

2018 Carolinas Deanery report

South Carolina

1. Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, Archpriest Thomas Moore

W. Col. SC 29169

July 2017-July 2018

Members 85

Baptisms: 13

Chrismations: 2

Catechumens: 8

Marriages: 0

Annual general fund income: \$195,655.30

Annual general fund expense: \$208,416.37

Charity fund income: \$8488.47

Own Church and Hall, Building fund income: \$17,141.71

We have a growing children and young adults program, full liturgical schedule, and have recently purchased a three bedroom house for elderly/hospice care next to our Church.

2. St James Mission, Priest James Bozeman

Beaufort, SC, Members: 28

Ave Attend: 33

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 4 very ambivalent catechumens

Annual General Fund Income: \$130,571 (2017)

Annual General Fund Expense: \$125,144 (2017)

Charity Fund Income: 1,600 (alms and fund raising)

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$11,000 (YTD 2017) with \$87,000 on deposit with DOS and \$52,000 in church friendly loans

Rent/Own: Rent current building, own property

Services Offered: Sat Great Vespers, Sun Divine Liturgy, services for all of the Great Feasts, Full Holy Week and prefeast services for Nativity, Daily Vespers (or Little Compline)

Wednesdays with a Study Group (seasonally).

Outreach, Etc: "Night on the Town": a booth in downtown Beaufort each year on the first weekend of December, where we sell food and conduct evangelism, inquirer's classes seasonally, banners advertising our church in prominent places around town, advertisements in the local newspapers from time to time, and making efforts to empower parishioners to evangelize and share their faith

3. St. Anthony the Great Mission, Priest Paul Coats, Assigned assistant

Rock Hill, SC

Members: 53, including children

Average attendance: 44 for Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation: 1

Chrismations independent of baptism: 0

Catechumens: 2

Deaths: 2

Annual General Fund Income (fiscal year ending June 30, 2018): \$170,798 (includes Building Fund Campaign figure of \$82,838)

Annual General Fund Expense: \$147,604

Charity Fund Income: \$4,958

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$82,838

Rent/Own: own

Services Offered: currently, Great Vespers, Divine Liturgy, and some feast day services; at times in the past year we have offered an additional weekday service (either Wednesday Vespers with Bible teaching or Thursday Akathist with Bible teaching)

Outreach, etc.: Regular monthly offering delivered to the Pilgrim's Inn (transient and endangered family support), with a special Christmas project; weekly volunteering at Project Hope (food pantry/distribution); two monthly fellowship/study groups; monthly men's breakfast; women's group gatherings; Sunday school program for three age groups; catechism.

In a capital campaign, St. Anthony Mission paid off its original mortgage and purchased a residential rental property next to the church building (securing a new mortgage). The house will be renovated and used for fellowship and class room space, additional parking, and a children's play area. There is a storage barn and separately rented manufactured home on the property as well.

4. St. John of the Ladder, Archpriest Marcus C Burch

Greenville, SC

Members: 117 adults

Ave Attend: 135

Baptisms: 7

Chrismations: 2

Catechumens: 3; Inquirers: 15+

Annual General Fund Income (2017): \$252,800

Annual General Fund Expense (2017): \$208,000

Charity Fund Income: \$21,885

Capital Campaign and Building Fund (2017 Year End): \$412,893

Rent/Own: Own two properties; looking to sell our present property as we transition to our new temple in July/August 2018.

Services Offered: Weekly: Saturday/Sunday Resurrection sequence, Wednesday Vespers; Vigil and DL for 12 Major Feasts; GV and/or Matins and DL for other feasts; Full Lenten and Holy Week Cycle

Outreach, Etc: United Ministry, "Hand's On" Ministry in Poe Mill section of Greenville (monthly distribution of toiletries and other items to homeless and impoverished), OCMC support; seminarian support.

5. Holy Resurrection Mission

Fr. Alexis Baldwin, priest in charge

North Augusta, SC 29841

July 2017-July 2018

Members: 35 adults (25 children)

Average Attend: 20-25 (not including children)

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations:0

Catechumens: 3 (2 families soon to be)
[Jan-Jun] Diocese Fund Savings: \$0.00 (None)
[Jan-Jun] General Income: \$30,000 (approx.)
[Jan-Jun] General Expense: \$28,000 (approx.)
[Jan-Jun] Alms Income: As allocated
Rent/Own: Own/Mortgage approx. \$79,000.00 (currently in DOS Debt management program, loan just renewed for another 5 years)
Services Offered: Wednesday/Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Vespers/Divine Liturgy for Major Feast days, Wednesday Pre-Sanctified during Fast, and Numerous Clean week & Holy Week Services
Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc;
Brotherhood and Sisterhood (adult fellowship and sponsors of/laborers in various church activities, events, and ministries), Church School once a month (during school terms), Catechumen/Adult Education/Orthodoxy 101 (Mid-sept to Great Fast), An Orthodox Homeschool Co-Op

