

South Florida (Miami) Deanery Report

October 12, 2011

Christ the Cathedral – Miami During the summer, Priest Joseph Lucas and family arrived to begin their life in south Florida. Fr. Joseph is an assistant to Fr. Philip Reese who continues with his work at the VA as well as administering the Cathedral. Attendance is stable and the iconography project continues.

Ss. Peter & Paul – Miami Discussions and evaluations are continuing regarding this parish and how the Diocese can best assist Fr. Alexander in improving attendance and overall health of the community.

St. Nicholas – Ft. Lauderdale Parish is stable. Fr. Kirill continues his many duties.

St. Herman of Alaska – Lake Worth Parish is stable. Fr. Michael perseveres.

St. Peter the Apostle – Jupiter Fr. Philip continues to instruct catechumens and hold bible/book sessions during the week. Attendance remains stable.

St. James – Port St. Lucie Parish celebrated the consecration of a new temple on September 10, 2011 with HB Jonah, HG Alejo and HG Mark in attendance as well as many clergy from the OCA and various jurisdictions. It was a joyous event, followed by a luncheon and many good wishes. Congratulations Fr. Ernesto!

Holy Spirit – Venice The parish continues the new building (expansion) project. It is currently being served by visiting priests.

Holy Cross – Ft. Myers The parish continues to look for ways to increase its attendance and outreach.

St. Demetrius – Naples Attendance is stable. A new iconostasis project is being launched to replace the iconostasis with an oak structure that matches the other liturgical furniture and icons that are consistent in the byzantine style.

The Keys – Big Pine Key This community is gearing up for season and its first full year of operations. As missions coordinator, Fr. Ted Pisarchuk is devoting time and energy to this endeavor. They potentially have around 30 members during season.

His Grace, Bishop Mark, continues to reside in Ft. Lauderdale and visit various parishes in south Florida and elsewhere.