

**Kansas City Deanery**  
**Report to the Diocesan Assembly**  
**October 11-12, 2017**  
**Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean**

**Deanery Activities**

- The clergy families of the Deanery met on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, KS. On Wednesday evening, we celebrated the Akathist to the Sweetest Lord Jesus and on Thursday morning, we celebrated the Divine Liturgy.
- Clergy and laity of the Deanery have begun preparations for the All-American Council in St. Louis in July of 2018. Local committees have been formed under the leadership of Bob Butchko, Lay Chairman, from Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Madison, IL, and Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Clergy Chair. Fr. Eric Tossi, Secretary of the OCA and Dn. Peter Ilchuk, Council manager visited St. Louis and Kansas City in December of 2016 to give instructions to local committees and to meet with and tour the hotel facilities in St. Louis.

**Clergy and parish changes**

- Hierodeacon Theodore (Niklasson) was attached to Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Mission in Ash Grove, MO September 12, 2016.
- Fr. Basil Ferguson was assigned as the Priest-in-charge of St. Raphael Mission in Quincy, IL July 9, 2017.
- St. James the Brother of the Lord Mission in Kansas City, KS was officially closed August 8, 2017.

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Orthodox Christian Mission 810 West Woodbine Ash Grove, MO 65604	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Moses Berry, priest-in-charge Hierodeacon Theodore Niklasson	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Sunday School Committee Charity Committee St. Joseph of Arimathea Burial Society	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Visit from Bishop PAUL Completion of addition to the church hall Installation of new iconography on iconostasis	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Support of seminarian Gift card program for charitable giving Lectures by Fr. Moses to various groups around the country	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Development of Sunday school	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>			
Completion of iconography on iconostasis Fall church picnic			

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	27	27	34
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	35	35	45
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	30	30	40
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	5	5	8
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	5	3
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	6	1	5
<b>Funerals</b>	1	1	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	2	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	10	12	20
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		3	5

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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW CHAPEL 801 SAGINAW RD JOPLIN MO 64804	
<b>Clergy</b>	
REV MICHAEL KUZADA SUB DEACON JAMES MULLEN	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
IVA	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
REACTICATION OF CHAPEL BISHOP VISIT	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
LOCAL SUPPORT OF HOMELESS	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CHOIR DEVELOPMENT FINANCES	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
BRIGHT SATURDAY BAR-B-QUE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION	

	As of September 1, 2015	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count	10	10	5
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	12	18	5
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	12	18	10
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	4	4	6
Number of Catechumens	1	/	4
	September 2014 thru August 2015	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017
Baptisms			1
Funerals	/	/	/
Marriages	/	/	/
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	/	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	NA	NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating	/	2	5

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church 1235 Iowa St. Lawrence, KS 66044	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Burial Society Adult Education	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Restarting KU OCF Remodel of iconostasis in church	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Soup Kitchen in Lawrence KU OCF	
Major Challenges Faced	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
Sept 16 – Annual Blessing of local vineyard where we get our wine for liturgy Dec 6 – Parish Feast Day	

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	16 Families	16 Families	18 Families
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	35	35	35
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	25	25	25
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	4	8	8
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	4	1	1
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	3	2
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	1	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	6-8	6	6-7

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<b>St. John of Kronstadt Church</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest James Dank Proto Deacon Edwin Aasen (retired)	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Fr. Arseny Society Out reach committee St. Mary and Martha Women's Society	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Russian Dinner Fundraiser projects for Chaplynka Hospital (Children's Ward) in Ukraine Several times a year collecting clothing and needed supplies. Fundraisers for local women's shelters in Lincoln Ne. Friendship Home, a Home for Women and Children. We also collected Kitchen and home supplies for St. Giana's Home for Women and Children Served meals at and collect supplies for Matt Talbot Kitchen (local food kitchen) Had booth at The Big Red Welcome at University of Nebraska	
Outreach and Charitable Activities Same as Above	
Major Challenges Faced	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
Feast of St. John of Kronstadt/ Russian Dinner Christmas Pageant 2017/ Christmas Concert Lenten Retreat (details to be worked out	




	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	43	45	45
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	65	65	70
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	60	60	65
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	1	4
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	2	2
<b>Funerals</b>	1	2	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	5	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	13	14	16
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	20	20	22

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<p><b>Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church; 416 Ewing Avenue, Madison, IL 62060</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Rev. Nicholas Finley V. Rev. John Pawelchak (Retired Attached)</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Society of Myrrhbearing Women O' Club (FOCA)</p>	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<p>Hierarchical visit of His Grace Bishop PAUL in March 1<sup>st</sup> Book Study Group in Fall of 2016 – we read “Everywhere Present” by Fr. Stephen Freeman Assisted with Angel Tree gifts for children that have parent(s) incarcerated</p>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<p> </p>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<p> </p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
<p>19<sup>th</sup> AAC will be in St. Louis which is very close to our parish location</p>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	63	63	58
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	62	55	53
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	55	60	52
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	12	12	12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	1	1
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	1	2
<b>Funerals</b>	2	2	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	20	9	20
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	N/A	16	16

