHIM. VLADIMIR (WENDLING)	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
PARISH COUNCIL CHOIR CHURCH SCHOOL	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
HIERARCHICAL VISITS ANNUAL DINNERS	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
SUPPORT OF MONASTERY	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP NON-SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FINANCES	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
20 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. - FR VLADIMIR AS RECTOR	




	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	55	55	37
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	40-50	40-50	50
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	30	30	25-30
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	6-8	4-5	4-5
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	-	-	-
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	2	2
<b>Funerals</b>	2	2	2
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	-	-	-
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	15	15	15
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10-15	10-15	10-15

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<p><b>St. Makarios Mission</b>  <b>Chicago IL 60615</b>  <b>Hyde Park</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Elijah Mueller  Deacon Mark Makarios Roosien</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Baptisms of children and one adult, 2 new chrismations, 1 wedding and 1 marriage blessing.  Normal yearly welcome of OCF students.  <u>First parish member ordained, Deacon Mark Makarios Roosien, pictured above</u></p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Various occasional activities</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Search for a building, and money for a building.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	


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	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	13	13	19
		<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	~30	~34	~34
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	~24	~28	~30
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	8/school year	8	9
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	4-6	4
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	1	3
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	2	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	8	7	6
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	24	26	34

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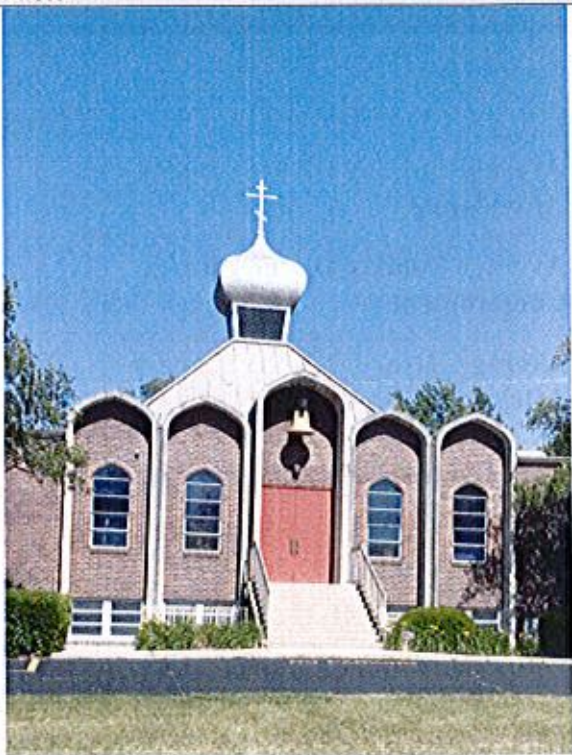
Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St Matthew Orthodox Church</b> <b>607 Ravenswood Drive</b> <b>Green Bay, WI 54302</b> <b>920-455-0744</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev Eugene Wozniak <a href="mailto:father.wozniak@gmail.com">father.wozniak@gmail.com</a> 910-467-7467	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Mission Team Facilities Team	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlight of Top Activity</b>	
New icons on the back wall of the Altar (Phase 1)	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
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	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Finance Driving distance for parishioners especially in bad weather	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	40	40	45
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	40	50	50
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		2	3
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>		4	0
<b>Funerals</b>		1	1
<b>Marriages</b>		0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>		6	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		12	12?
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		10	10

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<p><b>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</b></p> <p>1018 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL 60435-2918</p>	
<p><b>Clergy</b></p> <p>Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk – Rector Archpriest John Kuchta – Retired, Pastor Emeritus Deacon David Hanneman – Attached</p>	
<p><b>Committees/Societies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Parish Council</li> <li>❖ Ladies Aid</li> <li>❖ Sunday School</li> <li>❖ Choir</li> <li>❖ Men's Group</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Since September 2017</b></p> <p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Nicholas Church</li> <li>❖ Annual Picnic</li> <li>❖ Christmas and Easter bake sales</li> <li>❖ Akathist Service for visitation of Tikhvin Icon</li> <li>❖ Pierogi Sale – successful fundraiser for the church</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Annual Christmas gift giving to Morning Star Mission – 19 children sponsored</li> <li>❖ Quarterly Pantry Donations for the Homeless</li> <li>❖ Blini Luncheon – proceeds went to Morning Star Mission</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Major Challenges Faced</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Church building updates and upgrades</li> <li>❖ Increasing membership count of our parish.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ St. Nicholas patron celebration</li> <li>❖ Annual Anniversary Dinner</li> <li>❖ Annual Christmas gift giving to needy children through the Morning Star Mission</li> <li>❖ Christmas and Easter Bake Sales</li> </ul>	

