

# DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

## for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Father John Edward      Subdeacon Eric Souder	
Deacon Peter Skoog      Subdeacon Patrick Walsh	
Reader John Black      Subdeacon Kristian Kachorov	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Church School	
Fundraising/Ladies Society	
Men's Club	
<b>Since January 2023</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
We continued to grow our outreach program.	
We began the installation of a new bell.	
We conducted a Lenten Book Study which was attended by many as well as an Adult Education Class.	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities ( <i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i> )	
Our church participates in feeding those in need through the Pottstown Cluster.	
We collected both money and supplies for several organizations including Beacon of Hope (Homeless shelter), Genesis (unwed mothers) and for the people of Ukraine.	
We contributed to the appeal for the churches in Alaska	
We paid the final tuition installment for a seminarian from our Parish who is now a priest.	
Major Challenges Faced	
We continue to struggle with low attendance at week day and special services.	
Our weekly contributions have dropped considerably this year.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024</b>	
We will hold a parish picnic again this year. We plan the return of our fall and spring fundraisers.	

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	As of October 1, 2023
<b>Active Members Count</b>	76
<b>Children (under 18)</b>	33
	January 1 thru December 1, 2023
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	50-60
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	40-50
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3
	January 1, thru December 1, 2023
<b>Baptisms</b>	2
<b>Funerals</b>	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	20
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	10`