



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

REPORT OF THE RECTOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

1. METRICS FOR THE YEAR 2024

Baptisms: 9	Marriages: 1	Catechumens: 10
Chrismations: 9	Marriage Blessings: 2	Funerals: 2

Official Census: Submitted to the Diocese on January 26, 2025: 80 members.

2. MAJOR EVENTS OF 2024

January	6	Blessing of the Atlantic @ St. George's in OC
	14	Rectory Blessing / Open House
	19	March For Life @ Washington DC / Archdiocesan Choir Concert @ Potomac, MD
	28	2024 Annual Parish Meeting
February	3	3-year Memorial: Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak
	8	Women's Group Outing to The Irish Penny in Salisbury, MD
March	3	Pilgrimage to NYC
	9	Baptism of Arden Elizabeth Kostyk / Open House @ Dunbars
	10	Installation of Parish Council / 70 th Birthday Party for Matushka Annice Olevnik
	17, 24	Forgiveness Sunday / Sunday of Orthodoxy
April	2	Funeral: Olga Golub
	6	Reader Workshop
	12	"Sacred Alaska" Screening
	14	Cornhole Tournament
	27	Lazarus Saturday / 10 Receptions
	28-5/5	Palm Sunday / Great & Holy Week / Pascha
May	8	Women's Psalter Group Dinner @ Milite's
	10	Paschal Party / Open House @ DeArmitts
	12	Children's Egg Hunt
	19	Marriage of Rdr. David and Anya Drobish @ St. Herman's in Gradville, PA
	26	Cross Dive / Pool Opening
	30	Marriage Blessing: Sebastian and Johanna Klmitchev
June	9	Prayer for Graduates / Children's Safety Meeting
	16	90 th Birthday Party for David McAlpin
	30-7/6	St. Tikhon's Summer Camp
July	6-11	Repose, Funeral, and Burial of Matushka Annice Olevnik
	21	Blessing of Chariots

	28	Greek Festival at St. George's in Ocean City, MD
	30	Parish Night Swim
August	6,15,16	Transfiguration, Dormition, Patronal Feast
	31	Outing to Splash Mountain
September	1	Blessing of Teachers/Students / Marriage Blessing: Brad and Maria Oana Franc
	15	Soccer Match with St. George's @ Showell Park
	21	Archdiocesan Assembly @ St. Matthew in Columbia, MD
	22	Ladies Evening Cruise on Delaware Bay @ Lewes
October	6	Church Musician Sunday / Church School Begins
	13	50 th Wedding Anniversary of Anthony and Joanne Patrick
	18-20	Teen Fall Retreat @ Camp Hebron Retreat Center in Halifax, PA
November	3	Blessing of Healing Ministries / St. Michael's Party / Parish Thanksgiving
	10	Baptism of Ephraim James Parrish / Livestream: Archdiocesan Concert @ Potomac
	23	Catechumen Trip to Washington DC
December	8	Baptism of Valerie Drobish
	22	5 Chrismations
	25	Nativity of Our Lord
	29	St. Basil's Bread (Vasilopeta)

