SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 20th
Events this day are limited to specific groups, as noted by their listing
8:00 – 9:00 am Clergy LATE Registration and Sign In
9:00 am Molieben
9:45 – 11:45 am Clergy Continuing Education (CCE), Session 1
9:45 – 11:30 am Lay Delegate and Observer LATE Registrations and Sign In
12:00 Noon Clergy Lunch – CLERGY ONLY
12:45 – 2:45 pm CCE, Session 2 (may continue longer without Bishop DAVID)
2:30 – 3:30 pm Matushki Tea hosted by His Grace, Bishop DAVID
4:00 pm Vigil on the Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos in the Cathedral
6:00 pm Diocesan Council Dinner
7:00 pm Diocesan Council Meeting

Saturday, September 21st
Meetings of the Assembly are open to all registered Delegates and Observers who have been approved by their parish priest. Observers will be seated separately from Delegates.
9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Deans to serve with His Grace, Bishop DAVID
11:00 am Brunch
12:00 Noon Opening of Assembly
approx. 2:00 – 2:20 pm Refreshment Break
2:20 pm Continuation of Assembly
TBD Adjournment, followed by Diocesan Council Meeting
EVERYONE -- DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN
6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, September 22nd
9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   Installation of Diocesan Council members will follow the conclusion of the Liturgy

Fellowship Coffee Hour will be offered by the Sisterhood of St. Innocent Cathedral following the Liturgy. *If you have paid a registration fee for the Assembly, you will receive a Meal Voucher that will entitle you to the entrée meal and beverage. You will have to purchase any other fundraiser baked goods separately.*
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MINUTES
November 3, 2018
St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, Alaska

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated prior to the opening of the Diocesan Assembly. The meeting was called to order by His Grace, the Right Reverend DAVID, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska at 12:15 pm and opened with the hymn "O Heavenly King."

The meeting was credentialed with 1 hierarch, 37 clergy delegates, 27 lay delegates, 10 observers, 0 retired clergy, and 4 guests, resulting in 65 voting representatives and 79 individuals present.

His Grace, Bishop DAVID, introduced the following guests: Ms. Shelley Finkler, nationally certified trainer for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; Rev. Martin Watt and Linda Koshell, from the Orthodox Church Capital Improvement Fund (OCCIF); and Kenneth Kidd, Director of Development for FOCUS North America. Bishop DAVID also noted that later in the day Ms. Denali Lukacinsky from Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) would make a presentation to the Assembly.

It was announced that the Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Thomas Andrew would chair the first half of the Assembly. Subdeacon Simeon Heckman would be the lay chair and would facilitate the second half.

**MOTION:** Priest John Nicori (Lower Kalskag) / Andrew Ebona (Juneau) - To approve the agenda as presented.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION:** Priest Joseph Larson (Akiachak) / Archpriest Alexie Askoak (New Stuyahok) - To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2017 Diocesan Assembly.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Committee members were introduced to the Assembly:

a. Resolutions: Archpriest Mikel Bock, Steven McGuigan, Archpriest David Rucker, Priest Andrei Tepper
b. Nominating: His Grace, Bishop DAVID, Archpriest Thomas Andrew, Patrick Pletnikoff, Matushka Anna Andrew (candidate names should be given to one of these members as soon as possible)
c. Tellers: Archpriest Nicholai Larson, Priest Michael Trefon, Jr, Andrew Ebona

ADDRESS OF THE RT. REV. DAVID, BISHOP OF SITKA AND ALASKA
(A copy of this address is present in the archives)
His Grace, Bishop DAVID, reviewed his travels and events of the past year, as well as two ongoing major renovation projects, one at Holy Ascension Cathedral in Unalaska and the other at St. Michael Cathedral in Sitka. He highlighted the upcoming celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the autocephaly of OCA and the 50th anniversary of the canonization of St. Herman of Alaska. A restructuring of the administrative system at St. Herman Seminary resulted in a two-dean system, with both an academic and an administrative dean.

Bishop DAVID stressed two areas where compliance within the diocese needs to be improved. First, is the Policies, Standards and Procedures of the Orthodox Church in America on Sexual Misconduct. These policies are necessary to provide a safe and healthy environment for all the faithful of the OCA, and all clergy and laity are held accountable to this. Diocesan clergy have the necessary forms and information, and all clergy and parish members who hold positions in the Church must submit to background checks and participate in the training program approved by the Holy Synod. Vladyko DAVID stressed that we must do better at following the steps required by the Church. The process is simple and easy to complete, and he asked the delegates to help their priest with getting this documentation up-to-date.

The second area that needs improvement is Best Practices, the policies for financial accountability. There are guidelines for receiving, depositing, and paying out monies, and they have to be followed. Financial accounts must be reviewed, the priest and parish councils need to see regular written reports of the financial accounts, and a copy of the annual budget and financial reports of the parish must be sent to the Chancery. Tithes from the parishes need to be sent to the Chancery either monthly or quarterly, but no longer on an annual basis. The Diocese cannot meet its day-to-day financial obligations when parishes tithe at the end of the year. Again, delegates were asked to help their priest!