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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	30	38	42
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	32	50	48
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	23	30	29
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	Na	8	7
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	Na	2	2
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	4	9
<b>Funerals</b>	2	1	4
<b>Marriages</b>	1		2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	0	10
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	Na	2	0

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ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH 4313 18TH AVE KENOSHA, WI 53140	
<b>Clergy</b>	
ARCHPRIEST STEPHEN J. HRYCYNIAK, RECTOR ARCHPRIEST ALEXIS W. FEDEC, EMERITUS ARCHPRIEST BASIL ADON, ATTACHED	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
NONE	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
PARISH OKTOBERFEST PARISH PICNIC BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
INITIATED A RELATIONSHIP W/ SHARING KARATE DOJO FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER YOUTH.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
NONE	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	

SUBDEACON JAN FARRAL  
READER NICHOLAS YURSCHAK

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018




Supporting Membership Count			52
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			63
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			44
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			9-10
Number of Catechumens			4
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms			5
Funerals			2 <del>3</del>
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			10

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<p><b>Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church</b></p> <p><b>8600 Grand Blvd.</b> <b>Merrillville, IN 46410</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Jacob Van Sickle – Acting Rector	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Women’s Sodality O-Club Parish Hall Committee Greeters Ministry Feeding the Flock	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
106 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Oct 1 Golf Outing – June 2 Supplication to the Virgin with the Tikhvin Icon – Aug 1	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish provides regular support to a missionary family with OCMC We collect for local food pantries on an ongoing basis. We prepare and serve meals quarterly at a local soup kitchen The O-Club supports seminarians at SVS & STS, Northwest Indiana Meals-on-wheels, and the FOCA United Fund	
Major Challenges Faced	
Transition to a new rector. Overcoming a recent decline in membership—reaching out to families that have left. Re-establishing family/child ministries. Large mortgage. Changing regional demographics.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
107 <sup>th</sup> parish anniversary on Sept 30 (moved from parish feast-day Oct 1) Fashion Show fundraiser – Oct 14	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	N/A	63	69
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	N/A	45	60
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	N/A	30	40
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	N/A	8	6
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	0	0
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	5	2
<b>Funerals</b>	4	3	5
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	N/A	6	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	12	7	6

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<b>SS Cyril &amp; Methodius 2515 S 30<sup>th</sup> St, Milwaukee WI 53215-2829</b> <b>Dependencies: Holy Theophany Chapel, William's Bay WI</b> <b>St Herman Chapel, West Bend WI</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Priests John Jones and Bryan Constantine Bodien Protodeacon George Potym Priest John Jones, Priest-in-charge, Holy Theophany Chapel Priest Gregory Madlom. Priest-in-charge, St Herman of Alaska Chapel	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
We function as a community of the whole with no subsidiary societies other than ad hoc committees from time to time and, of course, the Sunday School.	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Patronal Vespers and Wine Tasting Evening in May</p> <p>Holy Week and Pascha, including the Washing of Feet Service within Matins on Holy Wed. evening, and an especially joyous and light Pascha Vigil and Liturgy.</p> <p>In the past few weeks, the Janssons, a family of six who have been very much at the heart of our church life, moved to the UK. We had a very heartfelt parish farewell on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Subsequently, the Graves family of 7 from urban Milwaukee were received into the Church, six of them chrismated and their one-year-old baptized. This too was a huge event. These demonstrate the constant fluidity of our parish life but also the hope with which we approach each challenge.</p> <p>Holy Theophany Chapel – Annual patronal celebration on a Saturday after Theophany with the blessing of Geneva Lake, a free buffet and swimming at a resort for all attendees. The Chapel hosted the Chicago Deanery Youth Camp at its winter camp last January for Sunday Liturgy, lunch, and swimming.</p> <p>St Herman of Alaska Chapel – Regular pro-life vigils at clinic sites.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	

Neighborhood Block Party July 22 in the street in front of our church – 130 participants, very relaxed and congenial, free food and drink, lots of fun entertainment and activities. We’ve been doing this since around 2000. This was our best.

Hosting Neighborhood Improvement organization, Layton Park South Neighbors – working with god results on safety, beautification, and unity.

Providing free playground and Prayer Garden for parishioners’ and neighbors’ enjoyment.

Monthly meals we prepare and serve at a women’s and children’s homeless shelter downtown.

Participation in faith-based social and economic justice network, Milwaukee Innerscity

Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA) for 20 years.

