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MISSIONARY DISTRICT DEANERY

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Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church (1997) 1150 Ashland St. Ashland, OR 97520	
Clergy	
Rev. Isaac Skidmore	
Committees/Societies	
Martha & Mary Women's Fellowship Choir Parish Council Sunday School Adult Education	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Expanded our use of rented facility to include kitchen and fellowship hall Sunday school is growing and dividing into two groups: literate and pre-literate	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Women's Fellowship raised money to send to Martha and Mary House	
Major Challenges Faced	
We are growing in number and energy, but lack resources to acquire a larger worship space-- preferably one we own. Fr. Isaac is having challenge of balancing time and energy as he is now employed as a counselor in addition to parish work.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Patronal Feast is July 13th July 2010 marks ten-year anniversary of Skidmore family arrival Will be starting a Bible Study in 2 weeks. Adult Ed numbers are my estimate of likely attendees.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	17	20	21
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	28	32	35
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	5	5	5
Number of Catechumens	1	2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	2	4
Funerals	3	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	8	8	10
Adult Education/Number Participating	7	7	10

Parish Name and Address	
Bend Mission-Station (2003) 1900 NE Division, Ste. 109 Bend, OR 97701	Mailing address: 61345 King Josiah Pl. Bend, OR 97702
Clergy	
Archpriest Stephen Soot, past rector Priest James McKee, newly assigned	
Committees/Societies	
Fund-Raising/Special Event committee	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Celebrated the 6th anniversary of the Mission-Station's founding Welcomed first resident pastor, Priest James McKee, in August 2009 Holding weekly Sunday Divine Liturgies for the first time in the mission's history	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Food and clothing drive for local homeless shelter	
Major Challenges Faced	
Financing parish budget during deep economic recession Inadequate visibility in the local community	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Greek & Russian food booth at Bend Holiday Bazaar 1st weekend in December	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	0	0	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	15	20	15
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	12	10
Number of Catechumens	1	2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	0	3
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	1	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	12	10

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St.Nicholas of South Canaan Orthodox Church (1994) c/o 1717 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59102</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Archpriest John Mancantelli (Rector) Archpriest John Anderson (Retired) Deacon Timothy Anderson</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <p>Parish Council; Holy Myrrh-bearers; Church School; Teens' Group; Choir; Altar Servers</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Holy Myrrhbearers repainted Church Hall; Teen Group formed, regular meetings and ministries; Lenten Retreat led by Archpriest Paul Jannakos</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>On-going support for parish seminarian, graduation/ordination gift; Clothes and other gifts for indigent couple with six children; On-going support for the local "Care-Net", apro-life group helping women in crisis pregnancies.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Death of several foundational members of the parish. Parish rector had 3 major surgeries in 2008.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
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	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	58	58	62
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			80
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	5	2	2
Funerals	1	3	2
Marriages	0	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	31	29	27
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	10	12

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Mission (1999) 32 E. Kimberly Ct. Bozeman, MT 59718</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Priest Peter Tobias Deacon Gary McFarland Sub Deacon John Heilman Sub Deacon Sean McFarland Reader Michael Grinder</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Building/Land Committee Church School Parish Council Parish Diaconia (intra-parish ministry) Youth and Young Adult Group</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>First Montana Orthodox Missions Conference and a visit by His Grace, Bp. BENJAMIN Completed architectural site plans for future Orthodox Bozeman Temple Grounds Picnics with St. Nicholas in Billings, MT and St. Moses in Helena, MT</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Parish ministry to the needy in Gallatin Valley as a partner church with Love In the Name of Christ (http://loveinc.org/) Family Promise partner church, providing volunteers to help shelter homeless families (http://familypromise.org/)</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Making people in the Gallatin Valley aware of the parish and the Orthodox Faith Anticipate and meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in the parish Equip the youth and young adults with the armor of Christ Maintain connection with other Montana Orthodox parishes</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>TBD</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	25	26	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25	25	40
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	15	20
Number of Catechumens	6	2	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	2	2
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	13	15	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	4	0

Parish Name and Address
Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Mission (1999) 2956 Cohasset Road Chico, CA 95976
Clergy
Priest Michael T. Spainhoward, Rector
Committees/Societies
None
Since October 2008
Highlights of Top Three Activities
Harvest Festival October 2008 for mission youth and friends as alternative to secular Halloween activities. Welcoming Fr Michael Spainhoward as our new priest on February 1, 2009. Beginning and completing the remodel of a portion of our facility to provide a larger, more appropriate worship space. Blessed by Bp Benjamin on September 27, 2009.
Outreach and Charitable Activities
Regular contributions to St. Silas Orthodox Prison Ministry; St. John of Shanghai Monastery; and the Martha and Mary House in San Diego, CA.
Major Challenges Faced
The major challenge facing our small mission is providing the appropriate financial support for our new priest.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010
Harvest Festival 2009 for mission and area youth as an alternative to secular Halloween activities. Our youth are planning two retreats next year in the Spring and Summer. It is hoped that one of them might be at St John monastery.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count		20	20
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		30	40
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance		12	14
Number of Catechumens		1	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		12	11
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	8

Parish Name and Address	
<p>Saint Innocent Orthodox Mission (1997) 939 F Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-2099</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Matthew Tate, Rector / Administrator Rev. Laurence Cleenewerck, Acting Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Education and Outreach Committee Buildings and Grounds Committee</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Ongoing monthly lecture series Annual Ethnic Food and Dance Festival (Taste of Orthodoxy) New outreach program (postcards, public access cable channel)</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Food collections Gift of "welcome packs" for women's shelter Active support to St Vincent de Paul society</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Economic situation affecting budget (including outreach programs) and causing people to possibly leave the area Limited number of choir volunteers</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Archpastoral visit by Bishop Benjamin in October 2009</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	14	15	15
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25	32	35
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	12	12
Number of Catechumens	0	1	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	1	1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	4	8	7
Adult Education/Number Participating	7	8	15

Parish Name and Address													
<p>St. Christina of Tyre Mission (2004) 3721 Parish Ave, Fremont, CA 94536 Office/Mail: 3612 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536 http://www.stchristinaorthodox.org 510-739-0908 mail@stchristinaorthodox.org</p>													
Clergy													
<p>Priest K. Michael Anderson 1012 Wagoner Dr Livermore, CA 94550</p>	<p>H: 925-215-1234 C: 510-333-8814 FrMichael@stchristinaorthodox.org</p>												
Committees/Societies													
<p>There are various regular ministries in which people are involved including:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Altar Servers</td> <td>Church School</td> <td>Hosting Fellowship Hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Choir</td> <td>Epistle readers</td> <td>Hours readers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charities</td> <td>Events/Fundraising</td> <td>Prospora Bakers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Church cleaning/landscaping</td> <td>Greeters</td> <td>Youth Ministry</td> </tr> </table> <p>Each ministry has a coordinator who facilitates the group by way of e-mail lists maintained as part of our website and/or phone calls.</p>		Altar Servers	Church School	Hosting Fellowship Hour	Choir	Epistle readers	Hours readers	Charities	Events/Fundraising	Prospora Bakers	Church cleaning/landscaping	Greeters	Youth Ministry
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Choir	Epistle readers	Hours readers											
Charities	Events/Fundraising	Prospora Bakers											
Church cleaning/landscaping	Greeters	Youth Ministry											
Since October 2008													
Highlights of Top Three Activities													
<p>Holy Week & Pascha - While the Feast of Feast is the center of every Orthodox Church, each year our mission's celebration of Holy Pascha seems to reach new heights of joy and depths of meaning. We are blessed to be able to have a full cycle of services that culminate in a wonderful celebration. This year we had record attendance at the Bridegroom Services as well as the services for Holy Thursday through Paschal Vespers and the Bright Monday.</p> <p>A huge amount of time, effort and resources have been directed toward responding to God's blessings to provide us with not just one, but two properties. This past year we officially purchased a large hall to use as our future temple and a smaller former house to use as our church offices, church school building, and parking lot. We faced many obstacles and witnessed many miracles throughout the year as we worked to determine and meet the City of Fremont's requirements for us to use the buildings. We purchased the small house in October and the hall officially in January after a 1-year process of getting the City's approval. We then went through 7 months of trying to get our building permits to begin the remodel work required (ADA issues, mostly). We received the building permits on our patronal feast day (July 24) and since then have made incredible progress in only one month. We are hoping to be moving into the new temple sometime this coming Fall.</p> <p>Special thanks needs to go to the Russian Women's Home of Mercy, St. John Orthodox Church in Berkeley, and Christ the Savior Church in San Francisco for their willingness to help us. Also, special thanks needs to go to John Della Monica and his architectural firm for their work navigating and negotiating with the City officials.</p> <p>As a celebration of purchasing our new properties as well as a serving as a fund raiser to help pay for them, we had a wonderful Banquet in February. The former owners (and neighbors) attended along with so many of our friends and supporters in the area.</p>													

Outreach and Charitable Activities

We continue to serve lunch the first Saturday of every month at the ABODE (formerly Tri-Cities Sunrise Village) Homeless shelter in Fremont.

Each month, the mission sends financial support to the Kazan Skete in Santa Rosa and to a seminarian at St. Tikhon's Seminary. These are line items in the budget that are supplemented by a charities collection box that is always out on our "welcome table"

We are participants in the local Tri-Cities Volunteers' Food Drive collecting healthy non-perishable foods for people in need in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

We have two drives to help the children of Raphael House in San Francisco and our local ABODE family homeless shelter here in Fremont: a school supply drive in August and a Christmas-time "Giving Tree" for Christmas presents.

The mission is a participant and supporter of the annual IOCC Benefit Dinner in the Bay Area. The mission was a founding participant in a new Church World Service "Crop Walk" in Fremont to help provide clean water to peoples overseas.

