


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church 2101 South 28 th Street (Corner of 28 th Street & Snyder Avenue) Philadelphia, PA 19145 Website: www.holyassumptionphilly.org	

Clergy
Very Reverend Mark W Koczak Subdeacon Daniel (Ken) Kavalkovich Reader Mark Klus Reader David Pellack

Committees/Societies
Church Council – 7 members (plus the priest) meets between 6 to 10 times a year Choir – 8 members Charity Committee – oversees/organizes at least 3 charity projects per year Property Committee – meets monthly (or when necessary) Sunshine Committee – sends celebration wishes (i.e. birthdays, anniversaries, name’s days...) meets when necessary Blessed Olga of Alaska Book Club – meets monthly via in person and thru ZOOM media platform Bible Study Group – meets monthly via in person and thru ZOOM media platform Finance Committee – meets when necessary Readers Group – 8 parishioners rotate reading the Hours & Epistle

Since January 2024

Highlights of Top Three Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Father Mark’s Ordination on Sunday, February 25 (his exact date of ordination) 2. Held a successful Annual Roast Beef / Roast Pork Sandwich Luncheon on March 10, 2024 on Meatfare Sunday 3. Dining Out in Delaware at Taco Grande on October 20, 2024 4. Held a successful Advent Bazaar in November and December 2024.

Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Collection of over 300 pounds of food, over three dozen personal products, and monetary donations for the Nuns of the Monastery of Saint Mary Magdalene. * Project Home Hub of Hope (collection of clothing & toiletries for the homeless) * Cradle to Crayons (raised over \$150 for the assembling of school backpacks & supplies for local school children) * Assemble & mail out just over 2,000 Christmas cards to our Military Troops and 10 to our parishioner shut ins. * Hold monthly Bible Study Classes * Hold monthly Book Club

Major Challenges Faced
Continuing to figure out how to replace active parishioners that we lost over the past year. This past year, the parish is 7 parishioners fewer (4 fell asleep in the Lord and 3 relocated). Five (5) of those were extremely active parishioners until they could no longer physically and/or financially support the parish with their time, talent, or treasures. It is becoming difficult to encourage the current parishioners to be more involved in the parish life so that the 5% do not have to continue to do 95% of the work.

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Still an issue is Covid continues to be somewhat of a hurdle for a few parishioners who have not returned for services on a regular basis and unfortunately do not plan to return for services in church until they feel the pandemic is completely over. (Luckily, they all stream our Divine Liturgy online on Sundays)

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025

Coat and Blanket Drive || Annual Soup N' Bowl (and Chili) Challenge. || Annual Pork and Roast Beef Luncheon on Meatfare Sunday || Plan to have a parishioner(s) attend a 40 Days for Life Vigil during the Lenten season || Picnic at the Cemetery after Blessing of the Graves || Parish Pentecost Luncheon || Cradle to Crayons School Backpack Supply Drive || Dining Out in Delaware Parish Social Event || Throughout the year conduct Food and Supply Drives for the Pantry of our very own Mother Catherine and the nuns at the Monastery of Saint Mary Magdalene || Advent Bazaar

As of October 1, 2024

Active Members Count

43

Children (under 18)

17 (We have 11 children under the age of 8 years old)

January 1 thru December 1, 2024

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

36

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

20

Average Saturday Vigil Attendance

9

Number of Catechumens

2 (both are expected to be baptized/christened at the end of December '24)

January 1, thru December 1, 2024

Baptisms

0 (however, 1 child was baptized by his grandfather; an orthodox priest)

Funerals

3

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Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	4 (But we have 11 children under the age of 8 years old)
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	Bible Study = 12 (11 parishioners and 1 guest of a parishioner) Book Club = 6 (all parishioners)