

## **2016 Carolinas Deanery Report**

### **North Carolina**

#### **1. Charlotte: Nativity of the Theotokos-Fr. William Mills**

Members: 80

Ave Attend: 110

Baptisms: 6

Chrismations: 5

Catechumens: 10

Annual General Fund Income: 110k

Annual General Fund Expense: 105k

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 25k in building fund

Rent/Own: own

Services Offered: Saturday vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, feast days

Outreach, Etc monthly meal at the rescue mission, back pack project for local schools , monthly canned food drive, home for unwed mother ministry, summer construction ministry, weekly prayer group meeting, Advent Angel Tree Toy collection, OCMC Lenten coin collection

#### **2, Fayetteville: Saint Nicholas Orthodox Mission- Fr. Andrew Winters,**

Members (adults & children): 42

Average attendance: 34

Baptisms: 5

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 0

Annual General Fund Income: 49,047.92

Annual General Fund Expense: 44, 830.73

Charity Fund Income: 1184.73

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 41,813.58

Rent/Own: Own

Services offered: Great Vespers on Saturday and major feast days; Divine Liturgy on Sunday; Instruction class the first Sunday of every month; Sunday School on Sunday for the children during the secular school year period of time

Outreach, etc: Co-pay; Children's Home in Falcon, NC; Department of Social Services in Fayetteville, NC

Completing the building of the parish hall

#### **3.Wilmington: St. Basil's Mission Fr. Peter Robichau, Fr. Timothy Yates,**

Members: 80

Ave Attend: 70

Baptisms: 5

Chrismations: 2

Catechumens: 0

Annual General Fund Income:\$95,000

Annual General Fund Expense: \$93,000

Charity Fund Income: \$1500

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$30,000

Rent/Own: own

Services Offered: Liturgy, Vespers, Akathist, Feasts

Outreach, Etc: cooperative charity with local GOA parish (Stop Hunger Now, Habitat etc). Ministry to neighbors as needed.

Welcome to Wilmington!

#### **4. Greensboro: Holy Cross Orthodox Mission, Fr. Christopher Foley**

Members: 106 adult members (64 children in 74 households)

Ave Attend: 101 at Divine Liturgy, 21 at Great Vespers, 153 for Pascha, 38 for weekday

Festal Liturgies

Baptisms: 5

Chrismations: 8

Catechumens: 7

Annual General Fund Income: \$122,288.47

Annual General Fund Expense: \$102,645.11

Charity Fund Income: \$8793.59

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$750k in pledges, \$200k collected

Rent/Own: rent building and own land for future building

Services Offered: Gr. Vesper/Sun Lit.; Wed Compline, Feasts: Gr. Vespers/Litya/Liturgy

Outreach, Etc: Regular Inquirers/Catechism class, Adult Study class, prepare and serve

meal at local shelter, monthly teen group hosted by Fr. Christopher and Mtk. Carrie

This year has seen a tremendous amount of activity on the building front. We have

extensively researched and consulted on how to run an effective capital campaign.

Through a feasibility study conducted in the parish it was determined that now is the time

to begin the next step in our building plan. We have launched the campaign in November

and to date have close to \$750K pledged toward the project through personal meetings

with individuals. In addition to the campaign, we have established an extensive plan for

the whole project with 4 Committees working under a larger steering committee and the

parish council. These committees are Design, Campaign, Communications and Finance.

All of the committees have begun their work and are doing a great job. We are excited to

take the next step in this process in the coming year through hiring an architect and

builder and to continue to talk with local banks to find who might offer the best terms for

a mortgage. We hope to break ground within the next year or two.

#### **5. Hickory: Archangel Gabriel Mission, Fr. Christopher Foley, Fr. David Wooten**

Members: 27

Ave Attend: 24

Baptisms: 1

Chrismations:

Catechumens: 2

Comments: Archangel Gabriel Mission has been meeting for almost 2 years with Sunday

evening Vespers twice a month. They are meeting in Lutheran Chapel in Hickory. They

had their first Divine Liturgy on Bright Saturday this year and, beginning in September,

will begin having a weekly Sunday morning Typika service with Divine Liturgy once a

month.

## **6. Raleigh: Holy Transfiguration, Fr. Edward Rommen**

Members: 112

Ave Attend:

Baptisms: 3

Chrismations: 5

Wedding: 1

Catechumens: 6

General Fund Income = \$ 162,298

General Fund Expense = \$ 152,365

Charity (St. Nicholas) Fund Income = \$ 560

Capital Campaign/Building Funds Income = \$ 95,347

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Sat Vespers, Sunday Lit. Feast Day Lit.