Throughout the year we hold collections for various ministries taking place in our Diocese, the Orthodox Church in America and the Orthodox Church worldwide. These include: supporting John Burnett, a parishioner from nearby St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in San Anselmo came to our mission and made a presentation on missionary work in Africa; a Mother's Day benefit luncheon to contribute to the Gobezhe Goshu Home for the elderly in Ethiopia; a Father's Day benefit BBQ to support our local youth camp: St. Eugene's Camp; a collection to support students at St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska during the summer; a collection for Orthodox Christian Fellowship in connection with SCOBA's annual College Student Sunday in September.

The mission hosted the annual Fall youth lock-in/retreat in November for youth throughout northern CA.

Major Challenges Faced

Our biggest challenge this year centered on an incredible blessing we received being able to purchase real property after only 5 years as a mission. A huge amount of time and energy focused on meeting the financial requirements for purchasing and then remodeling our new properties. Since the last Diocesan Assembly, by the faith generosity, and ingenuity of our members, friends, and supporters and the Grace of God, we were able to raise nearly 1.4 million dollars. Also, much time had to be spent with the actual process of getting the City approvals and now completing the remodel work which has had a direct effect on some of the other areas of our mission's life (education, mission outreach, youth ministry). Fortunately, everyone sees this as temporary and things returning to "normal" when we move into the new building.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010

Once we are given the occupancy permit from the City of Fremont, we will be having a large open house at our new temple.

With our location being settled we are looking forward to an archpastoral visit from His Grace our Bishop BENJAMIN once we occupy the building.

We are also planning another Banquet in February prior to Great Lent.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	38	38	41
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	44	43	44
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	13	13	14
Number of Catechumens	2	4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	2	3	2
Funerals	1	1	0
Marriages	1	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	12	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	13	13

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Parish Name and Address	
St. George the Great Martyr Mission (1986) 17323 Main St. Hesperia, California	
Clergy	
Rev. Fr. Gabriel N. Seamore	
Committees/Societies	
Myrrhbearers	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Bake Sale - Good turn out from the community. One new Orthodox family added as a result. St. Eugene's Summer Camp for children. Bishops visit - First time in several years. Ordination to Reader and Sub-deacon	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Planning to start a class in ESL Soup Kitchen once a week during the Spring	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Continuation of the Soup Kitchen one day a week. Rummage sale as an exposure to the church Second Bake Sale	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count		7	8
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30	35	45
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	1	2	4
Number of Catechumens	0	1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	1	3	1
Funerals	1	2	1
Marriages	1	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	2	2	6
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	9	7

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>Saint Katherine the Great Martyr Mission (1999) 138 Fifth Avenue Kirkland, WA 98033</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Priest John Strickland, Rector</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Parish Council Hospitality Committee Charity Committee Evangelization Committee Property Search Committee Church School</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Pascha Bishop Benjamin's Visit in December</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Monthly "Charity Sunday" collections for Children's Hospice in Saint Petersburg, Orthodox Mission in China, New Tikhvin Monastery Orphanage in Ekaterinburg, and internal needs. Assistance to local non-Orthodox families Ongoing collection for local food bank Contribution to Diocesan Appeal for Martha-Mary House</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Property acquisition</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
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	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	32		40
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	70	75
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	25	25
Number of Catechumens	6	6	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	1	2	1
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	2	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	6	4	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	19	11
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	12	12

Parish Name and Address	
St. Juvenaly Orthodox Mission (2004) PO Box 4631 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745	
Clergy	
Fr. John Schroedel	
Committees/Societies	
Mission Council/board	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Church school - much more viable this year since large family arrived Continuing adult education House blessings / outreach in homes	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Charitable giving Hospitality to visitors	
Major Challenges Faced	
The geographically distributed nature of the community Financial limitations Unstable meeting place	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Mission feast day, Sept. 24 Visit of the Myrrh-streaming icon of Iveron from Honolulu Annual Theophany Celebration	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	15	16	17
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	6	18	25
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	0	5	12
Number of Catechumens	0	2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	2	1
Funerals	0	0	4
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	2	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	5	5

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Christian Church (1987) 2091 Sandwood Dr. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Rev. Peter Henry 3241 Star Dr. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406 928-855-1758</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <p>Parish Council Greek Food Festival - This is the 14th year our Church is having the festival. Much preparation goes into making this a successful day (over 1,000 people attend).</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Greek Food Festival - November 1, 2008. Excellent outreach / fundraiser for the Church First neighborhood cookout on May 2, 2009. Good food, games and fun was had by all. First infant baptism in our new baptismal font. His two sisters were baptized the same day and the whole family was chrismated.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Neighborhood food bank. Project Mexico (Children's Sunday School project) A number of families volunteer for various charitable organizations in the community. (Hospice, hospital, etc.)</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Recognize the limitations we place on Jesus Christ for expanding the Church in Lake Havasu City.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>September 10 -- St. Innocent's Academy of Kodiak Alaska Concert at the Performing Arts Center. Event hosted by our Church. October 31 -- 14th annual Greek Food Festival.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	25	25	20
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	20	25	28
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	4	3	4
Number of Catechumens	3	3	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	0	3
Funerals	1	1	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	4	10
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	10	10

Parish Name and Address	
Joy of All Who Sorrow Mission (2000) 3735 Motor Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034	
Clergy	
Fr. John Tomasi	
Committees/Societies	
Building and Grounds Events and Publications Music Finance Technology Bookstore	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Christmas Fund Raising Dinner Christmas Choir Concert Summer Choir Concert	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Loss of members due to poor economy Lower Contributions due to poor economy Unable to meet basic church expenses	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Fall Harvest Festival Christmas Choir Concert	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count		16	16
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	20	40	45
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	10	15
Number of Catechumens	5	5	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	9	5	1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	8	10

Parish Name and Address
Saint Mary Magdalene Mission (1986) Merced CA
Clergy
Priest David Thatcher, Rector
Committees/Societies
Parish Council "The Furnace" Teen Youth Group Myrrhbearing Women Sisterhood
Since October 2008
Highlights of Top Three Activities
Dec. 7, 2008 -- Saint Nicholas Sunday Luncheon & Talent Show Jan. 24-25, 2009 -- Visit of Bishop BENJAMIN March 6-7, 2009 -- Fr. Meletios Webber Outreach July 1-4, 2009 -- Fireworks Stand fundraiser
Outreach and Charitable Activities
Offering & Collection of Toys for Children's Hospital, Madera, CA (twice) Offering to Raphael House, San Francisco Sponsorship of Missioners to Project Mexico, Rosarito, Baja California Gift to Spiritual Services of Mercy Medical Center, Merced, CA
Major Challenges Faced
Resolution of construction debts through the successful acquisition of a DOW loan. Re-commitment of parish members to this mission and a balanced budget, including the payment of our assessments on an ongoing basis while continuing to support the priest. Transition from years of spiritual-emotional downturn to greater mission optimism.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010
25th anniversary of our mission parish: May 1, 2010

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	20	20	19
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	35	37
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	5	5	6
Number of Catechumens	4	4	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	2	1	2
Funerals	2	0	1
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	4	4	4
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	5	6

Parish Name and Address	
Church of the Annunciation (1995) 13515 SE Rusk Road Milwaukie, Oregon 97222	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Matthew Tate, Rector V. Rev. David Shank Rev. Fr. Kevin Lien V. Rev. Nicholas Letten, Ret.	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Hospitality Women's Group Parish Nurse Altar Guild Sunday School and Youth Groups Choir	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosting 2008 Diocesan Assembly Seminar on the O. T. by V. Rev. Joseph Hirsch Visit from HG Bishop Benjamin for Parish Feast	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Same as last year	
Major Challenges Faced	
Land use laws relative to expansion efforts Difficult economy	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count			97
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			175
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance			50
Number of Catechumens			5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms			9
Funerals			4
Marriages			4
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			75
Adult Education/Number Participating			50

Parish Name and Address	
Mission of St. Herman of Alaska (2000) 1407 30th Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368	
Clergy	
Rev. Nicholas Kime, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council (5 members) Way of a Pilgrim Bookstore Building/Fund Raising Committee Acolyte and Reader Training	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Pascha St. Nicholas "Gift to Port Townsend" presentation to our town 3rd Annual Youth Camp-Out	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
We dedicate 10% of our un-designated income each month to help people in our church who are in need, those in the greater community and various other charitable organizations around the country and the world. We also help to support a local ministry that has grown out of our parish called Lazarus House in its work of caring for people who are living out the last days of their life.	
Major Challenges Faced	
The ongoing challenge of deepening our lives in Christ and growing together as an Orthodox Christian community. Building our "new" Parish Hall Revenues (giving has decreased in this fiscal year)	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
8th Annual "St. Nicholas Gift to Port Townsend" presentation to our town 4th Annual Youth Camp Out 5th Annual Yard Sale to support our youth activities (may have a festival in 2010)	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	37	34	38
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	37	48	47
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	14	17	25
Number of Catechumens	2	3	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms		3	3
Funerals	1		
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	4	8
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	8	8
Adult Education/Number Participating	16	16	14

ST NICHOLAS OF JAPAN
ORTHODOX MISSION (2004)


Redding, CA

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Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Elizabeth Mission (2001) 20714 State Highway 305, Suite 2F Poulsbo, WA 98370</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Priest Christopher Swanson, Rector Deacon Mark Becker, Attached</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Charity & Outreach Committee Fund raising Committee Building Committee Women's Fellowship Men's Fellowship</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Our Annual Blessing of Liberty Bay was given front coverage in both the print and web editions of the local daily newspaper. We had major growth and development of our choir, especially at weekday service with the addition of a new weekday choir director.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>We provide monthly financial assistance to a widowed matushka in Kursk, Russia and to an ailing priest in the US. We have a regular collection for the local food bank. We make "friendship bags" for the area homeless.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>The combination of acquiring the second space in 2008, which doubled our rent, and the economic downturn had a significant effect on our budget for much of 2009.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>N/A</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	35	36	38
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	62	70
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	20	20
Number of Catechumens	7	7	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	6	3	2
Funerals	1	2	0
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	12	3	6
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	10	12
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	20	20