[Chairperson: Archpriest Thomas Andrew]

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A Montessori style, hands-on religious education program for age three to 13, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd the model for Christian education in the Diocese of Alaska. Ms. Shelley Finkler is one of only two nationally certified Orthodox trainers for this religious education program and it is taught to all students at St. Herman Seminary.
Two one-week sessions, each being a phase building on the previous session are offered each year. In January 2019, a week-long training will take place in Kwethluk, in the Kuskokwim Delta. During the session, educators make all curricula materials by hand and they learn how to guide the child through the experience of those hand-crafted materials. This training is open to parish educators throughout our Diocese, not just Seminarians, and parishes should consider sending at least one dedicated Church School educator for this training or plan a session in their area that can involve more individuals.

ORTHODOX CHURCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (OCCIF)
A presentation was made at an Assembly a few years ago from OCCIF, introducing the program that provides more affordable and accessible loans to Orthodox churches for building, purchasing or refurbishing. This year, they returned to introduce a new Investment Certificate program whereby both institutions and individuals may now invest funds to help provide the loans to churches while earning a simple rate of return. More information on this program can be found at www.occif.org.

AWARDS
Bishop DAVID made special mention of two awards that were presented this past year. The Archpriest Phillip Alexie, the senior priest graduate of St. Herman Seminary (1977) was awarded the mitre by Holy Synod in recognition of his 40+ years of priesthood. It was presented to him during the Kuskokwim Conference in August 2018. Also presented with an award during that same Kuskokwim Conference was the retired Archpriest Martin Nicolai, who received the Order of St. Romanos medal. His accomplishments include the collaborative production of the first Yup’ik Hymnal of the Divine Liturgy, the Eight Tones in the Yup’ik language, arrangements and translations of Slavonic melodies into Yup’ik, and many original compositions.

REPORTS (see archived copies)
St. Herman Seminary: The two deans of the Seminary, Fr. John Dunlop and Fr. David Rucker, Academic and Administrative Deans respectively, introduced themselves and new video produced by the Seminary was viewed. There are currently 20 students in attendance, with some being in class while others attend on-line.

St. Innocent Wellness Resource Center (SIWRC): Ms. Lois Sholl is the founder and organizer of SIWRC and welcomes all volunteers. Visits to the Downtown Soup Kitchen, Bean’s Café, Brother Francis Shelter, are always appreciated by those who are there. SIWRC partners with the American Legion Post 29 every winter to host a sock drive, and volunteers are always welcome. The Center also sponsors various panel discussions covering topics such as suicide prevention and addiction issues. She is also looking for interested individuals as board members for SIWRC.

RECESS 1:50 pm - 2:05 pm
FINANCIAL REPORTS

   a. The Treasurer informed the Assembly that the Diocesan Council requests all parishes to submit their tithes to Chancery on a monthly or quarterly basis.

   b. The Council recommended the adoption of the FY 2019 Budget at $278,449.40. That budget included $50,000 for the 50th anniversary celebration of the canonization of St. Herman of Alaska and a small Cost of Living Allowance to His Grace, the Right Reverend DAVID, who marks his fifth year as Bishop of Sitka and Alaska on Feb. 22, 2019.

MOTION: Archpriest Maxim Isaac (Marshall) / Andrew Ebona (Juneau) - To approve the FY 2019 budget at $278,449.40. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED TO SERVE (FOCUS)
FOCUS North America, which began in Pennsylvania, is now 10 years old. FOCUS chapters exist Nation-wide and strive to provide solutions to poverty in America. Following Christ’s command, volunteers serve those in need, the sick, the poor, and the hungry by providing food, clothing shelter, and understanding. One important aspect of FOCUS is engaging the youth in service to others, with the hope that they will develop a life-long ministry of service. Mr. Kenneth Kidd spoke of the wonderful energy felt when the youth attending the All-American Council in St. Louis helped serve a meal at a local event. More information can be found at www.focusnorthamerica.org.

NEW BUSINESS

   a. One clergy and one lay position, each for a term of three years, were open on the Diocesan Council. The nominating committee put forth the name of Archpriest Mikel Bock for the clergy position and the names of Lydia McMullen and Marilyn Kreta for the lay position. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Archpriest Thomas Andrew (Anchorage) / Patrick Pletnikoff (Fairbanks) - To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Archpriest Mikel Bock to the clergy position on the Diocesan Council. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BALLOTS were cast and Marilyn Kreta was elected to the lay position on the Diocesan Council.

   b. One clergy and one lay position, each for a term of three years, were open on the Metropolitan Council. The nominating committee put forth the names of Archpriest Mikel Bock and Archpriest David Rucker for the clergy position and the names of Dorothy Chaney and Subdeacon Simeon Heckman for the lay position.
MOTION: Andrew Ebona (Juneau)/ Priest John Nicori (Lower Kalskag) – To close nominations and vote by ballot. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BALLOTS were cast and Dorothy Chaney was elected to the lay position on the Metropolitan Council.

c. Marilyn Kretta presented a scenario for the upcoming year-long travels into the State from around the Nation. There are 13 dioceses in the OCA and each one will plan their own pilgrimage between 2019 and 2020, honoring the 50th anniversaries of Autocephaly and the canonization of Saint Herman. She referred to this time as “Vision 2020.” Kodiak will almost assuredly be a prime stop for all groups, travels will also take people through other regions of Alaska. She welcomes volunteers to her committee and will be looking for summer student volunteers who could spend a week or longer in Kodiak to help with housekeeping needs and general “gofers” duties.

d. Bishop DAVID informed the Assembly that for the past six years, the Chancery offices of the Diocese have operated out of his home. When he arrived, it was the only option, but now it is time to find a more suitable location. The demands of the office have grown, but the space cannot. It is used to its fullest, and still more work space is needed. An ongoing search continues for a more suitable location.

STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RAPE (STAR)

Ms. Denali Lucazinsky gave a brief presentation, explaining the training and support offerings, crisis hot-line, and education and prevention programs that are provided by this organization. STAR works in partnership with similar organizations throughout the regions of our State, and with the local program offices located therein. More information can be found at www.staralaska.com.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

e. Election results, as noted above under a. and b., were Archpriest Mikel Bock and Marilyn Kretta to the clergy and lay positions on the Diocesan Council, respectively, and Archpriest David Rucker and Dorothy Chaney to the clergy and lay positions on the Metropolitan Council, respectively.

f. Resolution 1, In Support of Victims of Violence at the Pittsburgh Synagogue, was presented and, with consensus of the Assembly to add a line of text opposing “anti-semitism and all forms of racism,” was adopted.

Resolution 2, In Response to the Conflict Arising Between Russia, Constantinople, and Ukraine, was presented and with consensus of the Assembly, was adopted.
Resolution 3, In Upholding the Christian Principle of Non-abuse of Any Individual and Supporting the Efforts of Organizations such as STAR and Those in Crisis, the Committee referred this to the Diocesan Council, thus, it was not adopted.

g. Reminders were given about the Installation of the Diocesan and Metropolitan Council Members and for the meal voucher, both taking place after the Divine Liturgy Sunday morning. Outgoing Diocesan Council member, Lydia McMullen, was recognized with thankfulness for years of service on the Council.

**MOTION: Igumen Ioasaph (Tucker) (Old Harbor) / Archpriest Nicholai Larson (Kasigluk) – To hold the 2019 Diocesan Assembly in Anchorage November 1-3, 2019.** 

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The prayer Memory Eternal was intoned for Matushka Mary Kompkoff, who fell asleep in the Lord March 1, 2018.

**MOTION: Andrew Ebona (Juneau) / Protodeacon Nicodemus Myers (Pilot Station) – To adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.** 

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully Submitted:

Matushka Anna Andrew, Diocesan Secretary

Approved:

+ DAVID, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska

Orthodox Church in America, Inc.
Diocese of Alaska
Chancellor’s Report
Archpriest Thomas A. Andrew
August 17, 2019

Your Eminence & Brothers,
Master bless.
About a year ago, August 17, 2018 I was transferred to the St. Innocent Cathedral. We lived in the old rectory for about a month and a half as the new rectory was being renovated. Church attendance has increased a little and hopes for more Orthodox Christians to return is a prayer request.

As per Your Eminence’s request, I did not attend the Nushagak and the Iliamna Conferences that year so that I could serve the Cathedral since I was newly transferred. However, I did attend the Yukon Conference at Pilot Station in June before we moved to Anchorage. The experience led me to believe that, because of my allergies, I cannot live where the road dust flies. Although the conference was scantily attended, it went good.

The celebration of Vladyka’s 5th Year Anniversary on February 24th went very well. All seats in the banquet were booked. All the liturgical services were very well attended. Glory to God for all things, may God grant Your Eminence many years.

This summer, the Diocese had hosted a number of interns from the St. Tikhon’s Seminary. These included Fr. Dn. Ephraim Tauck, Lawrence Conover, Olivia Insignares, Brendan Murphy, Jacob Ramsey, Jeremy McKemey, Robert West, and Aaron Alford. The interns went to Kasigluk, Dillingham, Anchorage, Pilot Station, Kodiak, Oscarville, Chenega, and Juneau respectively. Each intern had skills offered that helped every community from church services and tours to church construction. Reports from each intern were very positive.

Archpriest Daniel Charles, rector of the Holy Assumption Church in Kenai and dean of the Kenai Deanery, was selected to be the Vice-Chancellor. We are positive he will work well with the clergy and assist me in this ministry.

This year our Diocesan Assembly was moved to September in remembrance of the first missionary arrival of the clergy and monastics to Kodiak in 1794. This year is the 225th anniversary of this event. Following the Assembly, everyone is invited to travel to Kodiak for the celebration of this anniversary.

Humbly submitted,

Archpriest Thomas A. Andrew
Introduction

By the grace of God, St Herman's 2018-19 school year has begun. We have 11 dedicated students who are training to serve our Diocese of Alaska within our Reader Excellence Challenge program which includes substance abuse training through our Freedom Challenge and our continuing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. The Reader Excellence Challenge is built to train readers competent in all Reader responsibilities, certification as Level I and Level II CGS leaders, certification as participant facilitators in Freedom Challenge Orthodox 12 Step, certification as a Come and See Catechists and Red Cross First-Aid and CPR certifications. The program is built on a 50-50 Do it/Study-it model which allows to the student to immediately begin doing the work of a parish Reader. We teach only what actually works in a parish.

The Students

This year the seminary has eleven full-time students including David Alexie, Reader Noah Andrew, Adrian Andrew, Joseph Evon, Timothy Jacob, Peter Kester, Anthony Lekanof, Solomon Longo, Brandon Pavilla, Thomas Rivas and Priest Stephen Wood.

