

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