Parish Name and Address St. Susanna Orthodox Mission (1999) 10825 Robinwood Lane Sonora, CA 95370	
Clergy	
Rev. Andrew Jacobs Rev. Dn. Elias Union	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Giving Committee Myrrhbearers Sisterhood	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit of His Grace Bishop Benjamin for our Patronal Feast Day in December, 2008 Additions of cupola, improved signage and front extension for our Church in Spring/Summer of 2009 Visits to Annunciation of the Holy Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Modesto, CA and St. Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Mission in Angels Camp, CA for their patronal Feast days.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Public access channel television educational series, weekly on Sunday evenings; St. Susanna Spring Picnic at Hurst Ranch, including scale-model train rides and games for children and parents; educational talks at public libraries and other public venues, and at St. Susanna Mission; service on boards of such local organizations as Interfaith; contributions to Foothill Pregnancy Center, Interfaith Fellowship, Raphael House, Project Mexico and others	
Major Challenges Faced	
While we have added some new members, changes in the local economy have forced some who would still be with us to relocate to other towns and cities. Some of our members live in rather remote areas, and face challenging road travel to church. We occasionally serve a number of Orthodox who are vacationing in this area, which is a premier recreational venue (located in the historic Gold Country, near Yosemite and other parks). However, a number of Orthodox living the area prefer to travel to the churches they attended before moving here. There are signs, however, that with our ongoing dialogue, these attitudes may change.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Parish Patronal Feast Day, December 19, 2009 Walk for Life, January 2010 Spring Picnic, May 2010	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	18	19	19
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	24	24	26
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	15	16
Number of Catechumens	0	3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	1	0
Funerals	1	2	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	5	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	3	4	5
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	10	12

Holy Ascension Mission (2009)
16434 N Morton Dr
Spokane, WA 99208-7525
509.850.6791
info@holyascensionorthdox.org

Priest Christopher Swanson, Priest-in-charge

This is a brand new mission in the diocese that is meeting on the north side of Spokane, WA.

Currently there are about 8 families active in the mission and several other families have expressed interest in attending


The mission currently meets weekly for discussion and fellowship.

Starting this fall they will begin weekly reader's services.

Fr. Christopher Swanson of St. Elizabeth's in Poulsbo, WA began making monthly visits in June 2009.

The mission is in the process of finding a regular place for services.

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Parish Name and Address
<p>St John the Evangelist Orthodox Mission (2006) 2150 E University Dr. Tempe, AZ 85258</p>
Clergy
<p>Priest Damian Kuolt SubDeacon Steven Paul Robinson Reader Basil Gould</p>
Committees/Societies
<p>Parish Council Property Management Festival Planning Hospitality</p>
Since October 2008
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) November 2008, we moved to a location that is a great improvement in the aesthetics of our Church setting as well as buildings that make for a fine Church building. Before this move, for the past 3 and half years we met in a member's home, a mortuary Chapel, rented a house, then rented a store front. 2.) By Holy Week 2009 we had completed <u>the initial construction</u> on the new Temple, renovating a 'model home' chalet. We still have some left-over construction expenses and a number of sacred items to purchase, so are still working to find financial contributions 3.) The most fulfilling Activities have been the growing interest in the parishioners for more time together at our full Meals after Divine Liturgy on Sundays, as well as gretter interest in ongoing education




Outreach and Charitable Activities

- 1) Priest Damian is a Trustee of the Community Interfaith Ministries (CIM) – an organization that brings Church ministries and social service organizations together to support the needy, homeless, poor, and shut-ins. Some of the Outreach that we participate in under the auspices of CIM include:
 - a. We provide the official site for the "Beat-the-Heat" program operated by CIM. The center collects bottled water and distributes it to those in need of hydration. Each year citizens of Maricopa County die from heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
 - b. CIM serves as coordinator for area churches and other faith organizations to host an annual traditional Christmas luncheon held the Saturday before Christmas of every year. In 2008 volunteers from 52 churches participated. A team from St John's did all the food prep at a restaurant and over 3,500 meals were served to homeless, the poor, shut-ins, elderly and facilities that serve the needy.
- 2) St John's has a special relationship supporting the Tempe Christian Resource Center. TCRC offers low-cost alcohol-free/drug-free residential housing for men who seek a clean sober Christian living environment. Primary to the ministry is an ongoing Bible Study program taught by Fr Damian, SDn. Steven Paul, and Rdr. Basil Gould.
- 3) Special Fundraising event spearheaded by the Church Parish Council Vice President, Romulo (Cyril) Gayoso raised approximately \$5,000 for project Mexico, as well as a Christmas gift project, collecting gifts for all the residents there. The Event was timed to coordinate with Bishop BENJAMIN's visit, which gave the event extra draw for the benefit for the children.
- 4) Fr Damian and SDn. Steven Paul have joined the Council of Religious Affairs for Arizona State University. The hope this year is to find ways to make the Orthodox Church presence felt in the University environment.

Major Challenges Faced

The biggest issue faced by SJTEOM is the financial responsibilities related to the new facility: Rent, Upkeep and Monthly Overhead. The decision to move to a facility that works extremely well for a Church in Tempe was made with a bit of abandon; in faith that the financial shortfall would end as we would have a place that would be attractive to new people. At some sacrifice and concern for the risks, the members have all done what they can to pledge and stick with a solid level of giving. Growth in members came fairly quickly, getting us to the point where we are just at a breakeven point. Additionally, to balance our budget, Priest Damian has suspended taking any income, and there is one tenant paying rent.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010

This year we will inaugurate our first annual event to showcase the Church to the neighborhood and City of Tempe. It will be coordinated again with the Bishop's visit, and built around the Christian imperative to 'love thy neighbor'. As we have a large property, with ample parking and beautiful grounds, the idea is to have an open festival style event, with barbeque – built on a theme that will encourage the local residents to 'come and see'.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	18	20	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30-40	30-40	36-74
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12-20	12-20	12-28
Number of Catechumens	6	5	16
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	7	15
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	2	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	10	10
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	6-10	30

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HOLY APOSTLES MISSION (1995)

Vancouver WA

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PACIFIC CENTRAL DEANERY
Report to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly
Submitted by: Archpriest Basil Rhodes

The Pacific Central Deanery of the Diocese of the West is comprised of parishes, monasteries, and institutions situated in geographic territory of Northern California. The center of the Deanery is Holy Trinity Cathedral, the oldest Orthodox parish in the contiguous United States. Each of the parishes, monasteries and institutions of the Deanery will submit its own report, however, here is the list of who they are:

Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco
Raphael House in San Francisco
Monastery of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco (Men), Manton
St. Seraphim/Protection of the Virgin Orthodox Church, Santa Rosa
Monastery of the Holy Assumption, Calistoga (a new addition!)
Skete of Our Lady of Kazan (Women's Monastery), Santa Rosa
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, San Anselmo
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Concord
Elevation of the Holy Cross, Sacramento
St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Livermore
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Saratoga


As Dean I make every effort to visit each of these at least once during the year. I encourage all clergy to attend the altar feasts of the various parishes and institutions. This year the St. John Monastery not only saw the consecration of the chapel, installation of its abbot, but also hosted a retreat for the clergy wives.

The Pacific Central Deanery continues in its course of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, showing charity to the poor, encouraging the weak and lonely. Nearly all of us have been effected financially by the economic downturn of the last year. Some have seen decreasing numbers of parishioners as well, due to job losses, transfers, retirement, etc. In spite of these things, faith and hope are strong, catechumens are being taught, the divine services are being offered.




Archpriest Basil Rhodes - Dean

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Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Michael Orthodox Church (1974) 2425 Olivera Road Concord, CA (Mail: Box 728, Concord, CA 94522-0728) 925-676-4940</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Michael Regan</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>None</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>IOCC, OCMC, appeals</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Aging</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>None</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	35	34	34
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	48	46	30
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	19	13
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	3	2
Funerals	0	1	0
Marriages	0	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	6	4	2
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	6	2

Parish Name and Address	
<p>Saint Innocent of Alaska Orthodox Church (1991) 193 Contractors St. Livermore, CA 94550</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Leo Arrowsmith</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Concert Choir under direction of Susan Anderson Iconographers Fellowship of Livermore (Fr. Leo)</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Ongoing TNT (Thursday night teaching) on Fathers of the Church at St. Innocent (Fr. Leo) Weekly Catechism classes and Adult Education at St. Innocent (Fr. Leo) Weekly Choir practice (Susan Anderson, directing) Weekly Church School (Mtka Denise) Weekly New Testament Studies at Cathedral of the Ascension, Oakland (Fr. Leo) Lenten Icon Exhibits at First Presbyterian and Trinity Baptist Churches, Livermore (Fr. Leo) Monthly Interfaith Ministers Luncheons (Fr. Leo)</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Angela Arrowsmith, RN, on Uganda, Africa OCMC medical mission Completion and installation of Six foot icon of “Enthroned Christ” for High Place in Chapel of Monastery of the Holy Cross, Castro Valley Regular financial support of OCMC, IOCC and three monasteries Visitations at Hacienda Nursing Home Monthly Livermore Ministers Association Continuing Icon displays in downtown Livermore Proctors store</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Cost of property for needed expansion</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Three St. Innocent Choir concerts in Livermore, Oakland, etc Icon exhibits in Livermore churches and other locations Patronal Feast and ordination to subdiaconate in Hierarchical Liturgy (October 4th) Fr. Leo’s 50th anniversary of ordination to priesthood (RC-SJ) March (3/18/10)</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	38 pledged	25 pledged	36 pledged
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	55	60
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	15	20
Number of Catechumens	3	3	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	6	1
Funerals	2	0	1
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	7	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	10	12	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	7	9	11

