

# DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

## for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 60px;">           Holy Trinity            1501 Trinity Court            Stroudsburg, PA 18360         </div>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Father Nicholas Solak Deacon William Rusk Father Timothy Hasanecz, Attached Father Michael Sekela, Attached	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Auxillary Committee Women's Group	
<b>Since January 2024</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Parishioner Bill Rusk ordained to the Holy Diaconate.            Significant uptick in traffic into the parish. Presently have 6 adult catechumens and 8 children and approximately 10 regular Sunday seekers. A number of baptisms and receptions into the faith during the year.            Father Nicholas ends 22 years as parish priest to move toward full-time work as Director of the OCA's Office of Pastoral Life. New roofs installed on Church building and Fellowship Hall.</p>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities ( <i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i> )	
<p>Monthly Soup Kitchen and Community Breakfast with good volunteer involvement from our parish. Received a \$5,000 grant from a local endowment in support of our meals to the community. Thursday Adult Study - just finished the book "Journey to Reality" by Zachary Porcu. Several activities, independent and in collaboration with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, such as Lenten Lecture Serices, nursing home Christmas caroling, various food and gift drives, monastery visits, joint liturgical celebrations etc.</p>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<p>Increasing financial stewardship to bolster the parish budget to a more robust level. Integrating newly received, catechumens, and seekers into community life has gone well, but needs ongoing care and shepherding.</p>	

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**Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025**

Welcoming new priest and family and supporting his work will be important in the community.

**As of October 1, 2024**

**Active Members Count**

80

**Children (under 18)**

25

**January 1 thru December 1, 2024**

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance**

80-100

**Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants**

65-75

**Average Saturday Vigil Attendance**

16

**Number of Catechumens**

6 adult. 8 children

**January 1, thru December 1, 2024**

**Baptisms**

4

**Funerals**

1

**Marriages**

2

**Receptions into Orthodoxy**

6

**Church School/Number Enrolled**

15

**Adult Education/Number Enrolled**

11