

Kansas City Deanery

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Report to the Diocesan Assembly
October 9-10, 2018
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean

Deanery Activities

- Many thanks to the clergy and parishes of the Kansas City Deanery for their hard work at the 19th All American Council in St. Louis! Special thanks to Bob Butchko the local Lay Chairman of the Council, and Fr. Nicholas Finley and the faithful of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Madison, IL for their work!

Clergy and parish changes

- November 9, 2017: Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Mission was changed to parish status.
- March 13, 2018: Presentation of the Theotokos Monastery is officially closed.
- March 14, 2018: Mother Sergia and Mother Victoria are officially received into the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gracanica.
- August 29, 2018: Fr. John Zabinko is attached to Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Madison, IL.
- September 16, 2018: Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, Royalton, IL is transferred from the Chicago Deanery to the Kansas City Deanery.
- September 16, 2018: Nativity of the Virgin Mary Chapel, Buckner, IL is transferred from the Chicago Deanery to the Kansas City Deanery.

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2017

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Theotokos "Unexpected Joy" Orthodox Christian Church 810 West Woodbine Ash Grove, MO 65604	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Moses Berry, rector Hierodeacon Theodore Niklasson	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Sunday School Committee Charity Committee St. Joseph of Arimathea Burial Society	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit from Bishop NEOFITOS Purchase and installation of playground equipment Installation of new iconography on iconostasis	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support of seminarian Gift card program for charitable giving Lectures by Fr. Moses to various groups around the country	
Major Challenges Faced	
Development of Sunday school Expansion of nave	

Expansion of cemetery
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	27	34	39
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 -August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	45	50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	40	45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	5	8	8
Number of Catechumens	5	3	3
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017-August 2018
Baptisms	1	5	1
Funerals	1	1	
Marriages	2	0	
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	20	19
Adult Education/Number Participating	3	5	5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 1235 Iowa St. Lawrence, KS 66044	
Clergy	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Burial Society Adult Education	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit of Bp Paul, Aug 1-2	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
LINK (local soup kitchen) KU OCF	
Major Challenges Faced	
We are discussing possible building plans for a temple on our property.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019	
Dec. 6 – Parish Feast Day	

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	16 Families	18 Families	20
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	35	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	25	25	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	8	8-10
Number of Catechumens	1	1	7
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	3	2	0
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	0	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	6-7	5-6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. John of Kronstadt Church 2800 Holdrege Lincoln, Ne. 68503</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Archpriest James Dank</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Fr. Arsenal Society (Men's group) meets every Wed. St.s Martha and Mary Women's group meets to organize church activities</p>	
<p>Since September 2017</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Christmas Pageant/play and Sunday Brunch-All children participated St. John of Kronstadt Feast Day Russian Dinner Fundraiser- Proceeds donated to Chaplynka Hospital children's ward in Ukraine. Also children's clothing drive for same hospital in Ukraine. Christmas Drive to collect toys and supplies for Friendship Home, a women and children's shelter in Lincoln, Ne. Community picnic to celebrate 30th anniversary of the founding of St. John of Kronstadt Church as a mission on August 26th, 2018 Women's Retreat at Holy Archangel and All Angel's Skete in Cameron, Missouri</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities Big Red Welcome- Welcoming incoming students at University of Nebraska, Lincoln. St. John's had a booth Friendship Home Women's Shelter - Donated Toys and Supplies Russian Dinner Fundraiser for Chaplynka Hospital in Ukraine</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Expansion of Parish Hall and need for handicap access</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</p>	
<p>Chaplynka Hospital Russian Dinner Fundraiser/ Patronal Feast The 2018 Christmas Pageant and Play and Sunday Brunch Women's Winter Monastic Retreat</p>	

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count			46
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			1
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms			3
Funerals			2
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			15
Adult Education/Number Participating			12

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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	
Committees/Societies	
Society of the Myrrhbearing Women – Ladies Sodality – Sisterhood FOCA	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Our parish spent considerable time and energy in hosting the 19 th All American Council	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish continues to support people in need with our annual Urgent Needs Fund We helped host the Angel Tree project for the City of Madison We assisted families in the area to be able to celebrate Christmas	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019	