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>Elevation of the Holy Cross Church (1976) 9000 Jackson Rd Sacramento CA</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Archpriest Ian MacKinnon, rector Archpriest Thomas Renfree Deacon Michael Plefka</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <p>Choir St. Michael's Food Program Evangelism Committee Women's Group Ministry Group Weekly Class</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p> <p>Pascha! Annual Feast Day Parish Camp/Diocesan Camp Building new pavilion/play structure</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>St. Michael's Food Program St. Xenia Project for Group Home</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Growth Building new church hall Finances</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>Parish Feast Camp Completion of outdoor pavilion</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count		75	81
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	80	85	95
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12	12	14
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	1	1
Funerals	1		1
Marriages		2	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	3	
Church School/Number Enrolled	15	15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	8	15
OCF @ UC Davis	15	15	15

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (1956) 102 Ross Avenue San Anselmo, CA 94960</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Archpriest Stephan Meholick Deacon George Golitzin</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>The actual framework of the parish community can be broken down into eight ministries: Liturgy & Music, Temple Caretakers, Fellowship & Parish Service, Parish Operations, Education, Good Works & Community Outreach, Finance, and Maintenance & Capital Improvements.</p> <p>ALL Parish members are invited to become active participants of ministries and leaders of each group comprise the parish council.</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Dec. 5-6: St. Nicholas Day visit by newly-elected Metropolitan Jonah. Summer: Completed 2nd phase of fellowship hall kitchen remodel. Aug. 8: All day parish retreat - "Through the Bible in a Day"</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>We host local "12 step" meetings at our facilities. We regularly support IOCC, OCMC, Raphael House, Homeward Bound (local shelter), St. Vincent De Paul Dining Room (local soup kitchen), Uganda Education Fund and RVEHA (Ross Valley Ecumenical Housing Authority)</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>One of our best assets is our wonderful location in the beautiful "seminary district" of San Anselmo. One of our worst liabilities is our wonderful location in the beautiful "seminary district" of San Anselmo. The enormously high cost of living (esp. real estate) plus the current economic downturn have forced many of the faithful to relocate in more affordable areas. Our greatest challenge is facing the complexities of an effective outreach to the local (very unchurched) community around us. We have more and more visitors/seekers, but fewer committed members.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>Oct. 4: San Anselmo Country Fair Day. We will have an entry in the parade (with a complete set of bells and ducks, of course) and a booth and display downtown. Oct. 10: Annual Bazaar and Community Outreach Day with a choir concert: "Songs of the Whales." Dec. 5-6: Altar feast of St. Nicholas and visit by His Grace, Bishop Benjamin.</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	73	70	59
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70	65	60
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	30	25	25
Number of Catechumens	1	2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	2	4
Funerals	3	2	1
Marriages	1	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	32	35	33
Adult Education/Number Participating	3	10	15

Parish Name and Address Holy Trinity Cathedral (1868) 1520 Green Street San Francisco, CA 94123	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Takahashi, Dean Archpriest David Lowell, Associate Priest Priest George Masters, Attached Deacon Brendan, Attached	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Stewardship Church School	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Monthly lectures and events for outreach Publications for outreach Special lunch for fund raising	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Supporting Raphael House by fund raising Supporting missionary activities Sending out relief fund Collecting food and clothes for the needy	
Major Challenges Faced	
Improving the web site Preparing for the 100th Anniversary of the cathedral building Coordinating the fellowship meal activities to accommodate for the growing number of participants	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
The 100th Anniversary of the Holy Trinity Cathedral building Annual Church Picnic	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	56	65	70
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	70	95
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	25	25
Number of Catechumens	6	2	6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	15	2
Funerals	2	3	1
Marriages	2	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	1	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	8	8	20
Adult Education/Number Participating	4	4	4

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>Protection of the Holy Virgin / St. Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Church (1936) 90 Mountain View Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Archpriest Lawrence Margitich, rector; Archpriest Michael Margitich, pastor emeritus; Priest John Schettig, assigned; Priest John Ramos, attached; Deacon Jeremiah Crawford; Deacon Nicholas Carr</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <p>Parish Council Sisterhood Master Planning Landscape Mercy Meals Care for the reposed</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Parish Feast Days of Oct. 1, Jan. 2 and July 19 celebrated, new frescos painted in nave, Master Planning for parish property completed, 2009 Glendi Food Festival in planning for Sept. 19/20</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Charitable giving by parishioners on a regular basis; some funds are ear-marked for pastor discretionary giving, some for National, Diocesan and local institutions and seminarian family. Usual charitable giving to those in need, not including those sent to institutions and seminarians, at about \$15,000 a year.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Material Challenges: Master planning process; helping economically challenged individuals and families cope; maintaining property and maintenance. Spiritual Challenges: too diverse to comment on</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>Parish Feast of the Protection on Oct. 1.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	115	109	116
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	175	185	185
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	50	50	50
Number of Catechumens	6	2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	18	18	3
Funerals	3	5	3
Marriages	2	3	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	36	47	45
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	5	12

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Nicholas Church (1951) 14220 Elva Avenue Saratoga, CA 95070</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Basil Rhodes – Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Charities Committee Festival Committee Hospitality Committee Flower Committee</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>January 11, YOLKA with original children's Nativity play "In the Nick of Time" April 19, Paschal Vespers BBa, with Easter Egg Hunt open to the Community August 14. Myrrh-streaming icon "Iverskaya" from Hawaii visits for Dormition Vigil August 30 Parish children's outing to theme park "Great America," September 19, ordination of John Karcher to the diaconate</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Fall/Winter meals for Homeless Shelter Fundraisers for Kazan Skete, and local/parishioners in need Special Christmas gifts for local charities Food closet</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Financial slip due to exodus from Bay Area and general economic downturn We need altos!</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Annual Russian/Slavic Festival October 3-4 All Parish Retreat with Archpriest John Dresko December 12-13</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	n/a*	40	35
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	n/a	60	60
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	n/a	15	12
Number of Catechumens	n/a	4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	n/a	10	5
Funerals	n/a	4	2
Marriages	n/a	2	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	n/a	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	n/a	20	20
Adult Education/Number Participating	n/a	15	12

*: Not available due to computer crash. Working on data recovery, but can't be accessed now.

Report of the Pacific Northwest Deanery
Archpriest John Pierce, Dean

September 22, 2009

The Pacific Northwest Deanery consists of St. Spiridon Cathedral, Seattle WA (1895); St. Nicholas Church, Portland OR (1895), Holy Resurrection Church, Tacoma WA (1896); and as of September 13, 2009, St. Anne Church, Corvallis, OR (1990).


Both of the major urban hubs of our Deanery, Seattle and Portland, have strong and dedicated Pan-Orthodox associations. Our Deanery parishes and missions are integral parts of these associations which provide worship, mission and fellowship opportunities for the clergy and faithful. Albany/Corvallis, being further from the Portland area, and having only a handful of small Orthodox parishes and missions, has fewer opportunities for this type of Pan-Orthodox involvement.

Once again, as Dean, I was called upon by His Grace, Bishop Benjamin to assist the Missions Deanery in our area. To this end I participated in the closing of the Ascension Mission in Olympia, WA, as well as the final preparations for Fr. James McKee's assignment to Bend, OR. I accompanied His Grace this past year on his archpastoral visits to St. Spiridon Cathedral, Seattle; St. Anne Church, Corvallis; and St. Gabriel, Archangel Mission in Ashland.


Protodeacon George Haloulakis will be transferring to the Pacific Southwest Deanery this Autumn. He will be missed at St. Spiridon Cathedral and the parishes and missions in the Puget Sound area where he served.

Respectfully Submitted by
Archpriest John Pierce


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<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St. Anne Mission (1990) 6000 NE Elliott Circle Corvallis, OR 97330</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Archpriest Stephen Soot</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Greek Food Fest steering committee Mid-Valley Orthodox, LLC for management of the historic grange hall Stewardship, Outreach & Internal Development Committees St. Anne Sisterhood & Book Club</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Visit by Bishop Benjamin for the Parish Patronal Feast July 25 6th & Final Year of Parish Service and Support for the Mission-Station in Bend, Oregon Replacement of outside stairway and sidewalk with historic preservation grants & fundraising</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Family Tree Relief Nursery for the prevention of child abuse & neglect LOVE In the Name of Christ consortium of area churches to help the needy Food basket distribution to the needy St Herman Seminary fund drive New OCF at Oregon State University</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Building up of reserves for down payment & financing of new property acquisition Lack of classroom space for church school and adult education</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish - July 25, 2010 100th Anniversary of the construction of the parish's historic grange hall- April 2010 6th Annual Greek Food Fest October 17-18, 2009 Seminar by Archimandrite Meletios Webber November 14-15, 2009</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	49	50	55
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70	75	80
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	20	24
Number of Catechumens	15	7	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	7	3	1
Funerals	0	0	2
Marriages	2	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	8	3	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	29	27
Adult Education/Number Participating	19	21	25

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (1895) 2210 S. W. Dolph Court Portland OR 97219</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest George A. Gray Deacon Kevin Haan</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Parish Auxiliary (assists in some of the ongoing tasks and special activities of parish life) St. Elizabeth Pastoral Care Team (assists Rector with care and outreach to parishioners in need) 5-Year Plan Committee (reviews and plans for overall parish life, programs, activities, etc.) St. Benedict Guild (helps organize & coordinate retreats, prayer & study groups, etc.) St. Martin of Tours Good Works Committee (oversees the charitable work of the parish)</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Cooperative work-parties with participants from AmeriCorps, SOLV, BSA, & S.W. Portland Neighborhood Association in the Watershed Restoration Program for our own site. Not only was it a wonderful end-result for the church grounds, but an excellent way of interfacing with the community at large.</p> <p>Lenten Retreat (Quiet Day) held at the parish — 23 participants.</p> <p>Parishioner Kyrion Gray headed to New Orleans in July to join an IOCC team in helping to build a house for Hurricane Katrina victims. (His trip funded by the Benefit Dinner in January.)</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>IOCC Gulf Coast Project Benefit Dinner DePaul Industries Annual Christmas Party (for developmentally disabled employees) St. Juvenaly Mission, Kona, Hawaii — monthly support St. Francis Dining Hall — monthly meals IOCC Metropolitan Committee — monthly meetings</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Advent Retreat (Quiet Day) set for Saturday, 11/21 Pan-Orthodox celebration of the vigil for the Feast of St. Nicholas (12/5) — collection will go to JOIN, a local charitable organization — www.joinpdx.com</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	112	110	110
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	110	100	100
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	25	25
Number of Catechumens	6	7	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	6	7	2
Funerals	0	1	2
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	5	7	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	32	21	22
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	12	15