We have other visiting students who participate in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Church School program which is quietly
revolutionizing Orthodox Christian education here in Kodiak and throughout the United States. The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* offers a hands-on-experiential, atrium-based learning approach which is re-invigorating Christian education for both students and teachers. Shelly Finkler one of only two *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* certified trainers in the U.S. is an adjunct faculty member, resides at St John’s Antiochian Cathedral in Eagle River and offers trainings at the Seminary each semester along with other instructors.

This past year the seminary offered a week long level one Catechesis training to over 20 students from around the diocese including parishioners from Dillingham, Akhiok, Atmaulaq and Napaskiak. Our own full time students also participated. We hope to spread atrium based learning throughout the Diocese. Next year we will host a level one training first semester and a level two training second semester at the seminary, for all members of the Diocese of Alaska. If you are interested please contact our seminary office.

*Faculty and Staff*

This year the seminary has added several instructors including Floyd Frantz and Felice Steward (OCMC missionaries) who are mentoring our new *Freedom Challenge* addictions program. His
Eminence, Vladyka DAVID continues to offer teaching on Pastoral Theology. Fr. John and Matushka Dr. Bea Dunlop offer classes in Pastoral Theology, Liturgics, Music, New Testament, Christian Education and Patristics. Deacon Irenaios Anderson offered courses in Old Testament and Church History. Fr. Innocent Dresdow is offering training in *Come and See Catechism.* Matushka Marilyn Kreta is teaching community choir. Doctoral Candidate (Ohio State University) Daria Simeonoff, Seminary Archivist. Daria also continued to work on several translating and publishing ventures including the works of Fr. Paul Shadura and Fr. Gerasim Schmaltz. As noted before Shelly Finkler offered certified training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Christian education program.

This year Deacon Innocent Philo and along with Dr. Patricia Wilson-Cone continued to coordinate the Seminary's field work program at Kodiak Island Providence Hospital. Deacon Innocent is the Chaplain and Administrator at Providence Kodiak Island Hospital. Under Deacon Innocent's supervision, students work over a hundred volunteer hours at Providence Hospital in Kodiak. Fourth year students completed Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Courses at the hospital thus acquiring valuable and marketable job skills. Clinical Pastoral
Education is a fantastic addition to our curriculum which truly increases the value of our diploma. CPE students will receive their diploma at this year's seminary graduation from the hands of Dr. Patricia Wilson-Cone.

Floyd Frantz and Felice Stewart OCMC missionaries are teaching and mentoring the seminary's Freedom Challenge an Orthodox 12 Step program which fosters freedom from addictions. The Freedom Challenge is explicitly Orthodox, grounded in hands on experience in Romania and the U.S., and fosters and Inside-out process beginning within the client and a community of fellow travelers. The Freedom Challenge begins with seven basic steps: “1. Name your captors 2. Admit your helplessness 3. Reach out 4. Step-out 5. Fall 6. Own it. 7. Repeat 8. Serve.” Through an Orthodox approach to the twelve steps the program hopes to foster freedom from alcohol, drugs and other addictions. Graduates will learn how to initiate such programs in their local parishes.

The Seminary has added Mrs. Beth Galindo as an administrative assistant. Mrs. Galindo has brought increased order and professionalism to the seminary office. Subdeacon Michael Hoffman has been hired as seminary full-time maintenance man.
Outreach Alaska and Finances

St. Herman Seminary continues to offer scholarships to diocesan students. Students do not pay anything to receive a theological education at seminary. While at seminary second, third and fourth year students also receive material support from Outreach Alaska which is transitioning to be administered by the seminary itself. Outreach Alaska also supports the St. Juliana Food Pantry for married students again trying to meet the materials needs of our seminarians who have left jobs in order to study and serve the Church.

Buildings and Maintenance

The seminary has begun several serious maintenance projects. We look forward to renovating married apartments, refectory upgrades and tearing down and replacing the former mortuary and "brown building." With the blessing of Vladyka DAVID, the seminary married student dorm changed several floors from aging carpet to pergo style wooden floors. Vents were installed to provide better air circulation. More married and single apartments which still need to be modernized and upgraded. The heating system should be changed and all apartments renovated in order to make them more modern.
Generally our married dorm is in need of a serious over all assessment so that it can better serve our needs for the future. Our chapel also needs to have wooden shingles replaced and the building examined due to aging and log deterioration. The former mortuary and brown house are in critical need to be torn down. Plans are on the way to renovate both buildings and have them house our *Freedom Challenge*, Archives, public lectures and coffee hours.

In closing, we are thankful to the parishes and individuals who financially support the work of St. Herman Seminary within the diocese and in the "Lower 48." Each year we struggle to meet our rather bare bones budget. We ask parishes and individuals to financially support the educational mission of the seminary. Vladyka DAVID reminds us all that parishes should take a collection for the seminary on St Gregory Palamas Sunday. The seminary’s work ensures the future of our beloved Diocese of Alaska where the harvest is truly great but the laborers in the vineyard are few. Your prayers truly keep us inspired and hard at work.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest John Dunlop (Doctor of Ministry), Dean
Your Eminence, Archpriests, Priests, Protodeacons, Deacons, and faithful of the Diocese of Alaska:

This year, the Aleutian Deanery has been busy with Pastoral visits throughout the deanery, as well as Archpastoral visits by his Eminence to the Holy Ascension Cathedral for the Parish Feast day as well as the Parish Feast day in St. George and also granted Gramatas to several parishioners in St. George. His Eminence has also made ROSSIA trip to Unalaska to see the progress of the project on the Bishop’s House. The Holy Ascension Cathedral fire suppression system is underway this year.

