



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

REPORT OF THE RECTOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

1. METRICS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Baptisms: 2	Marriages: 1	Catechumens: 1
Chrismations: 0	Marriage Blessings: 0	Funerals: 4

Official census, submitted to the Diocese on September 1, 2021: 55 members.

2. MAJOR EVENTS OF 2021

January	8	Repose: Monk Christian (Lesinsky)
	11	Bible Study on Romans Begins
	12	Funeral: Monk Christian (Lesinsky)
	31	2021 Annual Parish Meeting
February	5	Repose: Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak
	12	Funeral: Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak
March	7	Installation of Parish Council
	8	Clergy Wives Birthday Party
	12	Capacity Limits Lifted By State of Maryland
	14	Forgiveness Sunday
	21	Sunday of Orthodoxy Celebration
	22	Repose: Tatiana Szwec
	27	Baptism: Daniel Nicholas Wilkinson
April	25	Palm Sunday + Holy Week
May	3, 9	Holy Pascha + Children's Egg Hunt
	21	Masks Made Optional
June	1	Repose: Paula Mathews
	6	Cross Dive + Pool Opening + Crab Feast
	10	Repose: Deacon Stephen Hall
	13	Marriage: Robert and Anya West

	15, 17	Funeral: Deacon Stephen Hall
	20	Holy Pentecost
	26	Funeral: Paula Mathews
July	4	Prayer for Graduates + Independence Day
	18	Blessing of Chariots
August	1	Blessing of New Cross
	14-16	20 th Anniversary with Metropolitan Tikhon + Dormition + Parish Feastday
September	1	Bible Study on Gospel of St. John Begins
	5	Blessing of Teachers and Students
	18	Archdiocesan Assembly via Zoom
	26	Parish Beach Day @ Assateague
October	2	"Life is WINNING" Rally @ Seaford, DE
	3	Blessing of Choir + Church School Program Begins
November	7	St. Michael's Party + Parish Thanksgiving
December	6	St. Nicholas Day with the Relics of the Saint
	19	Baptism: Titus Alan Howard
	25	Nativity of Our Lord

3. A REVIEW OF 2021

Newly Departed Fathers and Loved Ones

It is with heartfelt sadness, yet firm hope in the resurrection on the last day, that we gave over to the Lord the souls of His servants and members of our parish family: our beloved father in Christ and founder of our Christ the Savior, Protospesbyter Daniel Hubiak, our beloved and gentle Deacon Stephen Hall, and our long-suffering friend and co-struggler, the Monk Christian (Lesinsky). We also remember all our departed loves ones, family and friends who reposed during this past year. There are no words that can properly address our love for them and their meaning to us all. May their memories be eternal!

20th Anniversary of Christ the Savior

On August 14-16, 2021, we welcomed His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, together with venerable clergy and beloved friends from near and far to Christ the Savior for the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the parish (one year late because of COVID). A true spirit of gratitude to God and joy in the Lord was tangibly felt by all as we recollected the manifold blessings granted to the parish over the past two decades. We send up glory to God for all things and ask His continued providential care over our community as we seek to serve Him in the years to come!

Blessing of Archway and Entrance

On August 15, 2021, His Beatitude blessed the new archway and entrance on Carey Road, presenting a gramota to Thomas Seraphim Mathews for his exemplary service to the parish as architect and project leader, overseeing the design and construction of the structure and managing a team of contractors and volunteers. Many thanks to all who helped in any capacity, and glory and thanks to God for through His grace as well as the sacrificial offerings and labors of the community, this landmark project was accomplished!

Sunday Attendance

In 2021, our attendance at the Sunday Divine Liturgy was 81 people. In previous years the attendance was 85, 80, 73, 64, 64, 60, 72, 60, 50, 46, and 38.

Liturgy

Sincere appreciation is offered to our Liturgical Teams: Altar Servers, Choir Members/Directors, Livestreamers, Greeters, Cleaners, and Ushers. Likewise, we thank the choir directors: Matushka Annice Oleynik, Joanne Patrick, and Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia. May God bless them all!

Education

In 2021, we continued our Bible Study, completing the Book of Romans and the first 4 chapters of the Gospel of St. John. In our Reading Group, we read and discussed "Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents" by Rod Dreher and "On the Incarnation" by St. Athanasius the Great. Our Church School program was reinvigorated after a one year break due to COVID; special thanks to Anne Rowe our coordinator and all the teachers and assistants. Catechumen meetings were held online, and the Sunday sermon, available via livestream, continued as the primary method of community wide instruction in the Law of God.

Fellowship

Appreciation is expressed to the organizers, cooks, servers, cleaners, and attendees of the coffee hours, festal meals, men's and women's outings, youth group beach days, a crab feast, barbeques, birthday celebrations, and other such events which bind our community together through fellowship. May the Lord bless you for your efforts!

Stewardship / Charity

Despite a struggling economy and decreased attendance due to COVID restrictions, this has been another strong year at Christ the Savior in regard to financial stewardship and charitable offerings. Thanks to the generous and sacrificial offerings of our donors, we finished the year \$8,506 in the black for operations, collected and dispersed some \$16,148 for charitable initiatives, and received some \$85,037 in donations above and beyond the \$128,403 given in general stewardship. May the Lord bless you all for your good stewardship and charity!

Thank You to All: Fellow Clergy / Parish Council / Supporting Committees / "Unknowns"

I would like to sincerely thank my brother priest, Archpriest Joseph Oleynick, who has time and time again provided clerical coverage, an esteemed example to us all, as well as wisdom and counsel to me, helping in so many ways. Fr. Joseph (and Mat. Annice) has been a godsend to us all. I likewise extend appreciation to all who served the Lord in so many capacities, those known and unknown, especially noting those who are coming off the council this year: Cecilia Wyant, *Senior Warden*, Rachael Howard, *Treasurer*, Lowen Howard, Ioana Davidson, and Robin Armstrong. May the Lord continue to bless you all through the humble and devoted service you offer to Him and one another!

4. A VISION FOR 2022

This year the Rector and Parish Council will focus on:

1. Completion of Project Illumination: Entrance Project – Phase 2.
2. Securing the Parish's future through maintenance of infrastructure.
3. Development of plans for short and long-term expansion.
4. Outreach and evangelism to the local community.
5. Increased financial stability through good stewardship.
6. Learning, living, and loving our Orthodox Christian Faith.



Rector