

**DOEPA Parish Annual Report  
For the 2023 Diocesan Assembly**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
600 East Lackawanna Street  
Olyphant, PA 18447**

Archpriest Vladimir Fetcho  
Priest John Nightingale (Attached)

**Committees/Societies:**

St. Nicholas Committee  
St. Nicholas Choir

**Highlights of 2022:**

**Holy Week / Pascha 2022**

Fr. Vladimir Fetcho, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Eli Krenitsky, and Fr. Deacon Stephen Howanetz were present for the services of Holy Week and Pascha. Fr. Vladimir, who had been suffering with back pain and was anticipating a scheduled back surgery during Bright Week was celebrating with the faithful.

**Bright Saturday 2022**

Fr. Stephen Evanina, a son of the parish, celebrated Bright Saturday Paschal liturgy. The parish hosted a breakfast at a local Greek restaurant for the thirty people present.

**Family Picnic August 2022**

Bill and Marie Evanina hosted a family picnic for parishioners and friends at their home. Forty parishioners and friends attended.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

His Eminence Archbishop Mark came to St. Nicholas parish to celebrate Divine Liturgy with Fr. John Nightingale and Fr. Andrew Lowe. A cook out was held after liturgy with all the traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> foods.

**Outreach:**

September 2022

Fr. John Nightingale began an adult education series. He offered a question and answer format, discussion and a guest speaker, Fr Andrew Lowe.

We have plans to resume our Community outreach luncheons and speakers. We advertise the event in local churches, senior centers and if appropriate at the local high school. We choose topics that will interest the audience and serve a light snack. Because of covid we chose to postpone the events. At our November monthly meeting we discussed resuming the outreach.

**Charitable Activities:**

Our parish contributes to the Breadbasket of NEPA, a local food bank that services Olyphant, PA

The parish also contributes to St. Tikhon's Monastery, St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Herman's Seminary, and held a fund drive for the people of Ukraine, and the diocese of Alaska.

**Challenges for 2022:**

Fr Vladimir had numerous surgeries to repair a back injury. During his absences Fr. John Nightingale was in communication with Fr. Vladimir. The church committee, choir, and church family rallied to support Fr. Vladimir and Mat. Marianne and also continue the church's work. Fr. Andrew Lowe was our main substitute priest celebrating Sunday liturgy, and feast days. Fr. John celebrated pro liturgies, attended parish meetings and offered guidance. The entire church worked to keep St. Nicholas parish running during this difficult time for everyone.

**Upcoming Special Events:**

Planning a celebration to honor Fr. Vladimir and Matushka Marianne on their 50 years serving the St. Nicholas faithful and for their retirement from the parish in 2023.

Continuing and expanding the adult and church school educational program.

Increase our giving to Christ, our church and the community.

Coordinating with All Saints Orthodox Church for opportunities for fellowship, and the preaching of the gospel in our community.

By the Grace of God we hope to welcome a new pastor to lead St, Nicholas Church for the future.

**Active Member count;** 46

Children: 7

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance:** 30 to 35 faithful

Communicants: 15

**Number of Catecumens:** None at this time

**Attendance at Vespers:** 7 to 10

**Baptisms:** 0

**Funerals:** 3 Memory Eternal

**Marriages:** 0

**Receptions into Orthodoxy:** None at this time

**Church School:**

**Adult Education:** Meets every second Sunday