His Eminence has also made an Archpastoral visit St. Alexander Nevsky in Akutan, also in Sts. Peter and Paul church in St. Paul with his Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, before the clergy retreat in Anchorage this year.

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The Anchorage Deanery has 11 parishes, one Monastic Community, six priests, two deacons, and one nun. I was appointed as dean on July 1st of this year. There are also two retired priests and one retired deacon in the Deanery. Father Mikel Bock, who was the former priest in Wasilla, moved to a parish in the Diocese of the South at the end of June this year. We wish him well at his new mission parish.

ANCHORAGE PARISHES:
St. Alexis Mission: Archpriest Jonah Andrew
Services continue at the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) and we are very thankful to them for allowing us to hold services there on the weekends. We are still seeking a permanent location so our Mission can have all services of the Liturgical year, not just on weekends.
BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 1
CHRISMATION ONLY: 0
WEDDINGS: 0 (Weddings for our parishioners take place at St. Innocent Cathedral)
FUNERALS: 0 (Funerals for our parishioners take place at St. Innocent Cathedral)

St. Innocent Cathedral: Archpriest Thomas Andrew. Archpriest Peter Chris, Priest Michael Fredericks, Deacon Sergius Chocknok, Deacon Peter Kamilos
BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 44 (one of those being an emergency baptism)
CHRISMATION ONLY: 1
WEDDINGS: 3
FUNERALS: 15

St. Tikhon of Moscow: Priest Andrei Tepper
His Eminence, the Most Reverend Archbishop DAVID joined the faithful two times this year, once during Great Lend and again in the early summer. We are very grateful for his holy prayers and Archpastoral visits.
BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 3
CHRISMATION ONLY: 4
WEDDINGS: 1
FUNERALS: 1

WASILLA:
St. Juvenaly and His Companion Mission: Priest Timothy Kolb
Father Timothy Kolb came to St. Juvenaly & His Companion Mission July 1, 2019 after graduating from St. Tikhon’s Seminary. Prior to going to the Seminary, Fr. Timothy was a member of this parish. Services are held regularly every weekend, on major feast and saints’ days, and an Akathist to St. Herman on Thursdays. Father Thaddeus Werner, Airforce Chaplain, serves at the parish when he can, as well as Archbishop DAVID’s
deacon, the newly ordained Deacon Peter Kamilos, when he is not serving with Archbishop DAVID in Anchorage or elsewhere. Catechumen class(es) begun by Father Mikel Bock continue. Work to enlarge the parking area continues as well, and upcoming projects include moving the coffee house across the parking lot, and we hope to install a bell and icon of St. Juvenaly.

BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 0
CHRISMATION ONLY: 0
WEDDINGS: 0
FUNERALS: 0

FAIRBANKS:
**St. Herman of Alaska:** Priest Andrew Wassillie
Church school classes are held every Sunday and college students have Bible study every Friday. Hospital and correctional center visits are made. A bell tower was built next to the Church and two more bells have been donated. Renovations on the roof are done, the handicap ramp was repaired, and our parking lot was expanded to accommodate everyone. Our St. Nicholas patronal feast and children’s celebration made for a great day.

BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 4
CHRISMATION ONLY: 8
WEDDINGS: 0
FUNERALS: 1

TYONEK:
**St. Nicholas:** Priest in Charge, Archpriest Jonah Andrew
Pastoral visits are made as often as possible, with frequent opportunities on feast days that happen on weekdays—it is easy to fly to Tyonek and back because it is so close to Anchorage. Elder Tatiana Bismark turned 90 years old this year and we celebrated with Vespers and Divine Liturgy in her honor. Many Years!

BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 0
CHRISMATION ONLY: 0
WEDDINGS: 0
FUNERALS: 0

NIKOLAI:
**St. Peter the Apostle:** Priest in Charge, Archpriest Jonah Andrew
Pastoral visits to this parish happen four times a year, at their request. When there during Theophany, I blessed 23 homes.

BAPTISMS WITH CHRISMATION: 0
CHRISMATION ONLY: 0
WEDDINGS: 0
FUNERALS: 0
EKULUTNA:
St. Nicholas: Priest in Charge, Priest Timothy Kolb
Father Timothy Kolb is new to the Deanery. He will work out a schedule for services.

The following three village parishes are within the Anchorage Deanery; however, they have not had regular pastoral care. The deanery clergy will meet and make plans for better serving these faithful.

ADAK: St. Innocent Church
LIME VILLAGE: SS. Constantine and Helen
TELIDA: St. Basil

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Archpriest Jonah Andrew, Dean
Bristol Bay/Nushagak Deanery Report
2018-19

Archangel Michael Church, Koliganek- 3 baptisms, 4 funerals, 1 wedding
We have regular and holiday services. Had a Sunday school teacher and hopefully sometime will continue. Fr. Ivan Gumlickpuk rector
Our Church is in need of serious repairs and we are making the effort to raise funding for a new church or repair.