Strong leadership & participation in a Pan-Orthodox Youth Day in the spring.

Campus Ministry (OCF) at Marquette University.

St Herman Chapel Study Group

Leadership and participation in Orthodox Clergy Syndesmos of Wisconsin.

Active participation (7 youth and 3 counsellors) in Chicago Deanery Youth Camps.

#### Major Challenges Faced

We went through a difficult time in 2017, with a few families moving, and diminished participation on the part of others due to family illnesses and problems. Our older teens moved on to college, usually out of town, and most of them relocated to other areas after graduation. Milwaukee is a very lively and culturally booming city, but the state has been sluggish in terms of opportunities for young adults coming into the job market. Now, however, a great group of younger teens and pre-adolescents is coming into their own, active in liturgical service and in outreach. New families and singles are also finding their way to us, through word of mouth and their own searches, seeking a parish that is open and welcoming, racially and ethnically diverse, and which has a strong social conscience and outreach. We are gratified to be renewed in our confidence that this identification can be effective and positive for an Orthodox parish.

We need to grow in stewardship and in observance of festal and Sunday cycles.

#### Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019

The special events are those outlined above:

Chicago Deanery Youth Camps 2/16-18/19 and 6/29-7/3/19.

Holy Theophany Festal Extravaganza 1/19/19.

Block Party, Nameday Vespers/Wine-tasting, Youth Day, etc. – dates not as yet determined.


(Note: Statistics include chapel communities, which pay their assessments, as required, through the mother parish.)

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	109	96	102
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	85-90	75-80	75-80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	65-75	65-75	65-75
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	5	4	18
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	7	3	4
<b>Funerals</b>	1	0	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	2	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	3	5	6
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	26	24	29
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10	10	10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p><b>Holy Apostles Orthodox Church</b>  <b>1670 West Hovey Avenue</b>  <b>Normal, IL 61761</b></p>	
Clergy	
<p>Priest David Gresham, rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Holy Apostles Women's Group</li> <li>-Development and Growth Committee</li> <li>-Library and Book/Gift Store</li> <li>-Christian Education</li> </ul>	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Celebrated the parish's 20 anniversary with a special liturgy followed by a cookout. Many attendees from the parish and both clergy and faithful from other parishes.</li> <li>-Paid off the mortgage on the Church's property!</li> <li>-Began work on new, seeker-friendly parish website.</li> </ul>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. The parish continually collects food and donations, with special drives during the Nativity and Great Lent fasts.</li> <li>-Habitat for Humanity: We helped build a house for one of our parish families.</li> </ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-In the past 14 months 34 people, about 40% of the parish members, have moved away from Central Illinois because of marriage, work, etc. (For the year overall attendance numbers are the same as last year, but for this year they were much high last fall and are lower now.)</li> <li>-The parish is considering the next steps regarding new facilities.</li> <li>-Developing more outreach both to help those in need and to spread the Gospel in our area.</li> </ul>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fall picnic, October 20</li> <li>-From September will hold twice monthly Inquirer/Catechumen classes for the 11 inquirers/catechumen currently attending.</li> </ul>	


	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	29	31	27
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	38	44	44
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	30	38	38
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	7	9	9
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	8	2	1
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	3	8	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	17	24	19
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	1 on 1	6	5



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<p><b>Holy Resurrection Church</b>  <b>1449 N. Quentin Road, POB 421</b>  <b>Palatine, IL 60078</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Emmaus Adult Study Stewardship ministry Greeters ministry	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Christian Education for Youth Emmaus Adult Education Stewardship ministry Greeters ministry	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Participated in "Feed My Starving Children" Collected contributions for Fr. D. Vincent Martha and Mary House (home for expecting women) Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry Toys for children in Cook County DCFS Two dinners for Palatine PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Monthly Parish Charity collection Collection of foodstuffs for Palatine Township Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
Presentation on the Book of Ruth	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	93	93	90
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	65-95	70	70
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	55-85	55-85	65
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	5	0	2
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	2	2
<b>Funerals</b>	5	1	1
<b>Marriages</b>	2	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4	3	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	27	14	13
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	12	12	12

