

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

Parish name and Address	Photo
St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church 133 W Borad St, Shillington, PA 19607	
Clergy	
Priest Vjekoslav Jovicic	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council</li> </ul>	
Since January 2024	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Food Festival: Harvest Potluck Dinner and Basket Raffle, Nov 10, 2024</li> <li>• Parish Feastday: St. Herman of Alaska, Dec 13, 2024</li> <li>• New Website: The parish didn't have a website; with the assistance of the diocese we made the new one, which will help the parish to be more visible to the public</li> </ul>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities ( <i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i> )	
<p>Our Harvest Potluck Dinner was a joyful event, that helped developing relationships between our parishioners, as well as an opportunity to offer open house day, welcome visitors, offer them a free meal and introduce them to orthodoxy. (Nov 10, 2024)</p> <p>During months of November and December, we had Catechism class, every Wednesday evening at 6pm. It was the opportunity for our catechumen to learn more about faith and prepare to become a member of the Church; as well as for our parishioner to learn more about our faith.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parish is small in numbers, with aging membership</li> <li>• Financial problem - struggle to provide full time salary for a priest</li> <li>• Church building will need some tune up</li> <li>• The parish has no choir director</li> </ul>	

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**Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025**

- No special anniversaries
- Parish Feastday is St. Herman of Alaska, Dec 13, 2025; clergy and faithful from the diocese are welcome to join us

**As of October 1, 2024**

**Active Members Count**

50

**Children (under 18)**

5

**January 1 thru December 1, 2024**

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance**

25 - 30

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants**

15 - 20

**Average Saturday Vigil Attendance**

5 - 7

**Number of Catechumens**

1

**January 1, thru December 1, 2024**

**Baptisms**

**Funerals**

**Marriages**

**Receptions into Orthodoxy**

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<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	0