3. A REVIEW OF 2024

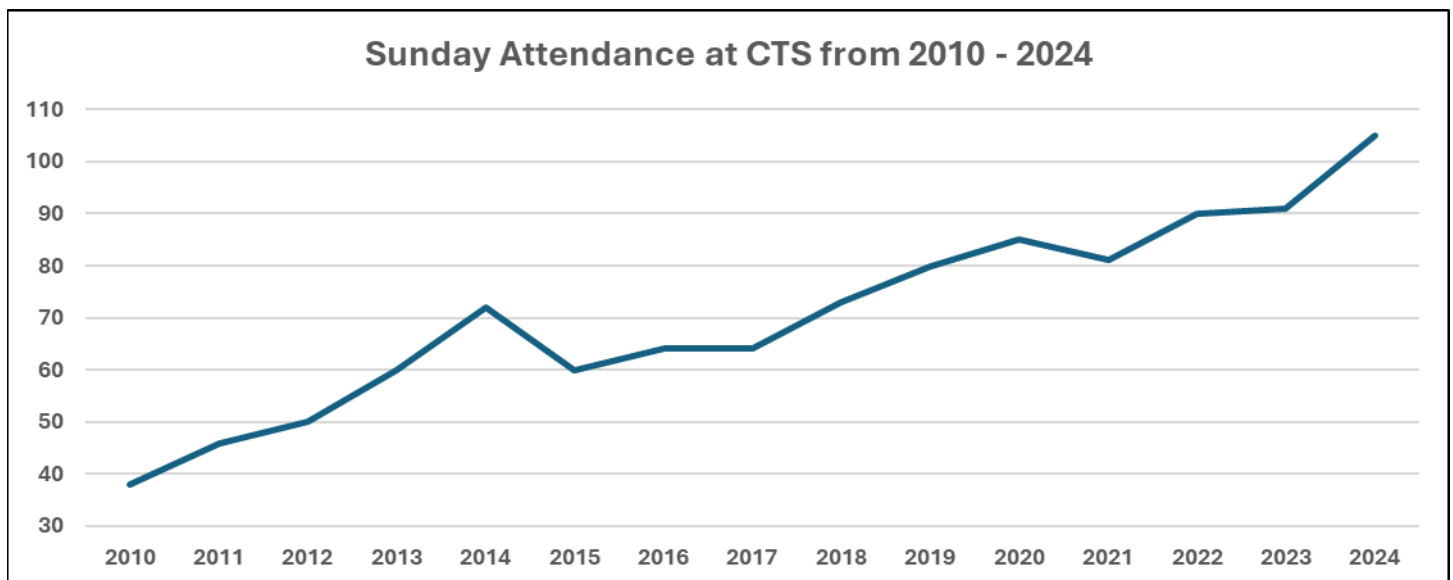
Rest of Matushka Annice Oleynik

Matushka Annice reposed in the Lord on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the age of 70. She is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 48 years, Archpriest Joseph Oleynik, her cherished family—Alexis, Justin, Evie, and Micah DeArmitt—and her mother, Matushka Dunia Hubiak. All are beloved members of the Christ the Savior parish family. A memorial service, led by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, was held on Tuesday, July 9, followed by her funeral on Wednesday, July 10. Both services were attended by many clergy and faithful from near and far, gathering to honor her life and legacy. On Thursday, July 11, Matushka Annice was laid to rest at St. Tikhon's Cemetery in South Canaan, PA. May her memory be eternal!

Liturgy

Appreciation is offered to our Liturgical Team: Clergy, Altar Servers, Choir Members/Director, Readers, Livestreamers, Greeters, Cleaners, and Ushers. May God bless them all!

Sunday Attendance: We averaged 105 people in 2024. Previously: 91, 90, 81, 85, 80, 73, 64, 64, 60, 72, 60, 50, 46, 38.



Education

- Sermons/Homilies (70+)
- Bible Study (6+)
- Workshops (1)
- Movie Nights (1)
- Catechesis (30+)
- Church School (22)
- Orthodoxy 101 (10)
- Orthodoxy 201 (25)

