

Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Eastern Deanery Report, 2018

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

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| 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 | Rev. Elijah Bremer, Rector |
| 5. Holy Trinity Church – State College | V. Rev. John Reeves, Rector ; Rev. David Smith, Associate Rector ; Rev. Deacon Mark Oleynik ; Rev. Deacon Alexander Cadman |
| 6. Chapel of the Holy Spirit – Beavertown | Rev. David Smith, Administrator |
| 7. Nativity of St. John the Baptist Church – Philipsburg (Chester Hill) | V. Rev. C Michael Simerick, Acting Rector |
| 8. Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church – Osceola Mills | Archimandrite John-Jacob (Piruta), Rector |
| 9. St. Michael Church – Irvona | |
| 10. Nativity of the Theotokos Church – Madera | Igumen David (Lewis), Rector |
| 11. St. Michael Church – Portage | |
| 12. SS. Peter & Paul Church – Vintondale | V. Rev. Gregory Tsjouman, Rector |
| 13. St. John the Baptist Church – Johnstown (Conemaugh) | V. Rev. George Johnson, Rector |
| 14. St. John the Baptist Church – Black Lick (Blairsville) | <i>Administrated by the Dean; V. Rev. Andre Alexiev, attached</i> |
| 15. St. Nicholas Church – DuBois | V. Rev. Mark Meholick, Rector ; V. Rev. John Steffaro, V. Rev. John Horosky, <i>attached</i> |

Notable events in the life of the Eastern Deanery include the 125th Anniversary of The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Osceola Mills on Sept. 22, and the 25th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in State College on Oct. 6. Archpriest John Reeves announced his retirement and a transition team of ten faithful of Holy Trinity parish in State College and the Dean was formed to aid our Archbishop in his appointment of a new priest. During Great Lent, our Deanery participated in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Christ the Savior Carpatho Russian Cathedral in Johnstown and several Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgies in Indiana County. Matushka Judy Horosky, beloved wife of Fr. John Horosky, fell asleep in the Lord. *Memory Eternal!* St. Michael's Church in Irvona installed a new onion dome on the church, as did SS. Peter & Paul's Church in Urey. Archpriest Michael Simerick was appointed Acting Rector of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Philipsburg (Chester Hill). St. Nicholas Church in DuBois is in the process of installing a new metal roof and has partnered with Good Will Industries by installing a collection bin in the parish parking lot.

Respectfully submitted by

Archpriest Mark R. Meholick – Dean of the Eastern Deanery

9 October, 2018