

DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 1230 N. Hanover St. Pottstown PA	
Clergy	
Father John Edward Father John Onofrey (Attached) Deacon Peter Skoog Subdeacon Patrick Walsh Reader John Black Subdeacon Kristian Kachorov	
Committees/Societies	
Church School Fundraising/Ladies Altar Society Cemetery Committee Outreach Committee Website Committee	
Since January 2024	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>We completed the installation of our bell</p> <p>We continue to look for ways to expand our outreach program</p> <p>We expanded our book study to a year round Adult Education program with an additional book study during the Lenten season.</p>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
<p>We continued our participation in feeding the hungry through Pottstown Cluster. We distributed approx. 75 bagged lunches on the days we were assigned. We collected supplies for single mothers and their babies for Genesis as well as Beacon of Hope which is a homeless shelter. We contributed to the appeal for churches in Alaska. We currently have a member of our church enrolled in the Deaconate program and the parish is paying his tuition.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Our biggest challenge is the struggle of low attendance at week day and special services.</p>	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025

Our choir will hold a concert of carols on December 22nd. We will have a covered dish and a visit from St. Nicholas who will distribute goody bags to all the children.

We will once again hold a parish picnic in early fall.

Our church hosts a spring food sale and a Christmas Cookie walk each year.

A family in the church hosted a pysanky making class this year and plans to do so again in 2025.

As of October 1, 2024

Active Members Count 67

Children (under 18) 28

January 1 thru December 1, 2024

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance 50-60

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants 40-50

Average Saturday Vigil Attendance 20

Number of Catechumens 8

January 1, thru December 1, 2024

Baptisms 0

Funerals 1

Marriages 1

Receptions into Orthodoxy 0

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Church School/Number Enrolled	12
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	15