

# Delegate Handbook

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# Deanery and Parish Reports



**Diocese of the West  
Orthodox Church in America  
2009 Diocesan Assembly  
October 14 – 16, 2009**

**Meeting at**

**Protection of the Holy Virgin Church  
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The changes in this document from the September 16, 2009 version are as follows:

Replace pages 37/38: Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, Report

Replace page 55: Pacific Central Deanery Report

Replace pages 69/70: Nicholas Orthodox Church, Saratoga, CA, Report

Replace page 71: Pacific Northwest Deanery Report

<b>Parish Name and Address</b>	
Church of the Annunciation (1995) 13515 SE Rusk Road Milwaukie, Oregon 97222	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Matthew Tate, Rector V. Rev. David Shank Rev. Fr. Kevin Lien V. Rev. Nicholas Letten, Ret.	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council Hospitality Women's Group Parish Nurse Altar Guild Sunday School and Youth Groups Choir	
<b>Since October 2008</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosting 2008 Diocesan Assembly Seminar on the O. T. by V. Rev. Joseph Hirsch Visit from HG Bishop Benjamin for Parish Feast	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Same as last year	
Major Challenges Faced	
Land use laws relative to expansion efforts Difficult economy	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</b>	

	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Fair Share Membership Count</b>			97
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			175
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>			50
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			5
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			9
<b>Funerals</b>			4
<b>Marriages</b>			4
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			75
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			50

**PACIFIC CENTRAL DEANERY**  
**Report to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly**  
**Submitted by: Archpriest Basil Rhodes**

The Pacific Central Deanery of the Diocese of the West is comprised of parishes, monasteries, and institutions situated in geographic territory of Northern California. The center of the Deanery is Holy Trinity Cathedral, the oldest Orthodox parish in the contiguous United States. Each of the parishes, monasteries and institutions of the Deanery will submit its own report, however, here is the list of who they are:

Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco  
Raphael House in San Francisco  
Monastery of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco (Men), Manton  
St. Seraphim/Protection of the Virgin Orthodox Church, Santa Rosa  
Monastery of the Holy Assumption, Calistoga (a new addition!)  
Skete of Our Lady of Kazan (Women's Monastery), Santa Rosa  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, San Anselmo  
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Concord  
Elevation of the Holy Cross, Sacramento  
St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Livermore  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Saratoga


As Dean I make every effort to visit each of these at least once during the year. I encourage all clergy to attend the altar feasts of the various parishes and institutions. This year the St. John Monastery not only saw the consecration of the chapel, installation of its abbot, but also hosted a retreat for the clergy wives.

The Pacific Central Deanery continues in its course of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, showing charity to the poor, encouraging the weak and lonely. Nearly all of us have been effected financially by the economic downturn of the last year. Some have seen decreasing numbers of parishioners as well, due to job losses, transfers, retirement, etc. In spite of these things, faith and hope are strong, catechumens are being taught, the divine services are being offered.



Archpriest Basil Rhodes - Dean

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<b>Parish Name and Address</b>	
<p>St. Nicholas Church (1951)  14220 Elva Avenue  Saratoga, CA 95070</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Basil Rhodes – Rector</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Charities Committee  Festival Committee  Hospitality Committee  Flower Committee</p>	
<b>Since October 2008</b>	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>January 11, YOLKA with original children's Nativity play "In the Nick of Time"  April 19, Paschal Vespers BBa, with Easter Egg Hunt open to the Community  August 14. Myrrh-streaming icon "Iverskaya" from Hawaii visits for Dormition Vigil  August 30 Parish children's outing to theme park "Great America,"  September 19, ordination of John Karcher to the diaconate</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Fall/Winter meals for Homeless Shelter  Fundraisers for Kazan Skete, and local/parishioners in need  Special Christmas gifts for local charities  Food closet</p>	
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p>	
<p>Financial slip due to exodus from Bay Area and general economic downturn  We need altos!</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2009 to September 2010</b>	
<p>Annual Russian/Slavic Festival October 3-4  All Parish Retreat with Archpriest John Dresko December 12-13</p>	

	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Fair Share Membership Count</b>	n/a*	40	35
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	n/a	60	60
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	n/a	15	12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	n/a	4	3
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2007</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2008</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2009</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	n/a	10	5
<b>Funerals</b>	n/a	4	2
<b>Marriages</b>	n/a	2	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	n/a	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	n/a	20	20
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	n/a	15	12

\*: Not available due to computer crash. Working on data recovery, but can't be accessed now.

**Report of the Pacific Northwest Deanery**  
Archpriest John Pierce, Dean

September 22, 2009

The Pacific Northwest Deanery consists of St. Spiridon Cathedral, Seattle WA (1895); St. Nicholas Church, Portland OR (1895), Holy Resurrection Church, Tacoma WA (1896); and as of September 13, 2009, St. Anne Church, Corvallis, OR (1990).

Both of the major urban hubs of our Deanery, Seattle and Portland, have strong and dedicated Pan-Orthodox associations. Our Deanery parishes and missions are integral parts of these associations which provide worship, mission and fellowship opportunities for the clergy and faithful. Albany/Corvallis, being further from the Portland area, and having only a handful of small Orthodox parishes and missions, has fewer opportunities for this type of Pan-Orthodox involvement.

Once again, as Dean, I was called upon by His Grace, Bishop Benjamin to assist the Missions Deanery in our area. To this end I participated in the closing of the Ascension Mission in Olympia, WA, as well as the final preparations for Fr. James McKee's assignment to Bend, OR. I accompanied His Grace this past year on his archpastoral visits to St. Spiridon Cathedral, Seattle; St. Anne Church, Corvallis; and St. Gabriel, Archangel Mission in Ashland.

Protodeacon George Haloulakis will be transferring to the Pacific Southwest Deanery this Autumn. He will be missed at St. Spiridon Cathedral and the parishes and missions in the Puget Sound area where he served.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Archpriest John Pierce

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