

# DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

## for the 2023 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
Saint Mark's Orthodox Church, 452 Durham Road, Newtown 18940	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Archpriest Raymond Martin Browne, Rector Protodeacon Gregory Moser, Attached, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Retired, Attached	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood Mirrors of Truth – Adult ed focusing on science/Orthodoxy relationship. Meets monthly Stewardship Committee – meets every three weeks to review/address issues related to Parish Stewardship Building Committee – meets every three weeks as ongoing project for parish physical expansion Wrightstown Foodcupboard – Joint endeavor with Presbyterian, Methodist Churches and Quaker Meeting.	
<b>Since January 2022</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Ongoing reception of 7 inquirers who have come during the year. Two now catechumens. Moving forward with our proposed building project pursuing Zoning relief, investigating funding options Expansion of our charitable outreach to include Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and St. Basil House in Trenton	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities ( <i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i> )	
Monthly service at T.A.S.K. Thanksgiving Basket collection for St. Basil House – had goal of 12, collected enough for 21! Secret Santa at Woods Services – residential community for special needs adults and youth Wrightstown Food Cupboard – collect food and other items for 100+ local clients – ongoing throughout the year. Mirrors of Truth – meeting monthly to address questions about science and Orthodoxy Adult Book Groups on Thinking Orthodox during pre Lent and Paschal Time. Advent book study of Prayers by the Lake Lenten Retreats in Spring and Advent Church School for elementary/middle School every other week. Preschool Church School every Monday, High School Church School on Zoom	

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### Major Challenges Faced

Adequate physical space which we are looking at through a proposed building program, pending Township approval. We have a Zoning hearing on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2023 to December 2023

**Zoning Hearing January 28/ Physical expansion**

**Lenten Retreat on Shroud of Turin – March 18, 2023**

**Tonsuring of Reader, ordination of Subdeacon, dated TBD**

**Work on 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2024.**

### As of October 1, 2022

**Active Members Count**

84

**Children (under 18)**

30

### January 1 thru December 1, 2022

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance**

55

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants**

40

**Average Saturday Vigil Attendance**

8

**Number of Catechumens**

2 – five other inquirers

### January 1, thru December 1, 2022

**Baptisms**

1

**Funerals**

1 parishioner, four others for Orthodox non-parishioners

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<b>Marriages</b>	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	14
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	20