

FRACKVILLE DEANERY REPORT

CLERGY

Archpriest Michael Hatrak, Dean
SS. Peter and Paul Church, Minersville
Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church,
St. Clair

Priest Timothy Hojnicky
Assistant Dean
Holy Apostles Mission
Mechanicsburg

**Archpriest John Onofrey, Secretary
Evans**
St. Herman' s Church, Shillington

Archpriest Michael
Treasurer
St. Michael Church, Mt. Carmel
Holy Ascension Church, Lykens

Archpriest James Jadick
Rector
Holy Ascension Church, Frackville

Priest Stephen Vernak
Rector
Christ the Savior Church, Harrisburg

Priest Daniel Mathewson
Priest in Charge
Student St. Tikhon' s Seminary
St. Mary' s Church, Coaldale

Archpriest Claude Vinyard
Priest in Charge
Holy Trinity Church
McAdoo

Archpriest Paul Ropitsky, retired
Attached St. Mary' s Church Coaldale

Priest James Weremedic
Attached St. Michael' s Church
Mt. Carmel

Attached to Christ the Savior Church, Harrisburg:
Archpriest Michael Kovach, retired
Archpriest Daniel Ressetar, retired

Priest Matthew Cantrell was transferred from Holy Ascension Church, Frackville, to Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Philadelphia, effective June 1, 2009.

Archpriest James Jadick was assigned to Holy Ascension Church, Frackville, effective August 1, 2009.

Two Deanery meetings were held this past year. The first on March 31, 2009, the feastday of St. Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts. A Presanctified Liturgy was served for the deanery clergy. The other meeting was held on September 11, 2009. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon served a Requiem Service for the victims of the 9/11 tragedy before the meeting. Election of officers was

held during the meeting and concerns of the clergy were discussed with His Grace, Bishop Tikhon.

Another meeting will be held on November 20, 2009, at St. Herman Church, Shillington, to discuss parish concerns that possibly will be presented at the Diocesan Assembly.

The Miracle Working Icon – “ She Who is Quick to Hear” , accompanied by His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, was at Christ the Saviour Church, Harrisburg, and SS. Peter and Paul Church, Minersville, last December. An Akathist hymn was sung and the faithful were anointed. The services were well attended in both Churches by the faithful and local visitors. A DVD of the service at SS. Peter and Paul, Minersville, was made for those not able to attend.

St. Mary Church, Coaldale, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on September 6, 2009. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, along with deanery and guest clergy, celebrated the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Approximately 300 attended the festive banquet.

Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg, celebrated their 5th Anniversary on November 1, 2009. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon officiated at the Hierarchical Liturgy during which Reader Seraphim Reynolds was ordained as a Subdeacon. Also, Fr. Timothy was awarded the skufia. The celebration continued at their Annual Dinner-Dance/ Silent Auction which was once again a huge success.

The clergy participated in the Lenten Retreat with His Grace, Bishop Tikhon on February 17th; the Diocesan Divine Liturgy on Bright Wednesday, April 22nd and helped at the annual Monastery Pilgrimage over Memorial Day week end.

Also, they attended the 15th All American Council in Pittsburgh November, 2008, when His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah was elected.

Fr. Stephen Vernak is working very hard to establish an Orthodox Coffee House – Agia Sophia – in downtown Harrisburg. See him for more information.

SS. Peter and Paul Church, Minersville, is planning its 100th Anniversary for September 26, 2010

In addition to liturgical services; classes, lectures, food and bake sales, dinner-dances, picnics, Chinese Auctions, raffles, dinners, community and FOCA activities are included in the life of our parishes.

Over the summer FOCA outings to Knoebel’ s Amusement Park and a Reading Phillies game were enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Michael Hatrak, Dean

