



Carolinas Deanery Report 2017 Diocesan Assembly January to June 2017

Thanks be to God, our deanery is growing smoothly. We have welcomed a couple of new clergy into the Deanery; Fr. Patrick Pulley in Raleigh, Fr. Paul Schelllbock attached to Holy Cross in Greensboro. Dn. Andrew Cannon in Wilmington, and Dn. Nicholas Griswald retired from ROCOR and is serving at Holy Apostles. Dn. Michael Shepherd is attending STS hoping to return to the Diocese in a few years. All Missions and parishes currently have priests although many have to work part time jobs to fill financial needs. We do expect several retirements in the next few years. We have several building programs in initial stages, and renovation work on existing facilities. Charity and outreach events are commendable. We have Deanery retreats twice a year, which fulfill our CEU obligations, and provide great opportunity for fellowship. I believe close friendships are the engine that drives our Deanery forward.

Your servant in Christ,
Archpriest Thomas Moore, Dean

North Carolina

Holy Cross, Greensboro, NC: Fr. Christopher Foley, Fr. Paul Shellbock, Dn. George Hattie

Average Attend: 97 Divine Liturgy 26 Great vespers 38 at weekday Liturgies 147 at Pascha

Baptisms: 5

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 19

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$460,589

[Jan-Jun] General Income: ytd - \$66,889.56

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: ytd - \$55,438.00

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$1320

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

Services Offered: Sat/Sunday services, 12 major feast days vespers/ Liturgy full

Nativity cycle with pre-feast services and full Holy Week/Pascha cycle

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: prepare and serve monthly meal at Open Door

Ministry for the homeless. Annual series of Inquirers and catechumen classes. Have sporadic adult church school series on various topics. Very active Church school for

our children with 46 kids registered in four classes. Father and Matushka continue to host our OCAT group (Orthodox Church in America Teens) in our home monthly with an additional social activity once a month. Active Sisterhood and men's group monthly

Archangel Gabriel Mission, Hickory (served by deanery priests)

Average Attend: 22 Divine Liturgy - once a month

Baptisms:

Chrismations:

Catechumens:

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$23,536.86

[Jan-Jun] General Income:

[Jan-Jun] General Expense:

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income:

Rent/Own: rent building

Services Offered: Sunday Divine Liturgy once a month with reader's Typika on the other Sundays

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: planning on renting a booth at Hickory's fall festival and do a hospitality booth with free water, couches and a place to rest while offering information on the mission and the Orthodox faith.

St. Nicholas, Fayetteville: Fr. Andrew Winters

Average attendance 23

Baptism 2

Chrismation 2

Funeral 1

Average income \$17,472.00

Average expense \$16,033.00

Average alms \$764.00

Balance in the building fund \$20,000.00

Outreach

AAA Pregnancy Crisis Center in Fayetteville, NC

Childrens' Home in Falcon, NC

Cumberland County Department of Social Services at Thanksgiving & Nativity

Copay for medication

We own the building and property and the adjacent property

Services:

Great Vespers the Eve of a Feast

Great Vespers Saturday

Hours & Divine Liturgy on Sunday

Attendance has drastically reduced due to the relocation of military individuals and families which is drastically reducing our monthly income. Father Andrew has gone back to working a full time job in the event his monthly check has to be addressed.

Nativity of the Holy Virgin, Charlotte: Fr. Bill Mills

Members 80 adults

Aver. Attendance 125 (adults and children)

Baptism 1

Chrismations 4

Catechumens: 5

Alms income : we don't have income for this category but we spend around 4,000.00 per year for outreach ministry charities

Own property

Income (Jan-May) 53,372

Expense (Jan-May) 57,421

Services: Full cycle for Holy Week/Pascha, Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday

Divine Liturgy/Feast Days

Outreach projects/programs: Monthly hot lunch at Men's Rescue Mission, Loaves and Fishes food bin, supporting educational missionary/ministry in Uganda, OCMC Coin Collection, Back to School Backpack Project, Salvation Army Angel Tree Ministry, annual baby showers/sewing ministry at the Florence Crittendon Center unwed mother's

Holy Transfiguration, Raleigh: Fr. Patrick Pulley

Members: 126

Average Attend: Liturgy ~ 70, Great Vespers ~ 32, Daily Vespers ~ 20, Ongoing Education ~ 15

Baptisms/Chrismations: 1

Catechumens: 3

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$58,176

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$109,331

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$114,551 (shortfall due to extensive payroll costs early in the year - will assuredly come out in the black at year end)

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$1,680

Rent/Own: We own our church and property for a future location, but we still owe a little over \$500,000.

