

2013 Carolinas Deanery Summary respectfully submitted by Fr. Thomas Moore

I have tried a new Deanery format to give us a “Deanery at a glance” report this year. I hope you find it helpful and informative. Several things should be pointed out as an overview.

This has been a year of property purchases for our Deanery. St. Basil in Wilmington, Holy Resurrection in N. Augusta, St. Anthony’s in Rock Hill and Holy Cross in Greensboro have all purchased new property mirroring their growth and plans for the future. Milos has been extremely helpful guiding each purchase and we are grateful for his help.

Several of us have been able to save money by cooperating in hosting speaker visits to our parishes. Fr. Peter Heers and Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon’s are recent examples. David Drilllock was also hosted for two choir workshops. We also have begun mentoring new graduates from seminary: Fr. Timothy Yates is serving at Holy Apostles; Fr. Adam Horstman at St. Anthony’s; and recently Dn. Nicholas Roth shared a summer internship with Holy Ascension and St. John of the Ladder.

We have three communities that need priests, although they are only able to pay a part time salary: St. George in Edenton; St. Nicholas in Fayetteville; and Holy Resurrection in N. Augusta. Each has their own building and are loving communities of dedicated Orthodox faithful. Thus we spend a lot of time helping and sharing the serving responsibilities of these small missions until they either grow or we find retired or self- employed priests to help them grow.

I think the strength of our deanery rests in the friendships that we share. We enjoy working and getting together when we can. Since the last assembly we have had two three day retreats. One in the fall was to collectively address some situations in our national church, and the other in the spring to develop our homiletic skills. The first resulted in the letter we published on the DOS website and the latter was done in conjunction with SVS. Fr. Sergius Halverson led us in this retreat from March 31 to April 2 for which we received continuing education hours. We also rented a 15 passenger van to ride together to Archbishop Tikhon’s enthronement in November. Finally many of us were able to attend the funeral of the ever memorable photopresbyter, Fr. Jacob Meyers. His friendship will be greatly missed. May his memory be eternal.

