


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the **2022 Diocesan Assembly**

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church 2101 South 28th Street (Corner of 28th Street & Snyder Avenue) Philadelphia, PA 19145 Website: www.holyassumptionphilly.org</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Mark W Koczak, Rector Deacon Michael McCartney Subdeacon Daniel (Ken) Kavalkovich</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Church Council – 7 members (plus priest) meets 6 to 10 times a year Choir – 7 members (We also have a separate group of up to 5 parishioners who sing at Vespers & on weekday services) Charity Committee – oversees/organizes at least 4 charity projects a year Property Committee – meets monthly St Blessed Olga of Alaska Book Club – Reading & discussing the book <i>Winter Pascha</i> this Fall/Winter 2021-22 Bible Study Group – meets monthly via in person and thru ZOOM Finance Committee – meets when necessary Readers Group – 12 parishioners rotate reading the Hours & Epistle</p>	
Since January 2021	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Archbishop MARK visit to our parish the last weekend in October. 2. During Covid restrictions with limited indoor capacity in City of Philadelphia, parish held Divine Liturgy on both Saturday and Sunday to accommodate all our parishioners with at least 90% parishioner attendance over both days. 3. Officially resumed Fellowship Coffee Hour in July. 4. Held a successful Saint Nicholas Fair in December. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities (Fundraisers are not Outreach)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Collection of food, personal products, and donations for the Touch NJ, and the Soup & Song Homeless Project & Food Pantry. * Collected and assembled 75 exit bags and snacks for the women & children leaving the safe house at Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) * Raised a collection of over \$400 and purchased Turkey meals for the Homeless Project. * Assemble & mail out just under 600 Christmas cards to our Military Troops and 25 to our parishioner shut ins. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Covid is still somewhat of a hurdle for some parishioners who are not back yet for services and most likely will not return to attend services in church until the pandemic is completely over. (Almost all of those do stream Divine Liturgy)</p> <p>Figuring out how to replace 6 active parishioners out of a total of 9 that we lost over the past 15 months (6 relocated out of the deanery/diocese area and the other 3 passed away this year).</p>	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2022 to December 2022

Coat and Blanket Drive || Annual Soup N’ Bowl (and Chili) Challenge. || Annual Pork and Roast Beef Luncheon on Meatfare Sunday || Depending on possible Covid restrictions this spring: either have a Mission Service just for our parishioners or Host a Mission Service || 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 || Wedding of a parishioner in June || Parish Pentecost Dinner || Back to School Backpack School Supply Drive || Assembling Christmas Cards for our Troops || Thanksgiving Food Drive || Advent food & supply drive for Soup and Song Homeless Project & Food Pantry

As of October 1, 2021

Active Members Count

49

Children (under 18)

15 (We have 9 children under the age of 5 years old)

January 1 thru December1, 2021

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

37

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

30

Average Saturday Vigil Attendance

12

Number of Catechumens

2

January 1, thru December 1, 2021

Baptisms

3

Funerals

3

Marriages

1 (Crowning Ceremony)

Receptions into Orthodoxy

1

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Church School/Number Enrolled	4 (But we have 9 children under the age of 5 years old)
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	Bible Study = 18 (17 parishioners and 1 guest of a parishioner)