

Bethel/Kuskokwim Deanery Report  
Diocesan Assembly 2017  
Priest Vasily Fisher – Dean

**Bethel Deanery clergy assignments:**

**St. Sophia** - Bethel: Fr. Michael Trefon - Rector

**St. Nicholas** - Kwethluk: Fr. Alexander Larson - Rector, Attached: Fr. Martin Nicolai, Fr. Steven Epchook, Fr Victor Nick

**St. James the Apostle** - Napaskiak: Fr. Vasily Fisher - Rector, serving Oscarville mission and Napakiak

**Holy Trinity** - Kasigluk: Fr. Nicholai Larson - Rector

**Presentation of the Theotokos** - Nunapitchuk: Fr. Phillip Alexie – Rector

**St. Herman of Alaska** - Atmauthluk: Fr. Daniel Charles – Rector, and visits Kipnuk

**St. Agaphia** – Tuntutuliak, visited by Fr. Phillip, and Fr. Vasily

**St. Gabriel** – Kongiganak, by Fr. Joseph when needed

*Villages with churches and no priests:*

**St. Michael the Archangel** – Eek – Served by Fr. Vasily Fisher, and Fr. Victor Nick

**St. Michael** – Kwigillingok – by Fr. Joseph when needed

Akiachak, Akiak, and Tuluksak – are served by Fr. Joseph Larson living in Akiachak

Mission parishes: Oscarville, Quinhagak,

*Villages with Orthodox normally needing visits:*

Chefornak

**Transfers in or out of the Deanery over the past year:**

Fr. Leonty Johnston on leave of Absence

Fr. Ishmael Andrew has moved on to a new assignment at St. Michael's cathedral in Sitka

### **Special Events, celebrations or conferences:**

**The 2016 Bethel/Kuskokwim Conference** was held in Holy Trinity church in Kasigluk. His Grace our Bishop David attended with us, along with our chancellor Fr. Thomas Andrew. All the deanery clergy were in attendance.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> an OCMC teaching team came to Napaskiak consisting of 26 members. They came to teach children ranging from ages 7 to young adults. The team joined and helped to lead the youth conference being held in Napaskiak and lead a bible camp for youth of Napaskiak. Fr. Luke Veronas was clergy who help chaperone the OCMC youth,  
-OCMC group also helped with the foundation work for the St. Matthew mission in Oscarville.  
-A small group led by Fr. Joseph Larson went down to St. Michael the Archangel church in Eek to help build a new cupola and to put it up on the church there on a weekend.

The 4rd annual Three Holy Youths Kuskokwim youth conference was held in the village of Napaskiak. Youth from around the deanery were in attendance. This coming year Kasigluk will be hosting.

St. James the Apostle church in Napaskiak has sent two families to attend St. Herman seminary this year. Joseph Evon and family, and Adrian Andrew and family are first year students at St. Herman's this year.

Fr. James Keene is in his last year at seminary this year he is from the parish of Holy Trinity in Kasigluk.

### **Parish Sacrament Report:**

St. Nicholas, Kwethluk	19 Baptisms, 1 Chrismation, 6 Funerals
St. James the Apostle, Napaskiak	17 Baptisms, 1 Marriage, 5 Funerals
Presentation of the Theotokos, Nunapitchuk	3 Baptisms
Holy Trinity, Kasigluk	7 Baptisms, 2 Unction, 2 Marriages, 3 Funerals
St. Agafia, Tuntutuliak	13 Baptisms, 5 Funerals, 1 Marriage
St. Herman of Alaska, Atmauthluak	2 Baptisms, 1 Chrismation, 1 Funeral
St. Sophia, Bethel	9 Baptisms, 2 Chrismations, 1 funeral, 1 marriage
Akiachak	3 Baptisms