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Holy Trinity Church</b> <b>11901 Pflumm Rd.</b> <b>Overland Park, KS 66213</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Rector Fr. Christopher Rowe, Associate Priest Fr. Michael Medis, Attached Fr. Thomas George, Attached	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Arts & Environment (oversees all beautification projects), Finance, Outreach, Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (EOYC), IOCC, Bookstore, Library, Maintenance, Grounds, Church School, Youth Group, Greeters, Parish Celebrations, funeral support, Project Mexico, Breakfast with the Saints (Womens Group), Stewardship, Altar Servers, Friday Night Reconciliation Services Meal	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 new icons were installed in December of 2016 (St. John Kochurov, St. Alexis Toth, St. Herman of Alaska, St. Peter the Aleut, Transfiguration, Pentecost, the Raising of Lazarus, the Myrrhbearing Women at the Tomb, Ss. Constantine &amp; Helen, Ss. Cyril &amp; Methodius, St. Mary of Egypt/St. Zosimas, and St. Maria of Paris/St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess.</li> <li>• The parish, in conjunction with its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, had a public lecture about the history of the parish on February 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• A group of 18 participated in Project Mexico June 7-13.</li> </ul>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We participate at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO once a month, providing meals for the needy.</li> <li>• Collections are taken throughout the year to help those affected by tragedies or other difficult situations.</li> <li>• We also support the many Orthodox Mission organizations like IOCC, Project Mexico, and OCMC.</li> <li>• IOCC is supported by Souper Bowl Sunday in February, all children receive OCMC coin boxes at Great Lent.</li> <li>• 200 School Kits for IOCC in August.</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of meeting space and classroom space as the number of children in our church school program continues to grow.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance issues in and around the church building.</li> <li>• Decline in stewardship.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries – September 2017 to August 2018**

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, October 7-8
- Symphony of Witnesses (Choir concert), November 10
- Volunteers participating in the 19<sup>th</sup> AAC, July 2018

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	160	165	160
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	165	165	170
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	125	125	125-135
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	16	2	7
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	5	17	5
<b>Funerals</b>	1	1	2
<b>Marriages</b>	2	1	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	6	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	94	92	95-100
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	30	32	30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St. Raphael Orthodox Mission</b> P.O. Box 115 Quincy, IL 62301	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pr. Basil Ferguson</li> </ul>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council</li> </ul>	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Full Holy Week services held under Fr. John P.</li> <li>2. Regular visits and services by Fr. John P.</li> <li>3. New priest assigned to mission in July.</li> </ol>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vespers served once a month in Jacksonville (60 miles away), with meal and fellowship following.</li> <li>• The Mission maintains a Charity Fund used to contribute where needed (local to international). Most recently donations were made to IOCC for the hurricane relief in Texas.</li> </ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of our own space for worship, fellowship, education.</li> <li>• Lack of available and suitable rental spaces.</li> <li>• Reinitiating regular services, weekly and Feasts, adult and children's education.</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patronal Feast – February 27</li> </ul>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	14	14	13 adults (7 families)
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	17	18	Unsure
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	Most in attendance	Most in attendance	Unsure
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	0	0
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	1	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	?	13	Unsure
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	0	Unsure

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p><b>Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission 14020 Private Drive 2083 Saint James, MO 65559</b></p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Joel Wilson	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
None	
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism and Chrismation of 3</li> <li>• Beautification of Temple including: Newly completed benches, progress on bookstore and proper iconostasis; new more permanent directional signage on neighboring highway</li> <li>• Third hosted spiritual retreat with Fr. Alexii Altschul in Oct. 2016</li> </ul>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosted a free 2-day retreat that was advertised across southern Missouri. Had about 10 people attend the first day and 40-50 people the second day.</li> <li>• Participated for the third time in the Celebration of Nations festival which resulted in wonderful exposure to the community and good seed-planting conversations.</li> <li>• Support of The Rucker Family, OCMC Missionaries</li> <li>• Support of two local pregnancy resource centers, donations and volunteering</li> <li>• Public evening education classes offered nearly every week. New format has proved very effective.</li> <li>• At least one Vespers and Liturgy offered during the weekdays nearly every week.</li> <li>• Concelebration with other area parishes for select feast days</li> </ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transience of community members has not been as much a problem as in the past, but driving distance from church for people is a difficult thing to bridge.</li> <li>• Language barrier hampers ministering ability to local Greek families, though not as much a problem as in the past.</li> <li>• Difficult to get into university for OCF. Requires 10 full time students to charter new organization.</li> </ul>	



**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018**

Sep. 30 – Booth for Outreach & Education at Local Culture Festival (Celebration of Nations)  
 Oct. 21 & 22 – Second archpastoral visit  
 Nov. 3 & 4 – Fourth annual hosted spiritual retreat with Fr. Stephen Freeman  
 Feb. 9 – Five year anniversary  
 Mar 25 – Parish feastday (Annunciation), third archpastoral visit

	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	3	5	12
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	10-15	15-20	25-35
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	5	10-15	20-25
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	6	7	10-15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	10	12	12
	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	14	2
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	8	10	15
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	8	12	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	2-4	5-10	10-12

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St. Michael's the Archangel Orthodox Church 1901 Ann Ave. St. Louis, MO 63104	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Christopher Phillips	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
N/A	
<b>Since October 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Divine Liturgy Coffee hour (Hospitality)	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
FOCUS - church hall (basement) serving supper 3x per month, hosted by different churches. Food pantry open 2x per month, clothing pantry, plus computers (ie access job search)	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Getting faithful to come to services besides Sunday Divine Liturgy	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2017 to September 2018</b>	
None	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2015	Reported for Calendar Year 2016	As of September 1, 2017
Supporting Membership Count		24	20
	Reported for Calendar Year 2015	Reported for Calendar Year 2016	January 1 thru September 1, 2017
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		12	12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		N/A	N/A
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	6
Number of Catechumens		0	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2015	Reported for Calendar Year 2016	January 1 thru September 1, 2017
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

N.B.: Since this is a new form for the Diocese of the Midwest, it is not necessary to fill out the fields for the previous two calendar years (2015 and 2016).

Death - Desledge  
HELEN LUKACHICK 26 MAY 2017