


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>St Michaels Orthodox Church</p> <p>512 Summer St</p> <p>Old Forge, PA 18518</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Rev. Michael Shepherd, Rector</p> <p>V. Rev. Theodore Orzolek, Attached</p> <p>V. Rev. Elias Krenitsky, Retired, Attached</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Heavenly Host Program (youth)</p> <p>Orthodox Christian Deaf Association – we have a signer working on learning the liturgy in ASL to sign during live streaming. Our signer is actively making videos for the Orthodox Deaf Facebook page and Website.</p>	
Since January 2023	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work with the Administrative Committee in rewriting bylaws to be IAW diocesan & OCA bylaws. 100% voted yes on Feb 23 Annual All Parish Meeting -Went from having an administrative committee to establishing a new Parish Council at the Feb 23 Annual All Parish Meeting -5 catechumens were received into the faith 	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Weekly Bible Study -Weekly Catechumen/Adult Education Class -Weekly readers class – trained 5 new readers -VA Pasta Dinner & Raffle – Proceeds went to local VA organization to help veterans in crisis 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Choir has been a challenge this year. We are actively seeking a choir director to assist in our services. 	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024

Youth Theophany Icon Display and Talent Show
 Wedding (Jan)
 St Michael Heavenly Host Awards (Sep)
 2nd Annual VA Pasta Meal and Raffle (Nov)
 St Nicholas Day Festival and Bazaar (Dec)

As of October 1, 2023

Active Members Count	65
Children (under 18)	9

January 1 thru December 1, 2023

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	42
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	24
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	14

Number of Catechumens	3 catechumens 2 inquirers
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January 1, thru December 1, 2023

Baptisms	1
Funerals	5
Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4

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Church School/Number Enrolled	9
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	4