



Frackville Deanery

2024 Diocesan Assembly – Frackville Deanery Report

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The Frackville Deanery is currently comprised of eight parishes which are all serviced regularly by either assigned or visiting area (or supply) clergy. We are thankful for the clergy and faithful who are ministering to our parishes with their own unique challenges as best as they are able during this time of a clergy shortage.

Of the eight parishes, presently, St. Mary's Church, St. Clair is without an assigned resident priest. However, we are grateful to Fr. Timothy Hazenecz who has been serving them every weekend, and feast days. At present, Fr. Vjekoslav Jovicic has been covering the administrative needs of the parish, as well as emergency calls. Fr. Joseph Ramishvili commutes from New Jersey each week to serve Sts. Peter and Paul in Minersville.

In August, Fr. Aleksey Paranyuk was received on loan from the Moscow Patriarchate to serve St. Michael's in Mt Carmel. As of the writing of this report we received news that formal transfer papers are in the works, and he will be officially received into the OCA and our diocese under the Archbishop's omophorion. We welcome him, and his Mat. Natalia, and their family into the Diocese. Many years!

The Gettysburg Mission has completed a full year of liturgical services under the leadership of Fr. Leonid Schmidt. In June, the Archbishop made an Archpastoral visit to the community. The Dean also "swapped Altars" with Fr. Leonid and served there for a Sunday in October. There is a good core group who faithfully attend. We pray they come move out of the hotel lobby and find a more permanent place to set up camp as they are filling up that space – a good problem to have! Please continue to pray for the newest parish in our diocese, for their spiritual, numerical, and financial growth!

In September, Holy Apostles Mission in Mechanicsburg was officially elevated to parish status. It had essentially been a parish since 2016 according to the OCA guidelines for Missions, but the paperwork was recently finalized to make it official with a decree from the Archbishop.

Also, in September, Mitered Archpriest Nicholas Molodyko-Harris and Mat. Anastasia celebrated 62 years of marriage and ordination. May God grant them many years! Axios!

In October, Christ the Saviour Parish in Harrisburg celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a Hierarchical Liturgy with the blessing of their completed icon project and a festive banquet. St. Herman's in Shillington also celebrated their 50th Anniversary the week before.

We thank Fr. James Jadick, Fr. Barnabas Favel, and Fr. Peter Henry for their help in filling in serving parishes this past year.

For more information on the individual parishes (alphabetical by city), please visit their parish websites:

St. Mary's Church: Coaldale, PA (1909) - www.stmarysnativity.org

Archpriest James Weremedic, Rector

Archpriest Paul Ropitsky (Ret.), Attached

Holy Ascension Church: Frackville, PA (1915) - www.haoca.org

Priest Vjekoslav Jovicic, Acting Rector

The Gettysburg Orthodox Mission: Gettysburg, PA (2022) – www.gettysburgoca.com

Archpriest Leonid Schmidt, Priest-in-Charge

Christ the Saviour Church: Harrisburg, PA (1963) - www.christthesaviourhbg.org

Archpriest Stephen Vernak, Rector

Mt. Archpriest Daniel Kovalak (Ret.), Attached

Dn. John Shingara, Attached

Holy Apostles Church: Mechanicsburg, PA (2004) - www.holyapostleschurch.org

Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, Rector

Mt. Archpriest Nicholas Molodyko-Harris (Ret.), Attached

Archpriest Leonid Schmidt, Attached

Dn. Peter Staller, Attached

SS. Peter and Paul Church: Minersville, PA (1910) – www.peterpaulminersville.com

Priest Joseph Ramishvili, Rector

St. Michael Church: Mount Carmel, PA (1907) - www.stmichaelsorthodoxchurch.org

Priest Aleksey Paranyuk, Acting Rector

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church: Saint Clair, PA (1911) – www.stmaryssaintclair.com

Priest Vjekoslav Jovicic, Administrator

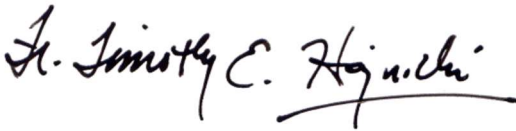
Priest Mircea Airinei, Attached

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St. Herman of Alaska Church: Shillington, PA (1973) – www.sainthermanshillington.org

Archpriest John Onofrey, Rector

Asking your prayers, and respectfully submitted,



Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, *Dean*