6. Holy Ascension Orthodox Church
Archpriest John Parker, Rector
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
Members: 70 adults
Baptisms: 1
Chrismations: 4
Catechumens: 0
Marriages: 1
Annual Income (Calendar 2017): \$172,500
Annual Expense (Calendar 2017): \$174,300
Alms Fund balance, Current: \$8800
Debt Reduction fund, Current: \$1000
Cash Savings, Current: approx \$25,000
Active young adult ministry
Developing geographical small groups
Bible Studies
Summer Seminarian Intern for July 2018
gardening ministry
Ministry to Florence Crittenton Home for pregnant teens

North Carolina

7. Saint Nicholas Orthodox Mission, Hieromonk Andrew Winters
Fayetteville, NC May, 2017 to May, 2018
Members (adults & children): 37
Average attendance: 20
Catechumens: 1
Annual income for this time period: \$43,636.02
Annual expense for this time period: \$42,086.29
Annual alms for this period: \$862.00
Rent/Own: Own

Services offered: Great Vespers on Saturday and major feast days; Divine Liturgy on Sunday; Instruction class the first Sunday of every month; Sunday School on Sunday for the children during the secular school year period of time
Outreach, etc: Co-pay; Children's Home in Falcon, NC; Department of Social Services in Fayetteville, NC

8. Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina

Priest Patrick Pulley, rector

July 2017-July 2018

Members: 120

Avg Attendance: 95 Sundays, 45 Wednesdays, 40 Weekday feasts

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations: 4

Catechumens: 2

Marriages: 0

Annual General Fund Income: \$ 195,182

Annual General Fund Expenses: \$ 145,985

Charity Fund Income: \$1,570

Capital Campaign and Building: \$ 216,906

Almost Own: We only have 22.5% of the original amount left to pay on a combined note for our current building/property and our future church land.

Services Offered: Wednesday Vespers, Saturday Great Vespers, and Sunday Divine Liturgy weekly; Vigil and Divine Liturgy served for the great feasts, Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy served for minor feasts

Outreach, etc.: We offer support and resources to an Eritrean immigrant community who use our facilities on Saturday mornings, we participate in local charity drives sponsored by St John the Merciful (Orthodox mercy ministry in Raleigh), we offer Church School for all ages (Sept-May) on Sunday mornings, and we offer an inquirer's class/ongoing Orthodox education class after vespers on Wednesday nights. We have a full rotation of readers, altar servers, choir directors, coffee hour hosts, greeters, church school teachers, and maintenance volunteers as well as a regularly active sisterhood which holds fundraisers and ministers to those in need and a men's group that gathers for fellowship and occasional book studies.

General Update: A building committee has been formed in anticipation of paying off all of our land and moving forward with relocating our parish to, God willing, its permanent location.

9. St. Basil's Orthodox Church, Priests Peter Robichau and Andrew Canon.

Wilmington, NC

Members: 120 (includes baptized children)

Ave Attend: 75 (Sundays)

Baptisms: 4

Chrismations: 3

Catechumens: 3

Annual General Fund Income: \$123,140.00

Annual General Fund Expense: \$118,049.00

Charity Fund Income: \$600.00 (additional funds and "gifts in kind" for local homeless shelters and ministries such as Project Mexico were given directly to the organizations)

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$2186.14

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Weekly: Sat Vespers, Sun DL, Wed Small Compline and Akathist (Presanctified during Lent), 6th Hour weekdays; Vespers+DL for Great Feasts and occasional Menaion Feasts (e.g. 3 Hierarchs, Ss Peter and Paul)

Outreach, Etc: Offered our first church festival (Bluegrass and BBQ Festival) which drew 800 people.

Any brief narrative you would like to share.

Our community continues to mature with developing ministries, new leadership and additional services. We were granted parish status in March of 2018, and Father Andrew Cannon was ordained in our parish, and has been serving as our assistant pastor for the last three months - our members have spent countless days during the last year renovating a house on the property for use as a rectory for the Cannon family. We continue our joint services and events with the local GOA parish, and are working on fine tuning our music. We continue to develop our cemetery and burial ministry, planning (with the local medical center) to offer an infant and stillborn section in the cemetery which will be open to the community.

10. Nativity of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, Archpriest William Mills

Charlotte, NC 28262

May 2017-18

Adult Members 85

Baptisms 3

Chrismations 7

Marriages 0

Funerals 1

Annual Income 126,700

Annual Expenses 132,243

Charity 4,000.00

We own Church building and grounds

Building Fund \$9,324

Services Offered: Full liturgical cycle (Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy, Feast Days), Holy Week and Pascha services; monthly Adult Education program, Church School Program, OCMC, Meal at the Mission, sponsoring a missionary in Uganda, Back pack project, home for unwed mothers, Loaves and Fishes, Women's Group monthly meetings.