Outreach, Study Groups

## **7. Edenton: St. George, Fr. Benedict Churchill**

Members: 8; several others in the area consider St George's their church, but attend only rarely

Ave Attend: 10, including one catechumen and one inquirer

Baptisms: 1

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 3

Annual General Fund Income: \$20,876

Annual General Fund Expense: \$20,876

Charity Fund Income: \$500 in 2015

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: Gift of \$5k recently received (not yet announced) will probably go here

Rent/Own: Rent

Services Offered: Vespers Saturdays, Wednesdays, eves of Great Feasts, eves of some second-tier feasts; Matins most Sundays; Hours and Liturgy Sundays and Great Feasts;

Lenten Services include Great Compline with the Great Canon, Presanctified

(Wednesday), Great Akathist, Great Canon (5th Thursday), Bridegroom Matins,

Presanctified, Vespers w/o Presanctified once each in Holy Week; Holy Thursday

Vesperal Liturgy; Holy Friday Vespers; Holy Saturday Matins, Vesperal Liturgy,

Nocturns; Pascha Matins and Liturgy and Vespers

Outreach, Etc: Prison Ministry, participate in food drive for local Albemarle Food Pantry; presentation on Mt Athos later this month at the Edenton Library, open to the public

The ACROD mission of The Holy Myrrhbearers in Moyock, NC was closed this past

year; Bishop Gregory allowed almost all their church furnishings to come to St George's,

including the icon screen.—If we include members, catechumens, inquirers, inmates, and a few others, our mission serves probably around 17 people.

## **8. Georgia**

### **Toccoa: St. Timothy. Fr Jacob Kulp,**

Members: 21

Ave Attend: 15

Baptisms: 0

Chrismations: 1

Catechumens: 1

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$64,219.65

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$28,841.03

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$28,565.95

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$1563

Rent/Own: Own - mortgage paid including two lots next door with a building

Services Offered: Sunday & Festal Vespers & Liturgy, Compline

Outreach, Etc: Blessing Toccoa Reservoir esch Theophany, Articles in papers, OCMC, OCEC & OCPM donations, Wednesday Inquirer/Discussion, presentation at Toccoa Falls College, Harvest Festival participation downtown, monthly donations to St. Vladimir's Seminary, use of utility bulding for NA twice a week.

over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July a crew of 5 came from Nativity of the Theotokos, Charlotte, NC, and in 4 days increased the beauty and recognizability of our church as an Orthodox church by adding an entrance and a second and third cupola to our building. The impact and blessing to our parish of their brotherhood, fellowship, and labor cannot be measured.

## **9. Rincon: St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fr. James Bohlman,**

Members: 57

Ave Attend: 42-45

Baptisms: 1

Chrismations: 5

Catechumens: 2

Annual General Fund Income: Approx. \$46,000

Annual General Fund Expense: Approx. \$46,000

Charity Fund Income: n/a

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: n/a

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Saturday Great Vespers (on eve of Great Feasts: Great Vespers & Litiya), Sunday Matins, Hours and Divine Liturgy, the occasional Akathist and/or Molieben

Outreach, Etc: Participate in a local Food Pantry program, some individuals participate in Habitat For Humanity, participate in aid to a local children's home

## **South Carolina**

### **10. Beaufort: St. James Mission, Fr. James Bozeman**

Members: 27

Ave Attend: 31

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations: 0  
Catechumens: 1  
Annual General Fund Income (actual 2015 / projected 2016): 100,109 / 95,700  
Annual General Fund Expense (actual 2015 / projected 2016): 86,503 / 90,290  
charity Fund Income: n/a  
Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 26,000  
Rent/Own: Rent  
Services Offered: Saturday Great Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Wednesday Daily Vespers (or Little Compline and a class following). All Great Feasts: Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on the Feast. Basically full cycle of services at Holy Week and Nativity. Working on adding a panikhida once per month. Inquirers classes and Catechism as needed.  
Outreach: Inquirer's classes are offered, meet with people on a one-on-one basis as well. Church festivals draw many people to come and see the church. We are posting a banner in town along a major thoroughfare to advertise our presence along a major thoroughfare. Working on developing outreach in the mission itself among the members.

