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Mission Report for 2012

Dear brother and sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

This past year was one filled with much joy and activity! We are entering into a very exciting and challenging time in the life of our community. By the Grace of God our community continues to grow and develop. Here are a few notable highlights of the past year:

Baptisms: Many Years!

- (11/11/12) Joseph Crosby
- (11/18/12) Samuel Halliburton
- (12/3/12) Susanna Maddox

Catechumens: Many Years!

- (10/14) Nicholas Sooy

Christmations: Many Years!

- (4/1) Juliana (Amanda) Mylin
- (4/8) Andrew Katerman (by Met. Jonah)
- (12/23) Helen (Susan) Wokulich

Weddings: Many Years!

- (7/1) Matthew & Anastasia (Katy) Linnehan
- (7/14) John & Nadia Constantine

Funerals: Memory Eternal!

- (+2/14) Elena Kurylo
- (+4/14) Nancy Wingert

New Donations/Additions:

- New Table of Oblation (made by Symeon Jekel, Great Lent 2012)
- New Bell (donated by various families 6/12)
- New Hand Cross (donated by the Hair Family 8/12)

Parish Census:

- Adults : 86
- Children: 44

TOTAL SOULS: 130

Some other highlights:

In June, our parish held our first attempt at a Vacation Church School, with the theme: “Apostle Adventurers- Fishers of Men.” Our hall area was transformed into a “sea” and our younger children spent three evenings enjoying lessons, games, crafts, and skits. Our teens had lessons and went swimming every evening. With an overwhelming number of our youth participating, it was a complete success and it will be repeated and expanded for next year. We also created an Orthodox Mom’s Group, lovingly called O.M.G. which meets regularly to share the burdens and joys of parenting while the younger children get together for a play group.

Some other youth activities included a Charity Luncheon, a St. Nicholas Day Tree Trimming “party,” participation in the Annual Diocesan Winter Teen Retreat, youth bowling, and our first Kids Lenten Mini-retreat.

Our Patronal Feast was an extra special event since it fell on a Saturday this year making it easier for more people to participate. We had clergy and faithful from all over the area come and celebrate with us. A special grace was the presence of the relics of our heavenly Patrons, the Twelve Apostles which encouraged us in our celebration. Thank you to Fr. John Perich for making this happen.

Our Church School began again on September 16, with over 35 children participating! Amy Minarich has made great improvements and has organized things very well as Church School Coordinator. Note that we are in compliance with the OCA policy and procedures on sexual misconduct with background clearances for all teachers and workers with our youth. Also, we installed the windows in the classroom doors to make things more compliant.

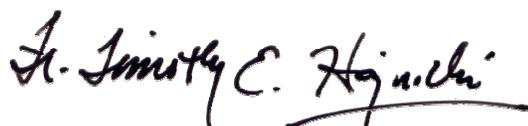
We welcomed Fr. Athanassy and the miraculous myrrh-streaming Icon of St. Anna the Mother of the Theotokos to our parish the weekend of September 29-30.

Our Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction was held in October with great attendance and great success. This one day event raised \$13,000 for our Building Fund.

The biggest event of the year has been the acquiring of a 13 acre parcel of land in Mechanicsburg. After many meetings and planning, we are presently in the final steps of purchasing the property. A loan has been secured, an architect for the first phase was hired, and all of this being done with a unanimous vote of those in attendance at the parish meetings. Stay tuned for the good news of the purchase, and look for a cross planting on the site after Pascha, Lord willing.

Glory to God for all things!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Timothy C. Hojnicky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Rector