11. Holy Cross, Priest Christopher Foley

Greensboro, NC. And Mission Hickory, NC)

Members: 115 adult members and 66 children in 79 households

Ave Attend: 106 at Divine Liturgy, 28 at Great Vespers. 200 at Pascha

Baptisms: 10

Chrismations: 13

Catechumens: 16 currently

Annual General Fund Income: \$141,603

Annual General Fund Expense: \$112,872

Charity Fund Income: \$9000

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$830K pledged with close to \$663K already in the bank

Rent/Own: Rent current building. Own land and hoping to begin construction in 2019

Services Offered: Sat/Sunday services, 12 major feast days vespers/ Liturgy full Nativity cycle with pre-feast services and full Holy Week/Pascha cycle

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: prepare and serve a monthly meal at Open Door Ministry for the homeless. Annual series of Inquirers and catechumen classes. Have sporadic adult church school series on various topics. Very active Church school for our children with 46 kids registered in four classes. Father and Matushka continue to host our OCAT group (Orthodox Church in America Teens) in our home monthly with an additional social activity once a month. Active Sisterhood and men's group monthly.

Archangel Gabriel Mission, Hickory (served by deanery priests)

Average Attend: 22 Divine Liturgy - once a month

Baptisms:

Chrismations:

Catechumens: 1 (with 3 serious inquirers)

Diocese Fund Savings: \$32,579.95

General Income:

General Expense:

Alms Income:

Rent/Own: rent building

Services Offered: Sunday Divine Liturgy once a month with reader's Typika on the other Sundays

Programs, Outreach, charity, Etc: rented a booth at Hickory's fall festival offering information on the mission and the Orthodox faith. Have recently gone through Fr. Barnabas Powell's Journey to Fullness series during coffee hour which was recieved very well.

12. St. George, Priest Benedict Churchhill

Edenton, NC

St George's Orthodox Mission in Edenton, NC

Members: Variable, but approx. 12

Ave Attend: Liturgy: 12 to 8

Baptisms: 0

Chrismations: 1

Catechumens: 2

Annual General Fund Income: \$23,146

Annual General Fund Expense: \$26,827

Special fund: Donations designated for the acquisition of liturgical items: \$2,752

Charity Fund Income: \$350: Total charitable disbursements: \$648

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: Bldg fund: \$57,883

Rent/Own: own Church and hall

Services Offered: Sat: Vespers; Sun: Matins (seasonal), Hours, Liturgy; Wed: Vespers; Feasts:

Vespers on the Eve, 1st hour & Liturgy on the day (Nativity & Pascha have their own schedule)

Outreach, Etc: Prison ministry through November 2017,

Any brief narrative you would like to share. We were blessed with the gift of two historic buildings: a church and a parish hall, but the question of how to refurbish the property and maintain it has caused divisions in the congregation, and because of these a family of three and one other person for the present are no longer in regular attendance, though we pray for their renewed participation.

Georgia

13. St. Timothy Orthodox Church, Archpriest Jacob Kulp
Toccoa, GA 30535

Members: 22

Average attendance: 17

Baptisms: 2

Chrismations: 0

Catechumens: 0

Annual General Fund Income: 56,019.87

Annual General Fund Expense: 57,550.23

Charity Fund Income: 2,895.03

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: 64,822.17

Rent/Own: Own

Services Offered: Weekly Compline, Vespers & Divine Liturgy, Festal Vespers & Divine Liturgy, Holy Week & Pascha

Outreach, Etc: Wednesday Inquirer's Conversations, Toccoa Fall Festival The past year: During the past year we've actually added six new members, two being converts. Even so, our overall numbers remain in the same range they have consistently been for the past decade. We do have an expectation of having two additional members. As ever, the "core" remains, and I do believe we have grown in faith. We are then, a permanent outpost. The completion of our a full iconostasis of icons written by the hand of Nicholas Tsai is a true joy, and we have commissioned an icon of the Resurrection, taking the dynamic figure of Christ of the Chora Church apse in Constantinople as a guide

14. St. Mary Magdalene, Dn. Vasiliy Kocher
Rincon, Ga.

Members: 50

Ave Attend: 35

Baptisms: 0

Chrismations: 0

Catechumens: 1

Annual General Fund Income: \$50,419

Annual General Fund Expense: \$39,048

Charity Fund Income: 0

Capital Campaign and Building Fund: \$5,235.92

Own

Services Offered

We regularly donate items to a local boy's home. We also regularly donate food items to the St. Boniface Catholic Church food bank near us. Even though St. Boniface is a much larger church

than St. Mary Magdalene, our donated items greatly outnumber the number of items donated by their own parishioners.

Our former priest, Fr. James Bohlman retired at the end of January 2018. Fr. Nicholas Hubbard and his family will be arriving at their new home in Rincon, Ga on July 5, 2018