

DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2022 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
St. Michael's Orthodox Church 131 N. Willow Street Mt. Carmel, PA 17851	
Clergy	
Father Vjekoslav Jovicic	
Committees/Societies	
Since January 2021	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>(1) St. Michael's Day which included a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast that was offered to parishioners and anyone in the community - invitations were extended to nearby parishes and several clergy and parishioners attended.</p> <p>(2) Annual summer parish picnic was held in July which nearby parishes and friends of the parish were invited to attend - cars were blessed this year and emergency service providers were invited to have their vehicles blessed and join the picnic. (3) Adult Education is provided in person and via zoom. (4) Christmas caroling was held in the hall.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities (Fundraisers are not Outreach)	
<p>(1) Annual St. Nicholas Day Preparation - Coat drive is held annually to support local group, Christmas cookies are baked for the nursing home and parishioners, over 200 Christmas cards are written out and provided to nursing home residents and parishioners, the church is decorated for the Nativity and parishioners spend the day enjoying fellowship (2) Cards are provided to parishioners for every holiday, birthdays, anniversaries, get well, and thinking of you. (3) cards are provided to the local nursing home as well as flowers on Mother's day. (4) Parish supports two local food banks and a mobile soup kitchen (5) Community soup day will resume this year. (6) Meals are provided to elderly parishioners. (7) Nativity and Lenten Appeals were held.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>(1) Several members have not resumed attending services since COVID and are apprehensive. Parishioners keep in contact with them.</p> <p>(2) Economically challenged area.</p> <p>(3) Attendance on Feast Days has been sparse.</p>	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2022 to December 2022

Winter/Spring Community Soup Day
 Annual Parish Picnic - July
 St. Michael's Day-Veteran Celebration

As of October 1, 2021

Active Members Count

59

Children (under 18)

10

January 1 thru December1, 2021

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

25

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

8

Average Saturday Vigil Attendance

10

Number of Catechumens

January 1, thru December 1, 2021

Baptisms

2

Funerals

5

Marriages

0

Receptions into Orthodoxy

1

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Church School/Number Enrolled	
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	