


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
St. Mark's Orthodox Church, 452 Durham Road, Wrightstown PA 18940	

Clergy

V. Rev. Raymond M. Browne, Rector; Protodeacon Gregory Moser, Attached; V. Rev. Michael Sekela, Retired, Attached.

Committees/Societies

Church School, Sisterhood, Building Committee, Stewardship Committee, Mirrors of Truth, Choir.

Since January 2020

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Major improvements to our facilities – new roof on Church; installation of French drain system in ground floor, acquisition of choir stands, icon stands, vestments and icons from Holy Ascension, Lykens, Holy Trinity, Catasauqua and Holy Trinity, McAdoo.

Technological improvements to parish life: online giving initiated, Zoom account established for meetings, education, first Bible Study during Nativity Fast.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Continuing membership and support of **Wrightstown Food Cupboard**, collecting food regularly and using our freezers to store meat.

Seminarian support; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry.

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Major Challenges Faced

Current facilities are inadequate for current needs and inhibit future growth. Have a Building Committee that has continued to work throughout the year, including engaging an architectural firm to provide conceptual drawings based on a parish wide survey of needs/wants in the facility. However, the price tag is currently way beyond us. Have a Stewardship Committee working on that and the general practice of stewardship. Has borne some good fruit, even in this challenging year.

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2021 to December 2021

Recognition of 3 couples who marked 50 years of marriage.

Anticipated tonsuring of a reader and ordination of subdeacon(s)

Median Donation for 2020 (Example: For the data set 1, 1, 2, 5, 6, 6, 9 the median is 5

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For the 48 weeks preceding this report, counting only weekly giving: median gift is \$144 of a median number of gifts per donor is 15.

For all donations, including special funds, the median gift is \$147, the median number of donors is 14.5.

	As of October 1, 2020
Active Members Count	78
Children (under 18)	28
	January 1 thru December 1, 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	Before the lockdown it was 45 a week, since we reopened 20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	90% of those in attendance usually commune

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Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	5
Number of Catechumens	1, chrismated December 20 th , 2020
	January 1, thru December 1, 2020
Baptisms	One – 12/5/20
Funerals	1 parishioner, 3 non parishioners
Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	13
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	5-10 depending on topic, etc.