Parish Name and Address Holy Resurrection Church, Tacoma WA (1896) P.O. Box 1332 Puyallup WA 98371	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Pierce, Rector Priest Daniel Armatas Priest Irenaeus Williams Deacon Luke Fordice	
Committees/Societies	
The Parish Council The Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood Sunday School Teen Ministry	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>On Bright Saturday His Grace, Bishop Benjamin, and many clergy and faithful from surrounding parishes joined us for our Altar Feast in Tacoma, and the celebration of Fr. John's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.</p> <p>During his visit His Grace also inaugurated a new Teen Ministry by meeting with 25 of our young people at the home of our Youth Director, Joseph Ramos, who is paid part time for the position. In June, we held a mini-camp for three days with 22 of our own teens attending.</p> <p>Over the winter Priests Athanasius Shaw and Joseph Ramos and their families joined our parish life, richly adding their own special gifts, and it is common to find five priests and a deacon at services! In June and July newly ordained Priest James McKee and Matushka Kathy served in the parish as they prepared for their new mission in Bend, OR.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly collection for the needy. Participation in local hot meals program. Sunday food collection for local Fish Food Bank. Toys for Tots collection at our St. Nicholas Children's party.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Working with State & County for permits for cemetery & temple permits.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	79	80	88
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	95	95	126
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	25	25	30
Number of Catechumens	2	11	6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	6	10	6
Funerals	3	1	1
Marriages	6	2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	20	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	15	20

Parish Name and Address		
<p>St Spiridon Orthodox Cathedral (1895) 400 Yale Avenue North Seattle Washington 98109</p>	<p>Mailing Address: 1310 Harrison St. Seattle WA 98109</p>	
Clergy		
<p>Priest Yuri A. Maev Archpriest Vadim A. Pogrebniak Protodeacon George Haloulakos</p>		
Committees/Societies		
<p>The Guild of the Lord's Friends Boy Scout Troop 67 Standing Committees: Annual Bazaar Committee, Reducing the Risk Committee</p>		
Since October 2008		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
<p>Purchasing of 2 sets of vestments for priest, protodeacon and two subdeacons. Installation of new signage for cathedral and education building. Upgrades: new reader's stand and 100 chairs for parish hall. Growth: baby boom and weddings. Both subdeacons were married this summer.</p>		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
<p>Since October 2008 \$18,440.90 in monetary donations has been distributed to both Orthodox and non-Orthodox charitable organizations. In addition 1,600 pounds of food and 13 boxes of school supplies were donated. Our holiday toy collections are a great success and the continuous collection of toiletries for shelters, reading material for veterans and icons and greeting cards for Mother Katrina remain strong.</p>		
Major Challenges Faced		
<p>Building maintenance of aging buildings -- plumbing & drainage.</p>		
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010		
<p>Anticipating change of status of Acting Rector Priest Yuri A. Maev Upcoming 115th Anniversary in 2010.</p>		

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	107	100	99
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	120	100	110
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	40	40	35
Number of Catechumens	4	4	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	7	15
Funerals	2	5	5
Marriages	2	3	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	30	35	35
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	0	12

2008/9 Pacific Southwest Deanery Report
Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the West
V. Rev. Lawrence Russell, Dean
August 30, 2009

Your Grace, Vladyka BENJAMIN, Very Reverend, Reverend Fathers, and pious delegates, I want to begin by thanking God for His help and each of you for your prayers and the assistance that you have generously offered me during the past year.

Structural Changes and Clergy Assignments

There were no structural changes in our deanery since last year's Assembly. The Pacific Southwest Deanery is comprised of the following seven parishes: **Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral**, Los Angeles; **St. Herman Church**, Oxnard; **St. John of Damascus Church**, Poway; **St. Innocent Church**, Tarzana; **Orthodox Church of the Annunciation**, Santa Maria; **St. Paul the Apostle Church**, Las Vegas; **SS. Peter and Paul Church**, Phoenix. This year brought one change to the diptychs of our assigned clergy. Archpriest Nicholas Boldireff was released for his duties as rector of St. Innocent Church, Tarzana. We are grateful to Fr. Nicholas for the nine years of service that he offered St. Innocent Church. Priest Youseff Rassam was ordained by Vladyka Benjamin on Pentecost and began his new assignment at St. Innocent Church shortly thereafter. We welcome Fr. Youseff and pray that the Lord will grant great power to our brother's ministry.

Demographics:

Reported adult membership in the deanery parishes fell from 636 to 566. Three parishes reported the same number of adult members; one parish added members and three parishes lost members.

Clergy Illness


Archpriest Paul Waisanen is currently recovering from bypass surgery and Deacon Michael Savko is recovering from cancer surgery. Please keep these men in your prayers.

General Remarks


As the reader will see in the individual reports, the parishes of the deanery have been generally stable and active. I met with individual clergy when need arose. I made visits to Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral and St. Innocent Church. Several parishes report budgetary shortfalls as a result of changes in membership and a slow economy. Few problems between clergy and their flocks were referred to me during the last twelve months. The Pacific Southwest Deanery and the Pacific Central deanery held youth camp together. It was encouraging to get a PSWD camp going again. Many thanks go to Priest Michael Anderson for his initiative and perseverance.

Respectfully submitted by,
Archpriest Lawrence Russell, Dean of PSWD


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Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Paul Orthodox Church (1988) 5400 Annie Oakley Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89120</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest John J. Dresko, Rector Priest R. George Elliott, Associate Archpriest James Bertolini, Attached</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Myrrhbearers Society</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Major steps forward in our stewardship program Celebrated 30th anniversary of Fr. John's ordination to the priesthood Instituted monthly "Family Sunday" on the last Sunday of the month</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Monthly food collection for Friends of the Desert Winter Coat and Blanket collection for the needy Slavonic Liturgy monthly Tigrenya School ESL Classes sponsored by UNLV in church hall Girl Scouts, NA Meeting, AA Meeting all in church hall</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>HUGE (300+) number of people who offer no financial support, but consider themselves "parishioners," and to whom we minister. \$500K mortgage that equates to a \$5K per month obligation. Integrating many different and diverse cultural backgrounds in parish.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Annual International Festival, Oct 10-11</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	235	245	185
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	285	285	300
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	25	35	35
Number of Catechumens	10	4	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	29	36	19
Funerals	6	8	5
Marriages	4	9	5
Receptions into Orthodoxy	5	10	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	125	125	110
Adult Education/Number Participating	25	25	20

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>Holy Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Cathedral (1922) 650 Micheltorena Street Los Angeles, CA 90026 hvmla.org 323-666-4977</p>	
<p>Clergy</p> <p>Archpriest Michael Senyo, Rector and Dean Priest Nikolay Khalimonov, attached Right Reverend Bishop Tikhon, retired Protodeacon Arkady Voloschuk, retired</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p> <p>Parish Russian Saturday School Sisterhood Sunday School Orthodox Peace Fellowship RB & HH (Religious Books and Helping Hand for Russia) Bookstore and Library</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p> <p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Renovation of the Parish School building to include new library and bookstore. Renovation of front porch of the Temple and exterior repairs, including the Rectory. Renovation of Hall Auditorium. Renewal of Parish Saturday School.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p> <p>RB&HH Silverlake Improvement Group Rampart Police Commission Seminaries, Diocesan Charities, Saint Barbara Monastery, Tolstoy Foundation, Mary and Martha House, Orthodox Peace Fellowship, Lectures, Films, pilgrimages to various Holy Sites in the West.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p> <p>We look forward to continuing progress in the renewal of our campus infrastructure and the initiation of greater outreach concerns, such as lectures, retreats and pilgrimages.</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	-	-	75
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	-	-	200
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	-	-	40
Number of Catechumens	-	-	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	-	-	20
Funerals	-	-	7
Marriages	-	-	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	-	-	-
Church School/Number Enrolled	-	-	50
Adult Education/Number Participating	-	-	10

Parish Name and Address St. Herman Orthodox Church (1974) 142 West Wooley Road Oxnard, CA 93030	
Clergy	
Archpriest Paul Waisanen, Rector Deacon Michael Savko	
Committees/Societies	
Finance Committee: plans the yearly budget. Choir. Parish Council: plans everything else.	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>This last year our Deacon Michael traveled to Mount Athos and made arrangements to purchase the icons of the twelve Apostles. We have received two of them and expect the remainder in due time. Daniil who is part of the Daniilaion Brotherhood of the Katounakia Skete. We also received gifts of the Mystical Supper icon by Brother Sergius of blessed memory and Mother Cecilia of New Skete and the Mandalion of the Holy Face by of Natalia Papounidou of Thessilonika, and a large icon of the Pantokrator, which we plan to place in the center of the Apostles. Sister Mary of St. Barbara's Monastery is preparing a new set of the Festal paper icons on boards to replace of ones we have which have become discolored with time.</p> <p>Monthly participation in the "Friends of St. Barbara Monastery," the last Sunday of the month Wednesday evening Vespers and Reading in the Fathers--this year we have been reading Georges Florovsky</p> <p>Celebration of our Feast Day in December.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Charities include IOCC. CCMC. Ventura Rescue Mission, OCA charities, The St. Silas Prison Ministry, Rafael House. Church door charities.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
*35th Anniversary on December 13 and 14, for the St. Herman Feast day with bishop Benjamin.	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	-	-	33
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	-	-	32
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	-	-	4-8
Number of Catechumens	-	-	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	-	-	2
Funerals	-	-	
Marriages	-	-	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	-	-	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	-	-	6
Adult Education/Number Participating	-	-	30