	Starting Date	Members	Average Liturgy Attendance	Baptisms	Chrismations	Catechumens/Inquirers	Annual General Fund Income	Annual General Fund Expenses	Rent/Own(Date of Purchase)	Services Offered	Outreach - Charities, Services	Other
Nativity of the Holy Virgin - Charlotte	1980	60	85	3	2	0	\$76,000.00	\$96,00.00	own	Great Vespers/Sunday Liturgy and full Eph/Nativity, Holy Week/Pascha	Church school program and Adult Education program; cook a hot lunch each month at the local men's rescue mission, collect can goods for local Loaves and Fishes, donations for the OCMC Lent coin collection, donated children's items to the Florence Crittendon home for teen mothers, annual Aug. back to school back-pack program, annual Christmas Angel Tree Program.	
St George's - Edenton	2/2/2003	5	5	0	0	4	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00	rent	Gr. Vesp./Div.Lit.monthly, Feasts when possible or typica.G.Canon..	participation in local civic events about twice a year	need a resident priest (idyllic town for rearing children!-or retirement!)
St Nicholas - Fayetteville	1/16/94	15	27	6	2	3	\$23,507.00	\$22,360.90	own	Gr.Ves./Sun Lit; Feasts: Vespers/Litya liturgy	CCDSS, Urban ministries; co pay meds, shelter, utilities when able	Need a full time priest
Exaltation of the Cross - Greensboro	7/1/06	60	108	7	4	5-15	\$95,735.28	\$93,524.88	rent and mortgaged land on 1/25/13	Gr. Vesper/Sun Lit.; Wed Compline, Feasts: Gr. Vespers/Litya/Liturgy	Regular Inquirers/Catechism class, Adult Study class, prepare and serve meal at local shelter. Preparation for death retreat with Orth. bioethicist and lawyer	Had 130 for Pascha this year. Retired ROCOR priest has been helping and serving. One parishioner starting St. Stephens Program.
Holy Transfiguration - Raleigh/Durham	8/1/00	108	86	1	9	4	\$132,710.00	\$130,206.00	mortgage 8/2008	Gr. Vespers/Sun Lit. Feasts: Great vespers and Liturgy	Monthly church School, weekly occasional bible studies, food	
St Basil - Wilmington	11/1/07	30	35	1	2	4	\$70,000.00	\$67,000.00	rent and mortgaged land 4/2013	Gr. Vespers/Sun Lit. Festal cycle when possible	Food pantry, annual community outreach event (Oleksa this year)	
Holy Resurrection - Augusta	7/2/07	20	15	0	1	3	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	mortgaged land and building 5/14/13	Gr. Vespers/Sun Lit, Feasts when a priest is available	none currently	Need a full time priest
St James - Beaufort	7/1/12	19	20	1	1	0	\$58,793.00	\$54,268.00	Rent building	Gr. Vespers/ Sun cycle, Wed Vespers (or Little Compline and Study Group), Great Vespers/Lit for major feasts	Wed night Study Group/Inquirers Class, Great Blessing of the Waters at Waterfront Park	Started services in July '12 in a temporary space and in Bozeman's living room, now have our own rented building, Great blessing of the Waters made front page of local paper, 35 attended our first Pascha services
Holy Ascension - Charleston	officially 2/2002	65	60	3	4	1	\$182,450.00	\$184,674.00	mortgaged Church	Gr. Vespers/Sun Lit. , Wed Vespers, Discussion Group, Gr Vespers/Liturgy for major Feasts	Healing Service open to public, Hospice/Death and Burial Care in and outside parish, Choral Workshops (2), Retreat with Fr Chad Hatfield (Lent), Music and Arts Festival (October)	AA and SA meet weekly at HAOC, SA non twice per month, Girl Scouts monthly, Semi-Annual collections of food and gifts for ECCO (local outreach) and Florence Crittenton, a home for pregnant teens.
Holy Apostles - Columbia	1982	75	100	8	0	5	\$157,114.00	\$162,996.00	mortgaged Church	Gr.vespers/Sun Lit., Wed Vespers, Weekday liturgy minor feasts, Vigil/Liturgy for major feasts, monthly monastery liturgy	Daily AA and NA meetings. Regular Inquirers Classes, retreat with Abbot Sergius, Annual Camping Trip, Monthly monastery liturgies. St. Nicholas festival. Trip to Turkey with the SC Dialogue Foundation.	Fr. Timothy Yates has been finishing chaplain training and serving at HA as supply priest for our Deanery.
St John of the Ladder - Greenville	4/15/86	94	130	6	4	5	\$156,416.00	\$143,546.00	current bldg paid, and land for future use is also paid	Gr. vespers/Sun Lit, Wed Vespers, Vigil/Liturgy for major feasts	Regular Inquirers Class, Annual Camping Trip, Great Blessing of Waters Downtown, Choir Retreat w/ Dr Drilllock, Retreat w/ Abbot Sergius of St Tikhon's	Fr Thaddaeus Werner has applied for Active Duty in the US Air Force, we are waiting to find out if he was accepted.
St Anthony - Rock Hill	11/21/10	31	28	1	1	3	\$35,000.00	\$51,000.00	own purchased 7/2013	Gr. vespers/Sun Lit. Vespers with Litya for feast days	Regular Catechism/Inquirer class; local shelter contributions; local children's home contributions	Purchasing our small building; Fr. Adam Horstman family assigned; we are bearing many illnesses, injuries, and deaths; first annual Fathers Day Games
St Timothy - Toccoa	2002	23	18	0	0	2	\$61,765.00	\$56,396.00	own	Gr. Vespers/Sund Lit. Wed Compline, Gr. Vespers Lit for major Feasts, Holy Week	25 NA members meet Thurs, "Shirley's Homeless Shelter" has access to a secondary building we formerly rented as a Beauty Shop, Book discussion after Compline [Theophlact Commentaries]	Considering renovation for use as a priest's residence of the secondary building that came with outright purchase of lot next door for a future church. One day Fr. J will age-out and need replacing, maybe by a monk-priest? We gain enough new members to replace those who move, but location in a small NE GA town keep our stable numbers from growing.