St. Sergius Church, New Stuyahok- 6 baptisms, 1 funeral, 1 wedding
Have regular and holiday services. Fr. Alexie Askoak rector
St. John the Baptist Church, Ekwok- 0 baptisms, 0 funerals, 0 weddings.
Travelled for their Church feast day.

St. Seraphim of Sarov Church- Dillingham- 18 baptisms, 9 funerals, 0 weddings
Have regular and holiday services. Fr. Michael Nicolai rector
St. John the Theologian Church, Perryville- 2 baptisms, 2 funerals, 0 wedding.
Fr. Maxim Isaac did one funeral.
St. Nicholas Church Pilot Point- 1 baptism, 1 funeral 0 wedding
Protection Veil Of the Theotokos Levelock- 1 baptism, 0 funeral, 0 wedding
Cross Elevation South Naknek- 0 baptism, 1 funeral, 0 wedding
St. Nicholas Church Chignik Lake- 2 baptisms, 0 funerals, 0 weddings
Baptisms were done by Fr. Steven Wood and held services while there

St. Herman Church King Cove- 1 baptism, 0 funeral, 0 wedding
Elder lay reader Irene Christensen does reader services on Sundays.

St. Nicholas Chapel False Pass- No visit was made to this Parish, but he makes contact with members of community and see them when they are in Anchorage.
The distance from Anchorage, bad weather and high cost of travel makes frequent visits of a Priest to these communities impossible.
Fr. Andrei Tepper, Priest in charge.

Highlight this year. We had the Blessing to have His Emminence, Archbishop David with us for our conference in Dillingham to lead us. This being on labor day weekend and moose season was well attended. His Emminence spoke with the students on Saturday about Saints and gave them the opportunity to ask questions, after a while many questions were asked and answered by His Emminence.
Next Years Conference, New Stuyahok.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Ivan Gumlickpuk, Dean
Diocese of Alaska - Bethel Deanery Report 2019

This year:

- July 2019 Three Holy youths Conference was held in St. Nicholas parish in Kwethluk. Youth from different villages were in attendance.
- August 2019 Bethel Deanery Conference was held in St. James the Apostle parish in Napaskiak. His Eminence Bishop David was present with the Chancellor Fr. Thomas Andrew.
- We hosted two visiting students from St. Tikhon’s Seminary this summer. The first visitor was in the diocese for 5 weeks and he was staying in the mission parish of St. Matthew in Oscarville. The second visitor was in the diocese for another 5 weeks, and was staying in Holy Trinity parish in Kasigluk. Both were visiting and teaching youth and community members in the parish and other surrounding parishes.
- Coinciding His Eminence’s visit to the Bethel Deanery Conference he travelled to the Mission parish of St. Cyril and Methodius in Kipnuk to bless the ground for the building of a church.

Parishes and clergy in the Deanery:

St. Nicholas parish - Kwethluk

Villages served: Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak

Fr. James Keene

Fr. Joseph Larson

St. Sophia Parish - Bethel

Fr. Michael Trefon, Fr. Victor Nick (asst.)

Fr. Vasily Fisher

Fr. Alexander Larson

St. James the Apostle parish – Napaskiak

Villages served: Oscarville, Eek, Quinhagak

Protection of the Mother of God – Nunapitchuk

Villages served: Atmautluak, Tuntutuliak

Fr. Phillip Alexie

Holy Trinity – Kasigluk

Fr. Nicholai Larson

Outer villages served in the Deanery: Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Kipnuk

clergy as needed

St. Nicholas parish: 19 Baptisms w/ Chrismations, 2 Chrismations, 1 Wedding, 5 funerals

St. Sophia parish: 19 Baptisms, 2 Chrismations

St. James parish: 15 Baptisms, 1 Christmation, 4 weddings, 7 Funerals

Akiachak: 1 Baptism, Burial, 1 wedding
Holy Transfiguration of our Lord
Newhalen, Alaska 99606
Archpriest David Askoak and Archpriest Michael Trefon
Your Eminence Master Bless!
We had 5 Baptisms with Chrismations
0 Wedding
2 Burial
Our high lights: We are still in process of completing the church, a third cupola was just purchased, it still needs to be raised over the Altar, we are looking into getting new bells. Hosted Archbishop DAVID at our Lake Iliamna Conference. St Juvenaly Youth camp was a success, this year we were honored to host 4 members of OCMC teaching group lead by Fr. Nathanial, with Nicholas, Daniel and Felice, there was a total of 40 campers and 40 day campers with visitors recorded.

St Nicholas Church, Nondolton
Archpriest Michael Trefon
There was 2 Baptisms with Chrismation
5 Funeral
0 wedding
Theresa has volunteered to do name plates, and headed community clean up at the cemetery. Father also was invited to bless two crosses at Lake Clark which turned out to be his relatives.

SS Peter & Paul Church,
Kokhanok, Alaska
Fr. David Askoak
There was 5 Baptisms with Chrismation
2 Funerals
0 wedding

St. Nicholas Church, Igiugig Alaska
Fr. David Askoak
There was 1 Baptism with Chrismation
0 Wedding
0 Funerals

Asking for your Archpastoral prayers and Blessings, we remain,
Your Humble Servants,
Archpriest David Askoak, Dean
Archpriest Michael Trefon
KENAI PENINSULA DEANERY

Your Eminence, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Most Reverend Master Bless.
Exactly a year ago, this day, I arrived to my new assignment here to the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary church in Kenai. I also was appointed the Dean of the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound part of September. I continue to serve as the Rector of the Church. I do Prison ministries at the Wildwood Center, visit the Elders at the Elder Care Centers, visit the Hospital in Soldotna, and looking forward to start visiting the Youth Facility in Kenai.
We have three Priests in our Kenai Deanery, Fr James Gust, who was recently transferred from Port Graham Parish to Nanwalek Parish, Heiromonk Iosaph(Billy), has been in Ninilchik for a year now, and I have been in Kenai exactly a year now.