#### **11. Charleston: Holy Ascension Church, Fr. John Parker**

Members: 60  
Ave Attend: 75  
Baptisms: 2  
Chrismations: 2  
Catechumens: 1  
Annual General Fund Income \$165,000 (calendar 2015)  
Annual General Fund Expense \$165,000  
Charity Fund Income: \$3000  
Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 0

Rent/Own: mortgage  
Services Offered: Vespers Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6pm  
Matins, Liturgy Sundays 815a/930a  
Feast Days Great Vespers/Litya/Liturgy cycle  
Outreach: Food and other donations to East Cooper Community Outreach 2-4 time/year  
Various supports to Florence Crittenton Home (for pregnant teens), especially at Christmas and other times as possible  
Pastors Retreat: Fr John invites several dozen local pastors to come to coffee/lunch at Holy Ascension and teaches for an hour on the pastoral and/or liturgical life.

#### **12. Rock Hill, St Anthony's Mission: Fr. Adam Hortsman, Fr. Paul Coats,**

Members: 43 adult members  
Ave Attend: 44  
Baptisms: 0

Chrismations: 0

Catechumens: 1 (with another on the way)

Annual General Fund Income: projected 2016 income: \$65,151

Annual General Fund Expense: projected 2016 expenses: \$65,151

Charity Fund Income: We set aside 2% of our regular tithe for future charitable expense in addition to periodic free will offerings

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$0, our mortgage balance is \$18,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Saturday Great Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Wednesday Vespers, feast day liturgies with festal Vespers for most feasts, Pressanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays and Holy Week Services. Weekly Bible study/teaching, youth group activities, 2 retreats per year, catechetical instruction

Outreach, Etc: weekly ministry at a local food bank, continuing financial/food contributions to a local shelter, college ministry

A particular blessing for St Anthony's this year has been our recent acquisition of icons to beautify our Church. This has been a big project for us and has required us to raise money in addition to our normative expenses. We now we have a full iconostasis of icons. Our parishioners have really opened up their time, talents, and pocketbooks in beautifying our Church, and raising money for many other charitable causes this past year. Furthermore, we have been blessed with the addition of a choir director, which has greatly beautified our singing.

### **13. Greenville: St. John of the Ladder, Fr. Marcus Burch, Fr. David Wooten**

Members: 120 adults; 40 children

Ave Attend: 130 Sunday DL; 37 GV

Baptisms: 7

Chrismations: 6

Catechumens: 2

Annual General Fund Income: 2015 \$207,310

Annual General Fund Expense: 2015 \$161,327

Charity Fund Income: 2015 \$22,116

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 2015 Year End \$461K; 2016 YTD: \$550k

Rent/Own: SJOTL owns two Properties: Present Temple and Fellowship Facilities; 4.6 acre property where new temple and parish hall to be built

Services Offered: Weekly: Sat GV, Sund DL, Wed evening DV or Presanctified Liturgy; Vigil and Liturgy for 12 Major Feasts; Full 1st week of GL; Full HW; Nativity "Holy Week"; Outdoor blessing of Water with local Greek Church.

Outreach, Etc: Greenville United Ministries, Food Pantry, OCMC (Floyd Frantz)

Plan to break ground on new temple and parish hall in October 2016.

### **14. N. Augusta: Holy Resurrection, Fr. Alexis Baldwin**

Members: 20 adults

Ave Attend: 15-20

Baptisms: 1  
Chrismations: 0  
Catechumens: 2  
Annual General Fund Income: \$42,300 (budgeted)  
Annual General Fund Expense: \$35,500 (budgeted)  
Charity Fund Income: 0  
Capital Campaign and Building Fund: Non budgeted/as given, though several thousands of dollars have been donated in the past year  
Own: \$97,000 mortgage (all enrolled under Diocese Debt management program)  
Services Offered: Sat Vespers, Sun Divine Liturgy, Feast Days with Vespers, Holy Week Outreach, Etc: Newspaper Articles, Adult Education Classes  
Growing steadily over the past two years, gaining attention from local community, continuing beautification and expansion of chapel building and parsonage

**15. Columbia: Holy Apostles, Fr. Thomas Moore**

Members (adults & children): 90  
Average attendance: 85  
Baptisms: 3  
Chrismations: 1  
Catechumens: 5  
Weddings: 1  
2015 Annual General Fund Income: \$184,508  
Annual General Fund Expense: \$178,930  
Charity Fund Income: \$13,997 (of which, St. Nicholas Festival was \$5601)  
Rent/Own: Own \$190,000 bank mortgage  
Services offered: usual weekend, Wednesday, and vigil/Liturgy for Feasts.  
Outreach. IOCC, housing Flood relief volunteers, St. Nicholas Festival, Irish Dance, and AA/NA meetings. Teaching at local colleges.