


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>Saint Mark’s Orthodox Church 452 Durham Road, Wrightstown, PA 18940</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Raymond Martin Browne, Rector Protodeacon Gregory Moser, Attached Subdeacon Joseph Crosby, Subdeacon Marek Szeliga, Subdeacon Sergei Arhipov, Reader Samuel Regen</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Church School, Heavenly Hosts, Mirrors of Truth (Adult Education focusing on faith and science), Sisterhood. Sight and Sound (presentations by Daria Cortese on music in the services of the Church) Building Committee, Stewardship Committee, Jubilee Committee (until October 2024)</p>	
Since January 2024	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Lenten Retreat with Mother Christophora Reception of six adults through baptism or chrismation throughout the year, in addition to the baptism of two children Golden Jubilee Celebration</p>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
<p>Revamped our parish website, regular presentations in Mirrors of Truth and Sight and Sound (on Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. We have done five “whole burnt offerings” of our weekly collection through out the year totalling 15,500, along with an additional 7700 in donations to local and church charities, such as the Diocese of Alaska and our three seminaries.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Space. We are beyond capacity and are working on an expansion plan. Hired a design-build firm and working with the Township at the present time to iron out fire suppression requirements before submitting our land development plan. Concurrently we hired a consultant recommended to us by other parishes to do a feasibility study of the parish financial commitment to the project. Awaiting those results as of this writing.</p>	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025	
Parish Meeting on Expansion Capital Campaign for Expansion Reception of current class of inquirers/catechumens.	
	As of October 1, 2024
Active Members Count	90
Children (under 18)	20
	January 1 thru December 1, 2024
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	50
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12
Number of Catechumens	1, with five inquirers
	January 1, thru December 1, 2024
Baptisms	Four, two adult and two children
Funerals	3
Marriages	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	Four by Chrismation
Church School/Number Enrolled	15
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	15-20