


**DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly**

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>All Saints Orthodox Church 211 Willow Avenue Olyphant, Pennsylvania 18477</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsolyphantpa</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Rev. Priest Paul J. Witek, Ph.D., Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>All Saints Parish Council</p>	
Since January 2023	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. During 2024, All Saints continued to grow a more robust and stable liturgical cycle. As the center of the Parish's life, these services have included not only Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Lord's Day, but regular services during the week on Wednesday Mornings, Vespers and, Liturgy for all major feasts. Weekdays Services during the fast that include Small Compline with the Great Canon, Lenten Hours and Presanctified, Daily Services for Holy Week extending into Bright Week, as well as services intended to bring together local parishes for special celebrations. Continuing to build on relationships to sister parishes remained a priority in the Liturgical area as well. This included joint Presanctified Liturgies During the Great Fast with St. Nicholas in Olyphant; joint services during the early part of Holy week done in conjunction with St. Michael's in Jermyn, St. Michael's in Old Forge, and St. Nicholas; Holy Saturday Matins (St. Nicholas), Bright Monday Liturgy (All Saints), and Bright Saturday Liturgy (St. Nicholas). During several of these services, with the blessing of Archbishop Mark invitations were given to student clergy of St. Tikhon's monastery to join in concelebration. It can be noted that All Saints and St. Nicholas parishes have jointly come together when His Eminence has served within the Borough.	

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2. For the Second year in a row, All Saints had the blessing of having a Summer Intern for the months of June, July, and August. The internship was underwritten by the parish securing a grant by the Elsie Skvir Gannister Foundation. This year, half of the internship was supported by Gannister and half by matched parish funds. Our intern, Seminarian Thomas Coon, was a wonderful addition to the parish's life over the summer, During the Summer months Thomas served at all of the services of the Church, assisted in parish visitations and outreach opportunities to the local community, attended parish council meetings and fundraising and planning efforts. Of special note, outreach activities related to Thomas' internship included working with Fr. Paul and the faithful of the parish in hosting a very successful public Concert and Open House that drew people roughly 90 from the local community to the parish. This year's concert was dedicated to Hymns to the Mother of God, and was well received by those attending the event.
3. While smaller in scope to other parishes that are more suited geographically to more rapid growth, All St. was pleased to welcome seven new individuals into our parishes regular life. This includes three individuals that were received as converts into the Holy Orthodox Faith.

Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (*Fundraisers are not Outreach*)

1. All Saints provided a little over \$7,000.00 in charitable contributions that impact both the local community of Olyphant and beyond. Activity in this area included \$2,000.00 Drive for needy students at Mid-Valley High School, support diocesan campers at the Summer Camp held at St. Tikhon's, \$2,000.00 in aid to St. Theodosius Cathedral in their rebuilding efforts, as well as direct financial support to parishioners in need.
2. The parish council continued providing for a pastoral discretionary fund for the primary purpose of providing relief to those in the local community in need of food and basic supplies.
3. During this time, three individuals completed their time in the catechumenate and were revied into the Church , and presently one individual is presently undergoing catechetical instruction.
4. On 5 September, the Parish held a free Open House and Public Concert that drew 90 participants.

Major Challenges Faced

1. Need for continued outreach activities for the purposes of church growth and building greater awareness of the presence of All Saints in the Community.
2. Development of a regular adult / youth educational program for the vibrancy of the parish.
3. Continued efforts to build on past successes in expanding proportional giving to the point at which all parish expenses are covered by regular parishioner giving.

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025

1. All Saints will be supporting a Seminary intern for Summer 2025. Partnering with members of the St. Tikhon's Seminary Community, it is anticipated that All Saints will host what has become an annual Summer Open House and Public Concert at a date to be determined.
2. In February 2025, All Saints is planning to host a Deanery event featuring Sister Magdelene of Essex focusing on Children and the Church.

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	As of October 1, 2024
Active Members Count	67
Children (under 18)	10
	January 1 thru December 1, 2024
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	45-50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	20-30
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	10-15
Number of Catechumens	1
	January 1, thru December 1, 2024
Baptisms	1
Funerals	4
Marriages	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	Parish has not Re-instituted a Formal Church School Program
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	2