Services Offered: Wednesday Vespers followed by On-going Orthodox Education, Saturday Great Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, & weekday Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy for Great Feasts

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: Men's Group, Women's Sisterhood, Men's book group, On-going Orthodox Education/Seekers Class, Catechism, Support two OCMC missionaries (James Hargrave Family, Dn Christopher Moore Family), Support a local Orthodox Ministry overseen by a Dn Gavrillo (Back to School Supply Drives, etc.), Support Durham Rescue mission with supplies, & offer our space for a local Eritrean immigrant population to hold their services . Coming this Fall: Sunday Church School, Prison Ministry at Warren Correctional Facility

St. Basil's Wilminaton NC : Fr. Peter Robichau, Dn. Andrew Cannon

Members: 60

Average Attend: 75

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations: 0

Catechumens: 4

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$0

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$58,550.

Expenses: \$61,057.00

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$2,300
Rent/Own: Own
Services Offered: Mid-week Services, Feast Day Services (Vespers/Liturgy),
Weekend Vespers/Liturgy
Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: Church School, Adult Bible Study, Charitable
Outreach

St. George, Edenton, NC: Fr. Benedict Churchill

Members: 12
Average Attend: 10 to 12 (fewer during the summer)
Baptisms: 0
Chrismations: 1
Catechumens: 3
Inquirers: 1

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: N/A
[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$ 14,824
[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$ 10,747
[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: N/A
Rent/Own: Rent
Building fund \$52,446;

Services Offered: Vespers (Wednesdays, Saturdays, eves of Great Feasts and recently of selected vigil-rank saints' feasts); Divine Liturgy (Sundays and Great Feasts; Saturdays of Lent); Great Compline with Great Canon (First week of Lent); Presanctified (Lenten Wednesdays); Great Canon in the fifth week of Lent (usually); Matins with the Akathist for the fifth Saturday of Lent; selected Bridegroom Services in Holy Week; Vespersal Liturgy (Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, eves of Nativity and Theophany); Holy Friday Vespers; Holy Saturday Matins; Paschal Service of Nocturns, Matins, and Liturgy; Paschal Vespers; Anointing of the sick as needed; confession when requested; rarely, an akathist; Panikhida when needed.
Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: Prison Ministry (Weekly on Monday morning: Hours and Obednitsa with Communion; instruction or discussion as time allows); we are developing others for the second half of this year and then continuing.

South Carolina:

St James, Beaufort, SC: Fr. James Bozeman

Members: 22 in good standing
(Side note: we have an additional 13 kids and 14 adult non-member attenders, along with a significant handful of other "stragglers" who are somehow tangibly connected to our mission, totaling close to 70 people)

Average Attend: 12 at Sat Great Vespers, 30 at Divine Liturgy on Sundays, 15 at Daily Vespers on Wednesdays, 10 at DL for Great Feasts

Baptisms: 0

Chrismations: 0

Catechumens: 5

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$51,735 total to date
[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$51,477 gross
[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$43,359 gross
[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$90

Rent/Own: Rent / Own property

Services Offered: All Great Feasts (Festal Great Vespers and Div Liturgy), GV on Saturdays, DL on Sundays, Daily Vespers Wednesdays unless offering a class (in which case we serve Little Compline followed by class), Catechism classes

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: Monthly Bingo Night at Bayview Nursing Home, occasional assistance to local charity HELP of Beaufort, Sisterhood organizes fund raisers for such groups as local missions and IOCC, Church School for children 4 - 13, Adult Study Groups on Wednesday during most of the year, Monthly church-wide get-togethers geared to inviting non-church family and friends, assisted with Hurricane Matthew clean up.

Holy Resurrection Mission, North Augusta: Fr. Alexis Baldwin

Members: 30 adults (25 children)

Average Attend: 20-25 (not including children)

Baptisms: 1

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 3 (4 families and/or people soon to be)

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$0.00 (None)

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$27,115.00

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$19,730.00

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$400.00 (one-time gift given)

Rent/Own: Own/Mortgage approx. \$97,000.00 (currently in DOS Debt management program)

Services Offered: Wednesday/Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Vespers/Divine Liturgy for Major Feast days, Wednesday Pre-Sanctified during Fast, and Numerous Clean week & Holy Week Services

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc;

Brotherhood and Sisterhood (adult fellowship and sponsors of/laborers in various church activities and ministries), Church School once a month (during school terms), Orthodox Q & A Wednesday nights after Vespers (as season permits), Catechumen/Adult Education/Orthodoxy 101 (Mid-sept to Great Fast), An Orthodox Homeschool Co-Op (beginning Mid-Sept 2017)

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

Members: 33 family units

Average Attend: 45

Baptisms: 1

Chrismations: 1

Catechumens: 1

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: 0

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$37,285.42

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$36,331.49

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$2,120.86

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Saturday Vespers, Sunday Liturgy, Wednesday Vespers, feast day liturgies with festal Vespers, During Lent: Pressanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays, Akathist with Small Compline on Fridays, Canon of St Andrew, and Holy Week Services.

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: Weekly Bible study/teaching, youth group teaching/activities, periodic retreats, catechetical instruction, two church wide fellowship groups, weekly ministry at a local food bank, continuing financial/food contributions to a local shelter through a monthly collection, a small percentage of our income goes into a charity fund and another to support missions.

