


**DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT**  
**for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly**

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Ascension Orthodox Church 209 S Lehigh Ave, Frackville PA 17931</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Priest Vjekoslav Jovicic</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Parish Council Pirogie Sales Comittee Food Festival Commite</p>	
<b>Since January 2023</b>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rich Liturgical Life - not just having services, but choir rehearsals, activities for children and youths (Easter Egg Hunt, St. Nicholas' Visit, Christmas Movie Night), having relics of the saints on their feastdays, etc.</li><li>2. Successful Catechism Class (about 15+ people attending); plus Sunday School for children.</li><li>3. Upgrade to Church and Rectory properties; part of this is doing fundraisers and investing the earnings into beatifying our church.</li></ol>	
<p>Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)</p>	
<p>We have had new visitors and inquirers during the year. We had two Baptisms in 2023 so far, and have one Catechumen, plus couple inquirers to become Catechumens in a due time. Catechism Class is offered, plus in case of Catechumens individual classes and meetings are done as well. We also had one wedding this year - Pre-marital instructions were offered. We are dedicated to focus on outreach in the year that is ahead of us.</p> <p>Holy Ascension did different charitable activities and contributions - collecting money for various charitable institutions in our area (Baby Bottle Drive during the G. Lent, etc.); we help the poor both members of our parish and those from the aria; we support our seminarians individually, as well as St. Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery. We are committed to improve and grow our charitable activities especially towards the community in which we live.</p>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<p>We don't have choir director. Being parish in depressed area with low economy brings a lot of challenges</p> <p>Inconsistent attendance and participation in the life of the Church - primarily Sunday Liturgies and 12 Great Feasts (for some services like Saturday Vespers, or Great Lent - there is almost no attendance).</p>	

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**Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024**

No special events or anniversaries.  
Our Patronal Feats - The Ascension of Our Lord - June 13, 2024.

	As of October 1, 2023
<b>Active Members Count</b>	63
<b>Children (under 18)</b>	9
	January 1 thru December 1, 2023
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	35
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	10
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	3
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1
	January 1, thru December 1, 2023
<b>Baptisms</b>	2
<b>Funerals</b>	3
<b>Marriages</b>	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2 (this is 2 Baptisms)

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<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	6
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	10