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<p><b>St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church</b>  <b>10700 S Kean Ave</b>  <b>Palos Hills IL 60465</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Rector; Archpriest Andrew Harrison, Pastor Emeritus (Attached)            Priest John Segvich            Proto Deacon. Andrew Werbiansky</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Property Ministry Team            Outreach Ministry Team            Education Ministry Team            Community Ministry Team            Liturgical Ministry Team</p>	
<b>Since September 2015</b>	
Highlights of Top Four Activities	
<p>1) Welcomed His Grace, Bishop PAUL for his annual visit to St. Luke's on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. At this Divine Liturgy Deacon John Segvich was ordained to the Holy Priesthood.            2) Marched in the 2017 Chicago Right to Life, on Sunday, January, 14<sup>th</sup>.            3) Provided Food &amp; Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 714 Women and Children housed and fed during season once a week from October to May. PADS food teams from 3 Orthodox churches and 2 from other Christian Churches.            4) Parish Mission Teams: in July to New Mexico (Yocama), in August to Montana (Yocama), to Ghana in West Africa (OCMC) and to Kenya in East Africa.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Over \$20,000 dollars from our St. Luke Charitable Trust Fund was distributed to Orthodox Charities around the world.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>St. Luke is currently in the process of renovating the interior of the Church. The building is over 100 years old and needs consistent upkeep.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	
<p>Parish Name's Day (Altar Feast) for St. Luke, October 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	128	132	141
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	101	105	107
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	95	95	95
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	10	10	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	2	1
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	3	3
<b>Funerals</b>	2	5	4
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	2	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	64	61	61
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	35	45	47

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<b>St. Herman of Alaska Chapel</b> <b>135 S. 6th Ave</b> <b>West Bend, WI 53095</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<b>Archpriest Gregory Madlom</b>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Parish Council</b> <b>Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom</b>	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p><b>St. Herman of Alaska serves a Moljeben for victims of abortion, parents and abortionists during the 40 Days for Life. Services are held on Saturday mornings for six weeks. There are two 40 Days for Life – in Spring and Fall</b></p> <p><b>Adult study group continues.</b></p> <p><b>A family has started attending and preparation for Chrismation are planned.</b></p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Our youth have made 12 Emergency School Kids for the IOCC. Plants are in place to receive and distribute foods and clothing for the needy in West Bend.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
<p>Baptism of Mia Joy in October 2018.</p>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	13	13	13
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	17	18	18
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	17	18	18
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	2	7
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	2	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0	0	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	6	6	6

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<p><b>St Joseph Orthodox Church</b>  <b>412 Crescent St</b>  <b>Wheaton, IL 60187</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Joseph Kopka            Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Associate            Archpriest John Matusiak, Pastor Emeritus            Protodeacon John Coleman            Deacon Lawrence Dugoni            Deacon Jerzy Pietrowski</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>No formal structures of this sort other than the Parish Council and the staffs of the two Sunday Schools. All ministries are organized in a fluid manner based on the nature and duration of the outreach effort.</p>	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Temporary assignment of Fr John Russin; search for full time Second Priest</li> <li>2. Expanded outreach to our growing number of young families: Pizza Night, World's largest Orthodox playdate, establishing a special Facebook group for them, etc.</li> <li>3. Replacement Fire Safety System &amp; complete renovation of church electrical system.</li> <li>4. Assignment of Fr Jonathan Lincoln as Second Priest, effective 01 Sep.</li> </ol>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parish supports the Peoples Resource Center, a local food bank and social services agency. Volunteers from our parish help distribute food once a month.</li> <li>2. Food is collected to supply the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.</li> <li>3. Annual School Supply donation drive for needy children of Du Page County.</li> <li>4. Christmas gift drives for Du Page County Rehabilitation Center and the PRC.</li> <li>5. Parish supports Bridge Communities through financial and collection drives. Bridge works with single pregnant women, families recovering from domestic violence, etc.</li> <li>6. Clergy on rotation for City Council meeting prayer invocations.</li> </ol>
Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Operating short staffed for the majority of 2018.</li> <li>2. Major health challenges by clergy &amp; clergy spouses</li> <li>3. Acquiring a replacement full time Second Priest</li> </ol>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Back to School picnic – Sun 09 Sep</li> <li>2. Young Families Night – Tue 18 Sep</li> <li>3. “Let’s Bowl” after church outing – Sun 21 Oct</li> <li>4. Parish Movie Night Thu 18 Oct</li> <li>5. Pre Nativity Fast Dinner – TBD</li> <li>6. Celebration of Parish 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sun 05 May 2019</li> </ol>

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	287	288	281
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	8a – 10-15 930-200-250 1130a-40-80	8a-10-15 930a-200-250 1130a-40-80	930a-200-250 1130a-40-80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	No formal count is taken.	Same	Same



<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>10-15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	4	3	4
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	21	09	08
<b>Funerals</b>	2	0	4
<b>Marriages</b>	4	2	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	1	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	930a-115 1130a-30	930a-115 1130a-30	930a-118 1130a-30
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	15-25	15-20	15-20