KENAI DEANERY
*Kenai Parish Activity:
Baptism and Christmations: 13
Funeral- 1
Weddings-0
*Transfiguration(Ninilchik)
Funerals- 1
0 Weddings
*St Herman Parish(Port Graham)
Baptisms &Christmations- 1
Funerals- 2
0 Weddings
*Sts. Sergius & Herman Parish(Nanwalek)
Baptisms and Christmations 0
Weddings-0

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND DEANERY
*St Michael’s Church (Cordova)
0 Baptisms and Christmations
2 Funerals
0 Weddings
*Nativity of the Theotokos (Chenega)
1 Baptism and Christmation
Weddings 0
*St Nicholas Church (Tatitlek)
1 Baptism and Christmation
0 Weddings
0 Funerals
*St Nicholas Church (Valdez)
0 Baptisms
0 Weddings and 0 Funerals./

Prince William Sound Deanery is served by Available Priests from Anchorage.

To end my report, I would like to ask you Humbly for Prayers, as I was appointed as Vice-Chancellor to Assist our Chancellor, Fr Thomas, and his Eminence, our Archbishop David.

Your Eminence, asking your Archpastoral Prayers and Blessings,

I remain your unworthy servant,

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2019 Kodiak Island Deanery Report

Archpriest John Dunlop, in addition to his duties as Academic Dean of St. Herman Seminary, maintains regular pastoral visitations to Ouzinkie, Akhiok and Port Lions. In addition to 5 baptisms, the Nativity of our Lord Church in Ouzinkie continued their work beautifying the picnic area and maintaining the trail on Spruce Island for the pilgrimage. All three villages have good attendance when services are celebrated.

Igumen Ioasaph is currently serving Old Harbor as rector of Three Saints Church. In addition to his pastoral duties Father continues his behavioral health work in the community. He has requested retirement.

The village of Larson Bay is currently being served by the Kodiak clergy, depending on need and availability. At this time the church structure is in a state of disrepair with no active Reader or local care-taker. The church in Karluk is also in this condition with no active Reader or able care-taker.

Priest Stephen Wood in addition to finishing his last year of studies at St. Herman Seminary is serving Divine services at the Cathedral and Seminary Chapel. When need arrives he helps clergy and the faithful with remote transportation needs via his airplane.

Archpriest Innocent Dresdow continues as Dean of Holy Resurrection Cathedral and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful in Karluk. In addition to the daily responsibilities of parish life, Father continues assisting pilgrims from around the world, traveling to and from Monks Lagoon. He and Matushka Veronica established Northstar Charters LLC to assist and make sure that the church is protected from liability issues related to transporting pilgrims. One boat has been donated and another is being purchased in support of this ministry. In June of this year a Rasmussen Grant in the amount of $25,000.00 was awarded to the Cathedral in support of the work necessary to rebuild one boat in the service of transporting pilgrims. The parish community was blessed to have the white picket fence surrounding the Cathedral painted by a David & Joanne Witiak who were stranded in Kodiak due to the State Ferry System strike this summer.

Holy Resurrection Cathedral 21 Baptisms 2 Chrismations 2 Marriages 3 funerals

Deacon Irenaios Anderson continues his teaching at St. Herman Seminary in addition to his service at Holy Resurrection Cathedral. He and Matushka Dionysia were co-sponsored by the Cathedral and Seminary this summer to participate in a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd trainings in Eagle River and St. Louis.

Deacon Innocent Philo is the spiritual director for Providence Kodiak Hospital and coordinates the Clinical Pastoral Education program with the seminary, in addition to his service at the Cathedral.

Deacon Herman Madsen is currently on medical leave.

His Eminence Archbishop DAVID hosted His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON for the annual St. Herman Pilgrimage this past August with local and visiting clergy from throughout the Diocese and around the world. Plans for the 50th Anniversary of St. Herman's Canonization in 2020 continue.

I am personally grateful and humbled by my brother clergy for their dedicated and selfless service to serve the communities here on Kodiak Island. Rest assured of our ongoing prayers before the holy relics of St. Herman for the clergy, their families and the faithful of the Diocese of Alaska.

Giving thanks to God-almighty,

Dr. Innocent

Archpriest Innocent Dresdow – Dean
Your Eminence, Archpriests, Priests, Protodeacons, Deacons, and the faithful of the Diocese of Alaska, below you will find statistics and a brief review of the events that took place at the Southeast Deanery this past liturgical year.