Parish Name and Address	
<p>Saints Peter and Paul Church (1951) 1614 E Monte Vista Road Phoenix, AZ 85006 website: www.sspeterpaulaz.org</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest David Brum, rector Protodeacon Alexis Washington, attached</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council: Fulfills duties as defined in parish and diocesan by-laws; oversees capital campaigns Saints Peter and Paul Choir: Members Sing/Read at the Divine Services Holy Myrrhbearers Society: Provides for the liturgical needs of the temple; hosts parish social events, including weekly Fellowship Hour, retreats; sponsors fundraisers; assists with local Orthodox events, e.g. annual IOCC regional fundraiser Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, Chapter 219: Supports general work of the parish; raises funds and donates to various Church charities and projects</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>New parking lot project - Phase II Blessing of new icon and shrine of the Theotokos</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Monthly collection for Project Mexico Ongoing donations to local shelter for homeless and Saint Mary's Food Pantry Support of IOCC and OCMC local fundraising activities</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Increasing stewardship in the face of financial stress due to economy Outreach to Orthodox immigrants, primarily Russians</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Completion of Iconography Project</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	52	52	52
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	115	115	120
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	20	20
Number of Catechumens	1	6	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	14	7	11
Funerals	6	2	2
Marriages	0	2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4	5	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	22	25	30
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	25	20

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St John of Damascus Orthodox Church (1976) 16903 Espola Road Poway, CA 92064</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Archpriest Alexander Federoff</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Parish Council St John's Auxiliary Building Committee International Festival Committee</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>May 19, 2009 the Poway City Council approved the modification of our Major Use Permit to include the replacement of our present modular multipurpose hall with a 3,500 sq ft building including a commercial kitchen and two adjacent buildings with classroom, office and workroom space. This is the culmination of planning that started in April 2005.</p> <p>Makeup of our parish is dynamically changing since we celebrated 8 weddings in the last two years. The prayers of the Church have been answered with 10 baptisms during same time. Our first Annual Parish International Festival committee began meeting in 2008 to plan an event to reach out to the community and invite them to visit our Church. The date is Saturday, October 17, 2009.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Adopt a Seminarian -- the First Sunday of the Month we promote donations for an adopted student from one of the three seminaries of the OCA – this year we were asked to send donations to Father Martin Nicolai who was living in temporary quarters as his parish was remodeling and repairing the parish house.</p> <p>A couple of years ago we committed to soliciting monthly donations on the third Sunday of every month to help Fr Michael Mihalick and his family. Fr Michael is an OCA priest who has an aggressive form of MS and can no longer serve the church. In 2008 we collected \$5,811.</p> <p>Project Mexico – we do several collections and special projects to support the boys at St Innocent Orphanage. We adopted a student for the year with a contribution of \$1,200.</p> <p>One time donations were sent to St Vladimir's, St Tikhon's, St Herman's, Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery, Raphael House and San Diego North County Interfaith Council.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p> </p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>October 17, 2009 First Annual Parish International Festival</p> <p>We have two years from May 19, 2009, to pull a building permit and keep our Modified Major Use permit active. We do not have a firm cost but with the slow economy this is a great time to build but necessarily the best time to solicit funds and loans.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	92	90	90
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	105	110	105
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	25	35	35
Number of Catechumens	5	6	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	5	5
Funerals	2	0	1
Marriages	1	4	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	28	25	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	n/a	n/a	12

Parish Name and Address	
Orthodox Church of the Annunciation (1979) 877 Francine Ln. Santa Maria CA 93455	
Clergy	
Archpriest Lawrence Russell	
Committees/Societies	
Concert Committee Fundraising Committee Building Committee	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Submittal to County of Master Plans for Church Building Benefit Concert for Building Fund; raised \$13,000.00	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Worked closely with Gobezie Goshu Home for the Elderly in Northern Ethiopia: charity houses around 20 elderly, cares for 90 invalids, and pays tuition for 400 children Worked with Community Action Commission to provide foods and gifts for poverty-level families during the holidays Held two open houses with tours of the church: December and April	
Major Challenges Faced	
Some slowing of economy and a few employment challenges for a number of parishioners.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
3rd Benefit Concert for the Building Fund and for Gobezie Goshu Home. Ground breaking for new temple within 6 months.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	33	33	39
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	50	60
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	15	15	15
Number of Catechumens	1	3	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	0	2	1
Funerals	1	0	1
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	12	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	15	15

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Innocent Orthodox Church (1955) 5657 Lindley Ave. Tarzana, Ca</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Fr. Yousuf Rassam 6570 Bianca Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91356</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Society of St. Innocent (SOSI) Youth/ Young adult group in formation.</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>International Festival evening, February 13th, 2009. Farewell to Fr. Nicholas Boldireff and welcome of Fr. Yousuf Rassam, February 15th, 2009, with hierarchical Liturgy served by his Grace, Bishop Benjamin, with both priests celebrating. Re-establishment of the Church Sunday School program in the Fall of 2009, (The parish did not have a Sunday School last year).</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Collection of goods for Project Mexico.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>The coming of a new priest, getting used to each other. Fixing the air conditioner in the hall. Payment of past debts (some of which were significant) and meeting current obligations. Trying not to hold on the past negative dynamics, establish positive dynamics.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	54	-	38
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	88	-	75
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	8	-	(Vespers) 15
Number of Catechumens	2	-	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	-	2
Funerals	3	-	2
Marriages	2	-	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	-	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	25	0	30
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	-	15

Rocky Mountain Deanery



1 Archpriest Joseph at the Blessing of Waters atop the Continental Divide


The Rocky Mountain Deanery suffered a tremendous loss in the unexpected passing of Archpriest Joseph Hirsch this past August. Fr. Joseph has been a stabilizing factor of our deanery, and of Orthodoxy across jurisdictions in the state, for a quarter of a century. For each one of us currently active in the deanery Fr. Joseph has been the only dean we have ever known, and his presence, insight, wisdom and pastoral sense are already severely missed. He worked tirelessly to the end: only the day before his hospitalization he was at summer camp, enlightening the teens on the Old Testament. Fr. Joseph set for us in the deanery a standard of vision, hard work, integrity, and God-inspired passion that will not be forgotten. Memory Eternal!

Parishes in the deanery are "good, and very good". Their specific reports follow. Each parish is unique, from the very definition of "pan-Orthodox" (multi-ethnic/cultural) to near complete first-generation Orthodox communities. Some of us are experiencing the fascinating transition from being "convert" to "cradle" as the children of adult converts are born into the life of the community. The priests are stable, the parishes are growing both numerically and spiritually. Perhaps our greatest need, besides the obvious of a full-time priest at Holy Transfiguration (Frs. James and Eugene are doing an excellent job in the interim!), is for an "extra" priest. This would give present clergy the ability to be absent from their assigned Altar as need might dictate, yet greater would enable us to plant the seeds of a long overdue mission in the state.






Deanery-wide activities and events include our annual Summer Camp, Winter Teen Retreat, Blessing of Waters atop the continental divide, a Choir festival, and deanery clergy meetings. We are nobly represented at pan-Orthodox gatherings, particularly in the Denver Metro area as "one of our own" presides over the clergy brotherhood. Each of us were present for the full service of Holy Unction at Fr. Joseph's hospital bedside, as well as gathered around our beloved hierarch as we laid Fr. Joseph to rest. We missed our clergy pilgrimage to Delta this past summer, but are looking to attend the feast of St. Andrew there in November.

Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest Anthony Karbo


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Parish Name and Address	
<p>St Mary's Holy Dormition Church (1905) 19485 N. Calhan Hwy Calhan CO 80808</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Rev. Lawrence Gaudreau</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>St Tikhon Chapel Committee Rose Marie Club—Parish Sisterhood Parish Council</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Rain 3rd Annual Southern Colorado Music Festival Major repairs of our temple</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Stranded travelers Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets Seminary support</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Our life together as a Christian community</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	69	54	58
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	50	53
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	10	13
Number of Catechumens	0	1	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	4	5	4
Funerals	2	3	3
Marriages	1	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	25	25	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	6	6

Parish Name and Address			
SS. Constantine and Helen (1974) 2770 N. Chestnut St. Colorado Springs CO 80907			
Clergy			
Archpriest Anthony Karbo			
Committees/Societies			
Parish Council; Sunday School; Altar boys			
Since October 2008			
Highlights of Top Three Activities			
Building and completion of new parish hall; 13th trip to Project Mexico, inclusive of 4 parish members on staff at Project Mexico; Sending off of another parish family to seminary; Parish retreat with Bp. Benjamin and Fr. Meletios			
Outreach and Charitable Activities			
Agia Sophia Coffee and Books -- operating in the black, 18 conversions to Orthodoxy to date; Holy Theophany Community Garden, neighbors garden on our church property; Volunteer monthly and monthly support of two local soup kitchens; Project Mexico			
Major Challenges Faced			
Paying for new hall!			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010			
Winter Teen Retreat - December; Annual Blessing of Waters atop Continental Divide - January; 26th Annual Rocky Mountain Orth. Youth Camp - August.			
			
Holy Saturday 2009	New Parish Hall	Parish Hall in reference to Theophany temple	Holy Theophany Community Garden produces a harvest and an outreach to the neighbors.


