


**DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2023 Diocesan Assembly**

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>All Saints Orthodox Church Mailing: P.O. Box 207, Olyphant, Pa 18447 Physical: 210 Susquehanna Avenue, Olyphant, PA 18447</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Priest Paul J. Witek, Ph.D., Acting Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>All Saints Parish Council</p>	
Since January 2022	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>At the end of May 2022, Rev. Priest Paul Witek was assigned Rector of All Saints Church</p> <p>Following a year in transition of not having a full time Rector, the Parish resumed a regular cycle of weekday and weekend Services, and pastoral visitations.</p> <p>The Parish undertook several events directed to outreach to the community (See below).</p> <p>The parish sought and received a \$4,000 Grant from the Ganister Foundation for a Seminary intern for the Summer of 2023 that will intensely focus on general pastoral formation , as well as assist Fr. Paul in coordinating and providing for mission-minded outreach to the community.</p>	

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Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (*Fundraisers are not Outreach*)

1. All Saints contributed \$1,500.00 towards the OCA's Ukrainian relief effort undertaken by the Church of Poland
2. On September 11th, All Saints honored first responders of Olyphant by blessing emergency vehicles, hosting a luncheon for first responders, and presenting \$500.00 from the parish to volunteer fire companies of the Borough.
3. In November 2022, the faithful undertook a Christmas Drive directed towards providing for those in need at Mid-Valley High School. Through contributions of the faithful, All Saints presented the school with \$2,000.00 for needy families at the time of Nativity.
4. In October 2022 The Parish Council established a priest discretionary Fund focused upon providing direct relief to those in need within the borough of Olyphant. Since its inception, aid from the fund have been regularly distributed to three needy families in close proximity to the Church.

Major Challenges Faced

1. The need for the parish to have a greater presence within the community for the purposes of parish growth and outreach.
2. The need to reconcile individuals who were either disaffected or negatively impacted by previous pastors who abandoned both the priesthood and the Orthodox Faith.
3. Re-engagement of parishioners who have drifted from parish life during the period of COVID.
4. After a 3 year hiatus, the need to restart Youth Education, and to institute a regular adult education program.

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2023 to December 2023

Parish will Host a Lenten Lecture -- Speaker TBD

As of October 1, 2022

Active Members Count

62

Children (under 18)

10

January 1 thru December1, 2022

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Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	20
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10
Number of Catechumens	1
	January 1, thru December 1, 2022
Baptisms	1
Funerals	5
Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	As indicated in previous Section, Needed Priority to re-establish Church School Program following three year hiatus.
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	As indicated in previous Section, Needed Priority to establish regular adult education.