

DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
St. Stephen Orthodox Cathedral 8598 Verree Road Philadelphia, PA 19111	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean Protodeacon George Zlatkowski Deacon Tikhon Wallace	
Committees/Societies	
Sisterhood Chapter of the FOCA	
Since January 2024	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
50 th Anniversary of St. Stephen’s Cathedral (including blessing of the renovated chapel) Annual Food Festival Novogodny Ball	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
Weekly adult education class and Sunday School before Sunday Liturgy Weekly Bible Study (online) Monthly Catechumenate Class Golf Tournament Hosting Diaconal Vocation Program Temple OCF	
Major Challenges Faced	
As we experience substantial growth, especially with many young people interested in the Orthodox Faith, we need to find more diverse ways of engaging our parishioners in various ministries of parish life. We realize the need for strategic planning related to our parish life and will be making efforts to address this need in 2025.	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025	
Golf Tournament	
Food Festival	
As of October 1, 2024	
Active Members Count	150
Children (under 18)	58
January 1 thru December 1, 2024	
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	130
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	90
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	30
Number of Catechumens	15
January 1, thru December 1, 2024	
Baptisms	24 (including 4 adult)
Funerals	0
Marriages	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	4 (through baptism)
Church School/Number Enrolled	31
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	20