Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania
Eastern Deanery Report, 2017

*The **Eastern Deanery** consists of the following active parishes:*

1. Holy Ascension Church – Colver
2. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Altoona — V. Rev. Andrew Matychak, Rector

3. Holy Assumption Church – Central City
4. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Pine Hill
5. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Boswell (Closed) — Rev. Elijah Bremer, Rector

6. Holy Trinity Church – State College — V. Rev. John Reeves, Rector; Rev. David Smith, Associate Rector; Rev. Deacon Mark Oleynik, Rev. Deacon Alexander Cadman

7. Chapel of the Holy Spirit - Beavertown — Rev. David Smith, Administrator

8. Nativity of St. John Church – Philipsburg (Chester Hill) — *Administrated by the Dean*

9. Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church – Osceola Mills — Archimandrite John-Jacob (Piruta), Rector

10. St. Michael Church – Irvona
11. Nativity of the Theotokos Church - Madera — Igumen David (Lewis), Rector

12. St. Michael Church – Portage
13. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Vintondale — V. Rev. Gregory Tsjouman, Rector

14. St. John the Baptist Church – Johnstown (Conemaugh) — V. Rev George Johnson, Rector

15. St. John the Baptist Church – Black Lick (Blairsville) — *Administrated by the Dean*

16. St. Nicholas Church – DuBois — V. Rev. Mark Meholick, Rector; V. Rev. John Steffaro,
17. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Urey — V. Rev. Michael Simerick, V. Rev. John Horosky, *Attached*

A Deanery meeting was held in February in Altoona, only four priests including the Dean attended. An Orthodox Youth Bowling Party organized by Nick Sidorick was held in Philipsburg on Feb. 9 with an excellent attendance by Deanery youth and their parents. Clergy & faithful of the Eastern Deanery participated in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Mary's Antiochian Church in Johnstown; Mission Vespers were held at St. Michael's in Irvona on the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt; Bright Saturday Liturgy was celebrated at St. John's in Black Lick as a Deanery event, however no Deanery Clergy other than the Dean attended. Fr. Andre Alexiev from ROCOR, who was serving at St. John's in Philipsburg during the Summer, is now serving at St. John's in Black Lick. His help and assistance is greatly appreciated by the Dean. At a special meeting in July, St. Nicholas parish in DuBois decided to procure a bank loan to install a new roof for the church; A wind storm blew the small dome off of the church at SS. Peter & Paul's in Urey. A new dome has been made and soon to be installed. A picnic was held for the Orthodox Churches of Central Pennsylvania at Curwensville Lake on Sept. 10. We had a nice turn out and an enjoyable time.

Respectfully submitted by

Archpriest Mark R. Meholick – Dean of the Eastern Deanery — 2 October, 2017