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	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	63	58	61
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	55	53	56
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	55	53	56
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	12	12	13
Number of Catechumens	1	1	1
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	1	2	1
Funerals	2	1	0
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	9	20	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Trinity Church 11901 Pflumm Rd. Overland Park, KS 66213</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Rector Fr. Christopher Rowe, Associate Priest Fr. Michael Medis, Attached Fr. Thomas George, Attached</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>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</p>	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100th Anniversary of the parish celebrated the weekend of October 7-8. • Performed “The Symphony of Witnesses” on November 10th. (Exploring the Ancient Christian Church through Image, Word, and Song) 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We sent 200 School kits to IOCC in September, 2017 and are planning the same for 2018. • February, 2018: Our Annual Souper Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off supports IOCC. • July, 2018: Holy Trinity participated in a project to help children at Orthodox schools and orphanages in Kenya. This project turned out to be a great partnership with St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Wichita who sent a team of 14 to Kenya this summer. With the generous donations of our church family, we sent money to Bishop Neophitos of Kenya for much needed textbooks AND purchased and filled seven suitcases with school supplies which were distributed to children in 3 different Orthodox schools. Our friends from St. George literally carried the suitcases of school supplies for us to ensure their safe arrival and distribution in Kenya. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major maintenance projects on the horizon • Faithful members have re-located • Volunteerism/Stewardship 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will do a repeat performance of the “Symphony of Witnesses” on November 9. • Connected to the Symphony of Witnesses we will have a performance on Bright Friday (May 5, 2019) titled “Christ Crucified—Creation Completed.” Fr. John Behr from St. 	

Vladimirs Seminary will be here to help with this performance.

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	165	160	155
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	165	170	160
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	125	125-135	120
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	35	30	25
Number of Catechumens	2	7	1
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	17	5	14
Funerals	1	2	1
Marriages	1	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	6	2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	92	95-100	86
Adult Education/Number Participating	32	30	30

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Parish Name and Address		Photo
St. Raphael Orthodox Mission 212 N. 6th Street Quincy, IL 62301	<i>Mailing Address:</i> PO Box 115 Quincy, IL 62306	
Clergy		
Pr. Basil Ferguson		
Committees/Societies		
Parish Council Building/Design Committee		
Since September 2017		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Renovated and moved into [rented] building.2. Completed full year of regular services for Sunday and nearly all Feasts.3. Held weekly summer book study		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
Weekly summer book study		
Major Challenges Faced		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Becoming visible in the Quincy area2. Establishing regular choir rehearsal, children's & adult education3. Having to be fully engaged and builders rather than attenders		
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019		
Patronal Feast on February 27		

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	14	13 adults (7 families)	
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	18	Unsure	25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	Most in attendance	Unsure	21
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	16	Unsure	8
Number of Catechumens	0	0	2
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	0	0	0
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	13	Unsure	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	Unsure	5–6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission 14020 Private Drive 2083 Saint James, MO 65559</p>	
Clergy	
Fr. Joel Wilson	
Committees/Societies	
18 recently established ministry groups	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism and Chrismation of 16 • Hosted many events including two archpastoral visits, fourth spiritual retreat, a Lenten lecture series, and the visit of the miracle-working icon of St. Anna • Established a building fund and began fundraising and acquiring estimates 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted a free 2-day retreat that was advertised across southern Missouri. Had 63 people attend. • Participated for the fourth time in the Celebration of Nations festival which resulted in exposure to the community and conversations. • Support of The Rucker Family, OCMC Missionaries • Support of two local pregnancy resource centers, donations and volunteering • Public evening education classes offered nearly every week. • At least one Vespers and Liturgy offered during the weekdays nearly every week. • Concelebration with other area parishes for select feast days • Assisting with the potential planting of a new mission in Farmington, MO 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving distance from church for people is difficult to bridge. • Attendance, commitment and financial support between June and September has dropped severely for unknown reasons. • Difficult to get into university for OCF. Requires 10 full time students to charter new organization. 	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019

Oct. 19 & 20 – Fifth annual hosted spiritual retreat with Constantine Zalalas; lecture in Greek on Friday for our Greek speaking families

Feb. 9 – Six year anniversary

Mar 25 – Parish feastday (Annunciation)

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	5	12	15
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	15-20	25-35	30-50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	10-15	20-25	30-40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7	10-15	10-15
Number of Catechumens	12	12	6
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	14	2	14
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	10	15	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	5-10	10-12	5-10

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Michael the Archangel Church 1901 Ann Ave. St. Louis, MO. 63104</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Fr. Christopher Philyx</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>N/A</p>	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Divine Liturgy Coffee hour (hospitality)</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Focus - in the basement</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Need for faithful to realize the need for services beyond Sunday Divine Liturgy</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<p>St. Michael's Feast Day Celebration</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count			18
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			7
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

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 (2011 and 2012).