

South Florida (Miami) Deanery Report

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Christ the Cathedral – Miami In July, 2011 Fr. Joseph Lucas arrived at the Cathedral to become the Associate Priest to Fr. Philip Reese. In the Fall of 2011 the Cathedral hosted the Konevets Quartet from St. Petersburg, Russia and also a retreat was held for the teens in the parish with several doing the “overnighter”. During lent of 2011, a spiritual retreat was led by Bp. Mark of Baltimore. Theme was “Prayer in the Psalms”. The iconography project continues during 2012 and the sanctuary has been finished. Inquirer’s classes and bible studies continue to be held and 10 former Anglicans have been received by chrismation. Fr. Philip and Fr. Joseph continue to assist Fr. David Wooten at the Spanish mission, Santos Apostoles in Miami.

Ss. Peter & Paul – Miami The parish continues to struggle with serious maintenance issues. The congregation remains small but there have been slight increases in membership and attendance.

St. Nicholas – Ft. Lauderdale Thriving parish with large numbers of ethnic Slavs. Fr. Kirrill keeps extra busy!

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

St. Peter the Apostle – Jupiter Fr. Philip continues to instruct catechumens and hold bible/book sessions during the week. Attendance remains stable at around 30. There are 24 households in the membership.

St. James – Port St. Lucie Growth over the past five years has required that the parish build a new temple. This was consecrated on September 10, 2011, with Met. Jonah, Bp. Mark and Abp. Alejo in attendance. Also attending were 17 priests, 1 protodeacon and 3 deacons. The iconostasis is expected to be finished in 2013 and the entire temple in about 5-7 years.

Holy Spirit – Venice The parish is making final preparations for the new building (expansion) project. Attendance is wall to wall and completely overflowing at Pascha. They received Abbot Gerasim during his tour of south Florida and are reaching out to the community, especially the elderly in Venice.

Holy Cross – Ft. Myers The parish as been able to purchase additional land and anxiously await a better economy in their area.

St. Demetrius – Naples Attendance is growing and the parish continues to upgrade the facilities. A new iconostasis is anticipated. Abbot Gerasim made a stop here while in south Florida and was warmly received.

The Keys – Big Pine Key Divine Liturgy is celebrated whenever we can arrange for a visiting priest. The attendance averages around 20-30 for Liturgy and about 10 for reader services. Many donations of items have been made to the mission and they are excited about finding a suitable place to hold their services and eventually have a priest for weekly services. Fr Joseph Lucas (Christ the Saviour) has assisted Fr. Gleb in helping to oversee this fast growing mission.

Santos Apostoles Mission – Miami The first Spanish mission in south Florida got a great start on Sunday July 1, 2012 with the Inaugural Liturgy with Fr. David Wooten (Priest in Charge), Fr. Antonio Perdomo (OCA Spanish Mission Director), Fr. Joseph Lucas (Christ the Saviour) and Fr. Ted Pisarchuk (DOS Missions Director) concelebrating. There were 34 chrismations and 80-90 in attendance. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this a reality and may God grant you and the mission many, many years!

In Christ,

Fr. Gleb McFatter, Dean