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	80	90	90
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	140	160	160
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	65	65	70
Number of Catechumens	20	12	15
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	23	26	10
Funerals	1	2	2
Marriages	2	1	-
Receptions into Orthodoxy	-	-	10
Church School/Number Enrolled	25	35	35
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	15	15

Parish Name and Address		
Saint Andrew's Orthodox Church (1980) 298 Bert Street Delta, CO 81416		
Clergy		
Very Reverend Daniel Jones Reverend Deacon David Fabula Subdeacon Cyril Stagner Readers: Daniel Showalter; David Pertz; Mark Kautsky		
Committees/Societies		
Altar Servers	Building and Grounds	
Sisterhood	Flowers and Adornment	
Choir	Church School Coordinator and teachers	
Since October 2008		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
<p>Our top activity remains the celebration of the Liturgical Life of the Church in as complete a form as we are able along with our continued effort to live the fullness of the Christian life in Christ within the context of our daily life.</p> <p>Within this we also continue to renovate and upgrade our present facility and grounds. Additionally we maintain and upkeep ten acres that we own outright for future development. We have also sponsored this year The Very Reverend Michael Oleksa for a visit and parish presentation. Also Igumen Gregory Zaiens of Saint Tikhon's Monastery for a visit and parish presentation. And Archimandrite Vladimir Wendling for a similar visit.</p> <p>We are hosting for the month of August, 2009, a Ugandan Seminarian in order to provide him with an experience of Orthodox Christian life in a rural American setting in Colorado. We receive in return the experience he is able to share with us of his home and church life in Uganda, Africa.</p>		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
<p>We offer small yearly support financially to :Mary and Martha House; Russian Children Welfare Society; Hogar Rafael, Guatamala; DOW and OCA Charity Appeals; other special appeals; our own local food and small funds outreach to those who contact us in need; and this year, as mentioned above, a Ugandan Orthodox Seminarian.</p>		
Major Challenges Faced		
<p>First and foremost, as is the case everywhere, the challenge is to be "the Salt of the earth" and the "fragrance of Christ" as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>We also have this year, 2009, the special challenge of a financial pinch due to general decline in the U.S. economy. Our budgeted income has fallen by about ten percent. However, we are stable and committed to growth and spreading the Holy Gospel as we are capable and able.</p>		
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010		
<p>We will celebrate our 29th anniversary this year of 2009. We have grown from a parish of a very few persons to a stable growing parish in a rural setting of a very sparsely populated part of Colorado. God has especially blessed us with lots of families and children, as well as some very faithful single persons.</p>		


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	38	40	43
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	75	85	85
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	35	45	50
Number of Catechumens	3	0	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	7	2	1
Funerals	2	2	0
Marriages	2	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled	14	16	16
Adult Education/Number Participating	35	35	35

Parish Name and Address	
Holy Transfiguration of Christ Orthodox Cathedral (1898) 349 East 47th Ave. Denver, CO 80216	
Clergy	
Archpriest Eugene Tarris Archpriest James Worth Protodeacon Averky Davis Deacon Alexander Vallens Deacon Michael Tarris	
Committees/Societies	
Holy Transfiguration Parish Council St. Mary's Holy Protection Sisterhood Holy Transfiguration Parish Choir Holy Transfiguration Church School	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Within two months of celebrating his 25th anniversary in the parish, our Dean Archpriest Joseph Hirsch departed this life. The parish completed their preservation and beautification of the temple. The parish is buying properties on the perimeter of the church grounds for the future new cathedral.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Last Sunday in December was an event that raised charitable funds for the OCMC for work in Kluj, Romania. Second Sunday in January funds were raised for the Orthodox Children's Hospice in St. Petersburg, Russia. Funds were raised for the work of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary	
Major Challenges Faced	
In the face of the severe economic downturn, we have kept our focus on our goals outlined in our 5, 10 and 20 year plan. We hope to have a new cathedral within the next 5 years.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
Last Sunday in December: Romanian Charities Sunday after January 7: Old Rus Holiday Party Last Sunday in January: St. Sava Celebration Serbian Slava Bright Friday: Pan Orthodox Dinner Dance Second to last Weekend in July 2010: Annual Orthodox Food Festival and Old Globeville Days	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count		84	84
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		246	250
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance		20	20
Number of Catechumens		4	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms		23	11
Funerals		4	4
Marriages		1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		40	40
Adult Education/Number Participating		4	4

Parish Name and Address		
St. Herman Orthodox Church (1972) 991 W. Prentice Ave. Littleton, CO 80120		
Clergy		
Rev. Fr. John Armstrong, rector		
Committees/Societies		
Parish Council Bylaws Committee St. Herman Icon Window Committee		
Since October 2008		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
St. Herman Icon Window Project which we began on July 26, 2009 (see photo) Participation in the 1st annual Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) convocation held here in Denver in July 09 Improvements in marriages & families receiving pastoral counseling This year's Pascha & Picnic was "the best Pascha ever" (as confessed by many)		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
We sponsor 1 Orthodox charity/missions/outreach ministry every month by matching freewill collections (1/mo.) up to \$5000/yr., which is potentially \$10K every year. We are sponsoring OCMC missionary Christina Semon on a monthly basis. We have become active participants with Love INC beginning a "diaper pantry" ministry locally. We collect food on a weekly basis for a local food bank.		
Major Challenges Faced		
Some impact financially from the downturn in the economy. Difficulties with transition from one parish Treasurer to another (a perennial problem) Loss of some excellent parishioners (deaths, moved, other)		
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010		
Installation of St. Herman Icon Window in December 2009 (see photo) As President of the Rocky Mountain Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, I/we are bringing Fr. Meletios Webber to the Rocky Mountain Front Range Orthodox community for BOTH clergy & laity Lenten Retreats in March 2010 37th parish anniversary		

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	53	55	69
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	74	91	87
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	25	30
Number of Catechumens	8	21	7
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	3	20	10
Funerals	5	1	3
Marriages	1	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	15	25	30
Adult Education/Number Participating	25	25	25

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>St. Michael's Orthodox Church (1903) 801 W. Summit Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Priest Barnabas Powell</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Parish Council (six members plus priest) Endowment Fund Committee (3 members) Festival Planners (3 members)</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>An extremely successful festival which sold out in 3 hours, with over a hundred people touring the church. The debut of a new experience in fusion dining: green chile smothered cabbage rolls (aka "Bojon Burritos"). Father became a regular columnist for the Pueblo Chieftain, with a semi-monthly column of 650 words on a topic of his choice. Some columns will be reprinted in The Orthodox Church magazine. Our vast metrical records have been translated and computerized, with over 1500 entries beginning in 1902. This will facilitate genealogical research requests. Ongoing baby boom, with 10 children below age 4.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>We maintain a food pantry stocked with parishioners' donations. Those who come to the rectory door may fill up a grocery bag once a month. We raised over \$1000 in response to various charitable appeals, largely via collections each Sunday of Advent. Parish Council is studying various local charities in search of an institution parishioners will be able to volunteer at.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Stagnant growth with reception of new converts offset by funerals and emigration from Pueblo of those seeking more gainful employment. Maintenance of aging infrastructure in the face of repeated criminal attacks (arson, repeated burglaries, and a stolen vehicle crashed into the temple in a high speed police chase). How to serve a neighborhood demographic vastly different from 30-50 years ago (predominantly Hispanic, Roman Catholic and non-owner occupied residences). How to motivate parishioners to care about the community and not simply "hold down the fort."</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>Visit of Bishop Benjamin for our Nov. 8th Parish Slava, with potential tonsure of a Reader. Annual "Slavic Food Festival" on Sept. 6th (Miracles of St. Michael), hopefully with enough food this year to meet demand. Bessemer Historical Society "Saints and Sinners Tour" (Nov. 14th), a guided tour of churches and bars with connections to the CF&I Steel Mill.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	32	32	28
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	47	41	34
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10	14	16
Number of Catechumens	11	6	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	9	6	1
Funerals	4	3	3
Marriages	3	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	4	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	6	5	3
Adult Education/Number Participating	7	5	4

Annual Report of the Dean
Russian Mission District Deanery
Very Rev. Bazyl Kalinowski, Dean

August 31, 2009

Your Grace, Right Reverend Vladyka, Fathers and Brethren:

Autumn brings a review of last year. Thanks be to God for His great mercy to us sinners. There was really not much excitement in our parish life. Services took place, the choir sang, the parishioners prayed.

Our parish of Christ the Saviour, as is the case with other parishes in the deanery, consists of immigrants. Immigrants from Ukraine, Belorussia, Russia and other states of the Federation. There are variations in the number of parish members. Here there are more, there less, for the following reasons:

- The great immigration to the US of the 90's is over.
- In search of better living conditions, many parishioners move to other cities and states.
- San Francisco has become too expensive for immigrants.
- Economic downturn, high housing prices, unemployment all contribute.
- The older immigration, who comprised the major part of these parishes, have largely gone to their eternal reward.
- Not everyone can afford the membership dues.

In our parish all work together, carrying out their responsibilities. We have a wonderful choir, a major website with church music (which is visited by enthusiasts of church music from 79 countries), a choir director, Sergei Riabtchenko, a composer who a few years ago founded a male chorus with participants from various parishes, and who recorded a CD. The sisterhood is doing its job. Svetlana Thomson continues her heavy responsibility of leading the Russian Children's Welfare Society and every year produces the festival "Day of the Russian Child" in which volunteers from various parishes work towards the goal of helping Russian children in various countries.

Last year we unfortunately had to close our school, which I opened in 1990. There were no longer any students. Our graduates finished universities, became adults. Now we are awaiting the next generation, which I have baptized, and continue to baptize.

Specific statistics on parish life are in the separate reports of the rectors; here I'll talk about fundamental questions of the Russian Deanery. In our deanery there is old and new style calendars, Russian and English language, and basically people from the old and newer immigrations.

In the last report I often addressed the issue of bylaws. At the last Assembly Bishop Benjamin asked for the bylaws of every parish. This is good because now the Bishop can assure himself that this should have been addressed long ago.

