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2015 Parish Report

Statistics

- Baptisms: 4 Infant / 3 Adult
- Adult Chrismations: 1
- Deaths: 3
- Transfers into Parish: 4 households
- Sunday Attendance: Low 75 / High 125 / Average 100
- Current Catechumens: 2

Parish Life & Events

- Weekly Bible Study and Adult Study classes offered Sept—June
- Sunday School weekly, divided into three age groups
- Catechetical classes offered year-round
- Hosted the DOS Assembly and episcopal nomination in February
- Hosted lecture by Dr. Maria Khoury
- Hosted first annual “Trunk-or-Treat” as Halloween alternative
- Organized St. Christopher Summer Camp for South and Central Florida children

Building & Beautification Projects

- Completed construction of educational and administrative wing, with new Orthodox Book Center, Sunday School rooms, and offices
- Remodeled the social hall
- Repainted the Temple, and refinished the cupola
- Began fund-raising for next phase of iconography in the Temple



St. James the Apostle Orthodox Church

Fr. Joseph Lucas
South Florida Deanery – DOS
Christ the Savior Cathedral
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July 15th, 2015

Dear Fr. Joseph,

Christ is in our midst!

The parish council of St. James the Apostle Orthodox Church and I are pleased to make this parish report available to you for the All American Council. For the sake of brevity, let me make bullet point statements to describe the landscape of St. James at present.

- After 35 years of service, and failing health, it became clear to His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON that Fr. Ernesto's time as rector was coming to an end.
- Over time, His Eminence decided together with Fr. Ernesto that he would retire on May 1st, 2015, and would install Fr. Maximus Urbanowicz as the next Rector of St. James.
- Hence on May 3rd, Diocese Administrator, Archimandrite Gerasim presided over the Divine Liturgy, installing Fr. Maximus Urbanowicz as Rector in Residence at St. James.
- This transition began though, already in November of 2013, when Fr. Maximus first visited St. James to serve as replacement for Fr. Ernesto for three weeks.
- Overall at this time, the consensus of both the Parish Council and Parishioners is that the transition from Fr. Ernesto to Fr. Maximus has been successful to date, but still faces the challenges of change and succession, as it moves from one leader to another.
- The church is stable in terms of attendance, volunteers serving/working, and giving. It has tried to maintain continuity with the past, but is slowly progressing in its ongoing ministry and outreach opportunities, which will be more fully implemented in the fall; youth ministry, adult education, evangelistic outreaches / rallies, ministry to elderly, etc.
- Attendance has remained strong, with services ranging in attendance from 65 to 120 people, with an average of around 90 people attending. New individuals and large families are visiting and have indicated they will attend. The future looks very promising.
- Fr. Ernesto has baptized 4 people – two infants and two adults, and Chrismated 1 adult during this year.

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- Pledged households stand at 37, with another 20 regularly giving.
- Financial health of the parish is good. First, the church festival this year saw an increase of income 5 times over last year's festival – providing for a new priest. Special projects like the renting of the church hall brings in additional income every month – \$11K last year. Lastly, though there is always room for improvement, parishioners have been fairly consistent with their tithes and offerings from month to month.
- Special projects continue with phase three of the iconography planned for February of '16 and electronic roadside signage planned for church promotion & communication.
- In relation to Fr. Ernesto's financial support from the parish, it continues to provide and pay for his life insurance which amounts to \$200 a month and also to contribute to his retirement with an additional \$200 a month for this first year of retirement.
- Significant events were threefold; when Fr. Ernesto served his final Pascha as Rector of St. James, the emotional installation service of Fr. Maximus, and the Divine Liturgy commemorating Fr. Ernesto's retirement with six priests serving, and Fr. Maximus highlighting his service with, "You Have Many Teachers, but Not Many Fathers."
- In conclusion, after 35 years of steady ministry, Fr. Ernesto Rios built and established St. James as a viable and healthy parish, with a strong foundation of Christ and His people. A diverse parish with 1/3 Greek, 1/3 Russian and 1/3 Mixed, but joined together by their love of Christ and the Orthodox faith and church. This, together with the relatively new facilities – temple, parish hall and parking – the church has great potential for numerical growth, maturity in the faith, multiplication of ministry, and church growth.

This brings me to the end of this report on the church. I hope this information is encouraging to you and helps in your Deanery Report.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Maximus R. Urbanowicz
Rector in Residence

St. Demetrius Orthodox Mission

Naples, Florida

Assembly Report – July 2015

In the past year, St. Demetrius Mission has continued to see an increase in ethnic Russian, Ukrainian and Romanian attendees. During the high season (Oct-Apr), attendance at Divine Liturgies averages around 80 persons. During the low season (May-Sep), attendance drops to around 40 persons.

The Sisterhood of St. Anne has reached out to the community by providing food stuffs and volunteer work to the homeless shelter (St. Matthews House) in Naples. They also have networked with each other to contact and visit with the sick to make sure that the parish is providing all the support it can during difficult periods.

There have been three infant baptisms and one adult chrismation during the past year. There has also been one wedding.

Several of the long time members and benefactors of the parish reposed in the last year and this has had an impact on the financial resources of the parish. Fundraisers, such as the ethnic food festival and various events sponsored by the Sisterhood have helped to offset some of the impact of those who have reposed.

The parish continues to participate in Pan-Orthodox events with the other Orthodox parishes in Naples, which include Antiochian, Greek and Romanian jurisdictions. The parish also maintains a positive relationship with the women's monastery in Ft. Myers, St. Nicholas Monastery (ROCOR) and several visiting icons have made appearances at both the monastery and St. Demetrius parish.

In Christ,

Fr Gleb McFatter, Priest in Charge

Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
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Annual Parish Report

We have had three Baptisms and two Chrismations during this past year.

We currently have one Catechumen. Our average Sunday attendance is almost 28.

Our parish activity is a charity. We are collecting shoes for Haiti.

We are financially challenged!

Thank you

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alexander Padlo

St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Mission, Jupiter, FL Annual Report

0 baptisms, currently 3 "seekers" not including three children (one newborn); attendance and giving down from last year (around 23 people a week....about 31 families or single member pledgers; about 46 souls), one upcoming marriage (currently in pre-marital counselling...wedding in Sept.); two pregnant mothers. We continue to have weekly book studies which are well attended, a monthly "movie night," and two vespers services a month held in the homes of parishioners. Number of regular confessions has gone up, I think, though (good sign of spiritual growth).