Southeast Deanery Parishes and Missionary groups
- St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral – Sitka
- St. Nicholas – Juneau
- St. John the Baptist – Angoon
- St. Nicholas – Hoonah
- Chapel of the Annunciation, Russian Bishop’s House – Sitka

Southeast Deanery Clergy
- Fr. Ishmael Andrew; Dean – Sitka

Southeast Deanery Sacrament Report
- Baptism/Chrismation
  - Juneau – 3
- Chrismation
  - Juneau – 2
- Death/Funeral
  - Sitka – 2
  - Juneau – 1

Southeast Deanery Review

St. Michael the Archangel Highlights (Sitka – Fr. Ishmael)
We had four visits from His Eminence Archbishop DAVID this past liturgical year, one which was during Pascha. It is always a great blessing to have him here.

We have been utilizing the Chapel of the Annunciation at the Russian Bishop’s House holding a service there once a month. It is always wonderful to serve there.

The establishment of a youth group has been a challenge, but we started late fall last year with mostly Mt. Edgecumbe students participating. We are planning to start youth group back up soon.

We began having bible studies late in the liturgical year, and are hoping to keep meeting more consistently. We are planning to meet every other week starting September 2019.

We hosted a St. Michael’s Day fundraiser, which was a success. We received generous donations, and it was very well attended.

The St. Michael’s Cathedral is still undergoing major repairs. Another section of the roof was completed over the summer. We are very fortunate to have the basement functioning still as well, where we gather for coffee hour every Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
2019

Yukon Deanry

Holy Transfiguration of our Lord-Pilot Station-Archpriest Stephan Heckman and Protodeacon Nicodemus Myers

Baptisms with Chrismation---------------12
Funerals---------------------------------5

We have Church school during the local school year, which is just getting started again this year.

We had a intern from St. Tikhon's seminary Branden Murphy, who was very helpful, he helped out during the village presentations and during the youth camp, he traveled with me to the parishes I serve.

Sts. Vladimir and Youth camp we had 64 children and 20 adult volunteers, 5 members of the OCMC were there to help in the village and during the youth camp.

St. Michael the Archangel/Protection of the Theotokos-Marshall-Archpriest Maxim Isaac, Attached Fr. Jason Isaac, and retired Archpriest Nicholai Isaac

Baptisms with Chrismation (2 Emergency)-----6
Funerals----------------------------------2

We had Church school during Great Lent and planning to start up again.

We have plans to repair the roof the church which was damaged by the high winds

Elevation of the Holy Cross-Russian Mission-Archpriest John Larson and retired Archpriest Peter Askooar

Baptisms with Chrismations---------------7
Weddings---------------------------------1
Funerals----------------------------------4

Church school is going well

St. Seraphim of Sarov-Lower Kalskag-Fr. John Nicorai and Deacon Luke Levi

Baptisms with Chrismations---------------14
Funerals----------------------------------8
Weddings----------------------------------2

Asking for Your Archpastoral Prayers and Blessings, We remain, Your Humble Servants
August 21, 2019

Subject: Diocesan Report for 2019

The St. Innocent Wellness Resource Center (SIWRC) was founded as a non-profit outreach of the Orthodox Church in America’s Diocese of Sitka and Alaska.

In Jan 2019 SIWRC, in collaboration with St. Innocent Cathedral in Anchorage, has begun a Narcotics Anonymous meeting every Tuesday at 6 pm. It has consistently been attended with between two and 10 people since it began.

Last year we hosted a suicide open discussion in the month of August. This year we are planning a suicide awareness presentation later in the year. The date is still to be determined. It will also be held at the St. Innocent Cathedral. We will also partner with the American Legion Post 29 to provide socks for the homeless in December.

The Parish Council has approved an office location within the Cathedral. The SIWRC office should be open later in October or November. Glory to God for all things!

Miss Sarah Wake has been consistently posting on our Facebook page this year.

Our challenge is to replace the board members that have left, become proficient in raising funds, and increase our volunteer force so that the Center may grow into a sustainable outreach to our community thereby fulfilling Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Sholl
Director

Board Members
Lois Sholl, Director
Lena Delgado, Member
Matushka Mary Erika Madsen, Treasurer

His Eminence The Most Reverend David Archbishop of Sitka and Alaska
Metropolitan Council Report to the Diocesan Assembly

Spring session February 2019

With this spring meeting session being my first meeting as a Lay Delegate for the Alaska Diocese. It was an exciting learning experience for me.

The meeting was opened with an opening prayer on Wednesday, February 13th. New metropolitan members, Members of the Standing Synod, His Eminence Archbishop David of Alaska, the New Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Father Alexander Rentel and all guests were welcomed by Metropolitan Tikhon.

**Topics of the meeting:**

**Chancery building / Archives**

The Chancery building and OCA Archives has areas that need work done to prevent any further damages. Some work that needs to be completed are upgrading electricity and prevention of water leakage. Additional funds will need to be raised to complete the work. Possible relocation of the chancery was also discussed.

**20th All-American Council**

Baltimore, MD was selected as the site for the 20th All-American Council which will be held at the Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel on July 23-30, 2021.

**OCA Pension Plan**

The Pension board presented an overview of the Pension Plan and discussed Disability Retirement, Designation of Beneficiary and Retirement.

**50th Anniversary**

The announcement of the Cruise pilgrimage for the 50th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska was discussed for each diocese. The Cruise will depart Seattle for Alaska starting June 7th, 2020. The Cruise will make stops in Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau on the way.

My first meeting with the Metropolitan council was an enjoyable and learning experience for me and I look forward to attending future meetings as the Lay Delegate for the Alaskan Diocese.

Thank you and God Bless,

Dorothy Chaney