

DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>Sts. Peter & Paul Uniondale 2105 Belmont, Turnpike Union Dale, Pennsylvania 18470</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Fr. Gregory White Sr., Parish Administrator and it's currently served on a weekly basis by supply priests from the diocese.</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>No committees exist currently.</p>	
Since January 2023	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>An annual beef barbecue was held and it was well attended.</p>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
<p>No charitable activities have been recorded for 2023. Due to supply priest coverage and low attendance there isn't a current Adult Education program in place.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>The current parish census for year ending 2023 reflects a membership of only eight members. As stated last year. "Inquiries have been made about the requirements for a full-time priest. The parish does have a reasonable cash reserve. There was also a brief discussion with the diocese at this year's annual meeting about the possibility of obtaining a full-time priest. Due to the number of members, growth in the area of sustained financial stewardship and commitment would have to be realized. There are also several other OCA parishes that are only minutes away from Uniondale. Some members have transferred to these other parishes. With limited stewardship, the resources required to maintain an above average property is also an ongoing challenge." In addition to the comments above. Like so many parishes they are essentially in a non-growth status. The remote location and proximity to other Orthodox parishes contributes to it's current status. The parish has a wonderful history and those that remain are still dedicated to seeing that the property is cared for in a responsible manner.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024	
<p>The tradition of an annual beef barbecue is planned for mid-summer 2024</p>	

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	As of October 1, 2023
Active Members Count	No change from last year, 8 members.
Children (under 18)	0
	January 1 thru December 1, 2023
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	4 to 5, on occasion some Divine Services are cancelled due to vacations and random absenteeism by parishioners. Although some members do attend Feast Days at other area parishes.
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	Same as above.
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	0
Number of Catechumens	0
	January 1, thru December 1, 2023
Baptisms	0
Funerals	2, former members who lived out of town and brought to the parish for interment.
Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0,
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	0