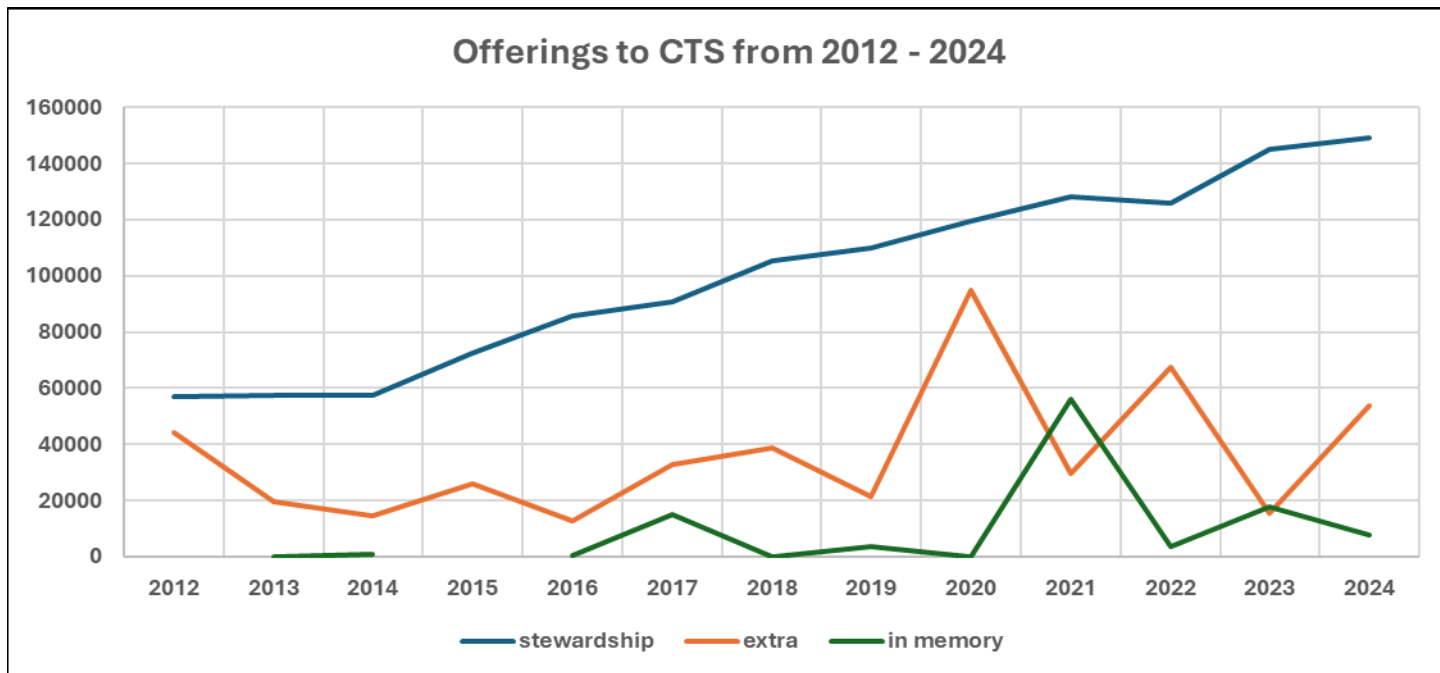
Fellowship / Outreach

- Coffee Hours (50+)
- Open Pool (18+)
- Knit Nights (8)
- Men/Women/Youth/Waterpark Outings (5)
- New York City Trip
- Washington DC Trip
- Parish Beach Days (5)
- Parish Park Days (3)
- Cornhole Tournament
- Firepit Nights (4)
- Open Houses (2)
- Women’s Psalter Group Dinner
- Children’s Egg Hunt
- Soccer Match with St. George’s
- St. Michael’s Day Party
- Parish Thanksgiving
- St. Tikhon’s Summer Camp
- Teen Fall Retreat

Appreciation is expressed to the organizers, cooks, servers, cleaners, and attendees of the coffee hours, festal meals, men’s and women’s outings, beach days, festival meals, barbecues, birthday celebrations, and other such events which bind our community together through fellowship. We likewise express our gratitude to the entire Outreach Committee. May the Lord bless you for your efforts!

Stewardship

Thanks to the generous and sacrificial offerings of our donors, our general stewardship totaled some \$149,142 and we were able to complete the year in the black with a surplus of approximately \$945. Additionally, approximately \$61,762 was given for various capital improvements, charitable initiatives, memorial offerings, and other earmarks, bringing total income to \$209,960. Glory to God! Thank you for your strong support!



* Mortgage burning in 2016: \$318K donation

Safety Guidelines

The Safety Guidelines Committee, led by Georgianne Mathews, drafted and distributed new Parish Safety Guidelines, as requested by the Annual Meeting. A meeting, chaired by Georgianne in Fr. John’s absence, was held for parishioners to go over the guidelines and then a second meeting, led by Dana Wyant, was held for the children.

St. Tikhon's Camp / Teen Fall Retreat

With the financial sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Washington, we were able to send 15+ children to St. Tikhon's Camp, June 30 – July 6 and 3 children to Camp Hebron Retreat Center in Halifax, PA in February.

Archdiocesan Assembly

The Archdiocesan Assembly was held this year at St. Matthew Orthodox Church in Columbia, MD on Sept. 21. Joining Fr. John as our lay delegate was Vera Yevsukov, whom we thank for traveling to represent our parish at the assembly!

Prospora Bakers

A class on baking prospora was offered in September for anyone interested in this ministry. Since that time, we have had a few women already start baking (and more on the way). Many thanks!

New Readers

We are very pleased to officially welcome two new tonsured readers to the parish, in addition to Reader Nicholas Borodulia: Reader Paul Romanovsky and Reader David Drobish. We thank them and all who read during the services!

Church School

We have classes for ages 4-9 and 10-18. Fr. John, Chris Morsey, and Cecilia Wyant teach the older group, and Zach and Ioana Davidson and Barbara Kaloroumakis teach the younger group. Joanne Patrick leads the children's choir. Classes are held each Sunday from 11:15am to 11:45am. Thank you to our teachers and parents!

Orthodoxy 201

Having completed Orthodoxy 101 class which ran from September 2023 – May 2024, we introduced a new class entitled Orthodoxy 201. This class, meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on Zoom, has met some 25 times, covering a wide range of topics, all archived on YouTube.

Christ the Savior Goes to Splash Mountain

On Saturday, August 31, 2024, members and friends of Christ the Savior spent the day at the local Jolly Roger Splash Mountain Water Park in Ocean City. The weather was beautiful, and we thank God for a truly refreshing day! Join us next year! Many thanks to Zach and Ioana Davidson for making this happen!

Multi-purpose Room Renovation

The multipurpose room in the back of the chapel has been renovated so as to better furnish the space for its many and varied usages, which include but are not limited to catechumenate and church school classes, pastoral and committee meetings, choir and office storage, overflow from the chapel, and a quiet area of nursing mothers and small children. The project was led by Tom Mathews, who is a master carpenter, and did a superb job. Many thanks to Tom, his assistants, and the donors!


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

I would like to thank Mat. Emily, Ella, Alex, and Nicholai, together with Archpriest Joseph Oleynik, the parish council, and supporting committees, and all who served the Lord in so many ways. Likewise, gratitude is expressed to those coming off the council: Justin DeArmitt, Joe and Beth Dunbar, Barbara Kaloroumakis, and Thomas Mathews.

4. A VISION FOR 2025

This year the Rector and Parish Council will focus on:

1. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Parish: August 23-24, 2025!
2. Preparing to Build the New Temple.
3. Increasing outreach and evangelism to the local community.
4. Securing the Parish's future through good stewardship and maintenance of infrastructure.
5. Learning, living, and loving our Orthodox Christian Faith.



Rector