At the church of St. Nicholas in San Diego where the rector is Fr. Alexander, at this year's annual meeting a new set of bylaws was adopted. These conform to the pattern in place at Holy Trinity Cathedral and at our church of Christ the Saviour. These bylaws were approved by Bishop Tikhon. After a few years of controversy in this parish, things have settled, glory be to God. Besides serving at his own parish, Fr. Alexander serves in Las Vegas once a month, and takes turns with me for the services at Santa Barbara. As all are aware, there has not been a priest at St. Vladimir's parish in Santa Barbara, so it is difficult to talk about a full parish life. Last year I served in Summer and Fall, Fr. Alexander during the Christmas, Theophany, Lent and Paschal seasons and on the eve of the church feast. I am grateful to Valery and Lidia who live in the parish house and take care of the church. The money from their rent


pays insurance, maintenance and repairs, and transportation for the priests who come to serve. Without their oversight the church would fall apart, as we live far from Santa Barbara. When there are services, various numbers of people attend, from 6-12. But thank God the light is lit in people's souls.

Fr. Germogen is rector at the Birth of the Mother of God church in Menlo Park. We worried for many years over the travail of this parish, and now there is peace and calm, I think thanks to the talent of Fr. Germogen. It remains to adopt the new bylaws so that the past does not repeat itself.


In Berkeley the church of the Forerunner has Fr. Kiril as rector. All work together and I advise the parish council to check the bylaws as Fr. Kiril needs help.

The Myrrhbearing Women in West Sacramento has as rector Fr. George. It is an old parish with a new rector. It is disturbing that in a short time many on the parish council resigned. As a rule parishes are governed by the priest and parish council. The composition of the parish council has changed. Did this receive the Bishop's blessing? I advise taking another approach with the parish council. You are a pastor of the Church of Christ. I ask you to check the parish bylaws.


Your humble priest,
V. Rev. Bazyl Kalinowski, Dean

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church (1936) 1900 Essex Street Berkeley, CA 94703</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Kirill Hartman</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Sisterhood Property Maintenance Committee</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Children's Choir: singing instruction, singing at Saturday evening Vigils, Sunday Divine Liturgies and Paschal Matins. Theatrical performances of religious, classical and folk pieces. Missionary outreach to the parents of the Children's Choir members. Hot lunches, served in the parish hall, on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Monetary donations to two orphanages in Russia and to Russian Children's Welfare Societies in the United States. Community outreach through our expansive parish website.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Rebuilding of arson-damaged house on parish property (project that extended into three years)</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Parish Patronal Feast, July 7 (celebration date varies from year to year). Christmas Party for children. Hot lunches, served by the Sisterhood on Sundays, after the Liturgy, provide an opportunity for new visitors to interact with parish members.</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	57	54	47
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	60	65
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12	15	18
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	16	12	6
Funerals	6	2	1
Marriages	2	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	30	30
Adult Education/Number Participating			

Parish Name and Address	
<p>The Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church (1950) 1220 Crane St. Menlo Park, CA 94025</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Rev. Hermogen Holste, Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Ladies' Prayer Group</p>	
Since October 2008	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Our primary activity remains the worship of Almighty God. Attendance at services has increased, including not only Sundays and feast days but also weekday services. Our choir has also grown, both in numbers and in quality.</p> <p>Our parish education programs continue, with religious education for adults and children in both English and Russian as necessary. We had a wonderful Christmas Yolka in January, with wide participation from children and adults, and a well-attended children's festival on Bright Saturday, following the Liturgy and Cross Procession.</p> <p>Our sisterhood continues to provide lunch every Sunday and on the most important feasts, and to organize a rummage sale in the summer and our annual Christmas Bazaar in December.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Our parishioners continue to respond generously to special collections and appeals. Our parish is always well represented at the Day of the Russian Child in San Francisco. In addition, there is the ongoing ministry to those persons who come by or call our church seeking assistance.</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>The main challenge we face at present concerns the church school. Last year's attendance was inconsistent at best. Children turn out for special events but are drawn away by other Saturday morning activities. This year, we plan to offer Law of God on Sunday mornings after Liturgy, when the most children are present, to continue with occasional children's festivals, and to schedule other classes, such as Russian language literature, as interest warrants.</p> <p>The other ongoing challenge is the education of the adult parishioners. Most people come irregularly, and often for only a portion of the service. There are many people who come only for panikhidas, baptisms, funerals, and other special occasions. Most of these people have a very limited understanding of the Orthodox Faith.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Annual Christmas Bazaar – December 5, 2009 Old Calendar Annunciation / Bright Wednesday – April 7, 2010 Parish Feast Day – September 21, 2010</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	41	48	42
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	75	85
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	20	25
Number of Catechumens	2 inquirers	2 catechumens 2 inquirers	1 inquirer
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	9	19	16
Funerals	0	7	7
Marriages	0	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	24	26	20
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	10-15	10-15

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St.Nicholas Orthodox Church (1940) 3873 Cherokee Ave. San Diego, CA 92104</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V.Rev. Alexander Shkalov Rev. Deacon Benjamin Richards</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Sunday School (The Study of Holy Scripture, Russian language and literature, Music: piano, choral singing, music theory. Visual fine arts, drawing.) Adult Education: Holy Bible class. Sisterhood. Editorial Committee of the Parish Messenger. Stewardship Education Library</p>	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Pledges to the Church. Renovation of the Church's building. First annual Russian Festival</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Offering instruction in English for recently arrived immigrants Parish holds Rummage Sale. Hospitality and fellowship with the Orthodox brotherhood, the Martha and Mary House, Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Saint Tikhon's Seminary, Saint Herman's Seminary in Alaska, the poor children in Palestine and Russia, Project Mexico.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Lack of Parking for Parishioners. Parish property need for renovation.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Festival -- 2009 Elka -- January 2010 Maslenitza -- March 2010</p>	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	37	38	40
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	35	35
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	9	14	12
Number of Catechumens	2	1	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	7	13	9
Funerals	5	1	0
Marriages	1	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	1	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	11	14
Adult Education/Number Participating	3	3	4

Parish Name and Address Christ the Saviour Church (1952) 2040 Anza Street San Francisco CA 94118	
Clergy	
Archpriest Bazyl Kalinowski	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council (charity, property, investment and membership committees); Choir; Sisterhood; Mutual Aid Society; Concert Choir.	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>At the invitation of Bishop Kiril, Fr. Bazyl served with the bishop and ROCOR clergy at the commemoration of St. John Maximovitch in early July. Clergy from two ROCOR parishes are invited to serve at our church in August for the parish feast, August 29.</p> <p>Our parishioners and children from our school took part in the annual Day of the Russian Child fundraiser, and in the Russian Festival.</p> <p>The Men's concert Choir gave concerts in Sacramento, at Holy Virgin Cathedral and the Carmelite chapel in San Francisco. A CD of the concert music composed and conducted by our Choir director, Sergei Riabtchenko, is available at Liturgica.com</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Support activities of the Day of the Russian Child charity.</p> <p>Volunteers help at the soup kitchen run by Russian American Community services.</p> <p>Support for Project Mexico.</p> <p>* Note below that very few funerals at our church are for our members. We are happy to perform them as a service for the Orthodox community.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Recession-driven unemployment is driving some people away. Our chief reader was out of work for several months and had to accept a job in Beijing. Providentially, he is providing reader services in the Russian Consulate there. Attendance is by written invitation only for each service: in China public worship is illegal.</p> <p>A majority of the 20 Georgians who departed last year have not returned, but the number attending services increases with time.</p> <p>Major painting and repairs were done on the church back and access areas.</p> <p>The Parish Council continues to bring in new and younger members.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
<p>Our feast day is August 29. All are invited.</p> <p>Concerts are planned for October and late Spring. Check the DOWOCA website.</p> <p>Russian Children's Welfare Society puts on a fundraiser for children with handicaps in Russia in May at the Russian Center.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	55	51	56
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	61	72	60
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	20	13	14
Number of Catechumens	0	2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	12	13	10
Funerals	8*	7 *none ours	5 *none ours
Marriages	1	1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	8	8	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	-	-	-

Parish Name and Address	
<p>St. Vladimir Church (1949) 1328 Castillo Street Santa Barbara CA 93107</p>	
Clergy	
Served by Russian Missionary Deanery Clergy	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2008	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Parishioners of the Orthodox Church Valery and Lida have lived in the parish house for some years and look after the property, making necessary repairs. This year saw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- refurbishing the kitchen -- restoration and renewal of the iconostas -- protecting the property -- cutting back growth of vegetation <p>In the church icons were donated of the Birth of Christ and the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Since there is no priest in residence, and nearby parishes cannot serve, the parish is served by the Dean from San Francisco and Fr. Alexander from San Diego.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010	
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	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	3	3	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	4	4	6
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	4	4	6
Number of Catechumens	-	-	-
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	-	-	-
Funerals	-	-	-
Marriages	-	-	-
Receptions into Orthodoxy	-	-	-
Church School/Number Enrolled	-	-	-
Adult Education/Number Participating	-	-	-

<p>Parish Name and Address</p> <p>Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church (1925) 833 Water Street West Sacramento CA 95605</p>	
<p>Clergy</p>	
<p>Archpriest George Gulin</p>	
<p>Committees/Societies</p>	
<p>Our Lady of Kazan Sisterhood Audit Committee Sunday School</p>	
<p>Since October 2008</p>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Yolka Concerts Fundraising dinners</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Correspondence with prisoners Articles in newspapers of Sacramento Charitable assistance to those in need</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Financial difficulties Consolidating of two different views on providing medical insurance for former matushka</p>	
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</p>	
<p>85th Anniversary of the parish</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	As of September 1, 2009
Fair Share Membership Count	47	44	54
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	45	50	55
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	4	5	6
Number of Catechumens	-	1	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2007	Reported for Calendar Year 2008	January 1 thru September 1, 2009
Baptisms	9	11	7
Funerals	4	3	4
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	-	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	12	10	11
Adult Education/Number Participating	-	8	9