Georgia:

St. Mary Magdalene, Rincon: Fr. James Bohlman, Dn. Vasiliy Kocher

Members: **46**

Average Attend: **35-38**

Baptisms: **4**

Chrismations: **4**

Catechumens: **1**

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: **Approximately \$300**

[Jan-Jun] General Income: **\$27,000**

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: **\$27,000**

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: **n/a**

Rent/Own: **Own**

Services Offered: **Saturday Great Vespers; Sunday Matins, Hours, Divine Liturgy; services on Great Feasts; Departed Memorial services; Baptisms and Chrismations; Confessions.**

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: **Participate in local Food Pantry program; participate in assistance for local Youth home.**

St. Timothy, Toccoa: Fr. Jacob Kulp

Members: 19 adults, 14 children

Average Liturgy Attendance: 12 adults, 9 children

Chrismations: 1 adult

Catechumens: 2 adults, 2 children

[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: 65,678.20

[Jan-Jun] General Income: 36,333.23

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: 29,442.61

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: 2100.49

Rent/Own: Own – no mortgage

Services Offered: Sat Vespers, Sun Liturgy, Wed Compline, Festal Vespers & Liturgy Programs, Outreach, charity: Wed Discussion after Compline, Visits by Archbishop Alexander, and

by Fr. Michael Oleksa. Several Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Local alms distribution to individuals, regular donation to Orthodox Christian Mission Center, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministries, Shirley's Shelter, St. Vladimir's Seminary. Annual retreat to Holy Cross Hermitage, WV

It has been a challenging year for us. A long-time member simply stopped driving the distance and resists every pastoral effort. A longtime family, a longtime member, and a family of recent converts all had to relocate. A catechumen withdrew before Chrismation due to spousal opposition. On the other hand, two young people came of age as members, a prodigal returned, and two new members moved into the area.

The steadiness of our numbers over a decade given our demographics is an unsung miracle. Pastorally, I'd say that, "on the average", we are struggling at a place nearer to Christ than a decade ago.

St. John of the Ladder, Greenville, SC.: Fr. Marcus Burch, Fr. David Wooten

Members (Regular Visitors): 114 (12) adults; 55 (12) children
Ave Attend: 90 adults/36 children at Sunday DL; 30 adults/6children
at Saturday GV
Baptisms: 4
Chrismations: 2
Catechumens: 8
Inquirers: 8+
Contributing Families and Individuals: 68 = ~ 114 Individuals (at
least \$250/year)
Restricted Savings May 2017: \$756,562
[Jan-May] General Income: \$101,756
[Jan-May] General Expense: \$87,726
[Jan-May] Alms Income: \$14,962
Charity Fund Income: 2016 \$21,012
Capital Campaign and Building Fund: Year End 2016 \$645,890
Year End Unrestricted Funds: \$64,657
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, Sun 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. Fr Michael Oleksa at Furman University OCF
Outreach, Etc: Greenville United Ministries, Food Pantry, OCMC (Floyd Frantz)
Closed on Construction Loan for new temple at the end of June; site
work began July 10; Building construction approx Sept 10.

Holy Ascension, Charleston, SC: Fr. John Parker, Dn. Mark Barna

Members: 65ish
Average Attend: 60-70
Baptisms: 2
Chrismations: 4
Catechumens: 3
[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$64,000 ish
[Jan-Jun] General Income: 80,000
[Jan-Jun] General Expense: 77,000
[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$2500
Rent/Own: mortgage
Services Offered: Wed/Sat Vespers, Sunday Matins and Liturgy; feast days, etc.
Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc:
OCF at Citadel and College of Charleston
Support Florence Crittenton Home (for pregnant, unwedded teens in crisis)
Prison Ministry
Clergy Lunch retreats to teach and fellowship with local heterodox pastors
Holy Ascension has moved off the managed debt program effective June 2017; paying our own
mortgage; Diocese is officially removed as a guarantor; debt reduction campaign to pay off
Diocesan debt by February 2018.

Holy Apostles, Columbia, SC: Fr. Thomas Moore, Dn. Nicholas Griswold

Average Attend: Divine Liturgy 100 Great vespers 25, weekday Liturgies 40

Members: 80

Baptisms: 5

Chrismations: 3

Wedding 1

Catechumens: 11

[Jan-Jun] Savings: \$10,613.42

[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$122,765.49

[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$112,789.21

[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: \$2164.26

Rent/Own: Own Building renovations fund: \$7,727.93

Services Offered: Weekly Vespers and Liturgies and Vigils and Liturgies for all Great Feasts.
Programs, Outreach, charity: Hired a youth leader, visiting speakers, IOCC, St. Nicholas Festival and subsequent charity donations to local charities; Souper Bowl; Daily NA, and AA meetings; Many speaking opportunities to local Colleges/Universities, Chaplain and Hospice workers.