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KENAI DEANERY

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Your Grace,
Master bless.

All divine services for the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church in Kenai have been done. Vespers and Vigils, Divine Liturgies are served every weekend and every major holy day throughout the year. The following are the statistics for the Kenai church:

Baptism & Chrismation	3
Chrismation	0
Marriage	0
Funerals	4

Bible Studies at the Wildwood Correctional Center (the prison) are held every week on Thursday afternoons if I can make it. Scriptural studies are based on the five book series "A Year of the Lord: Liturgical Bible Studies" by Theodore Stylianopoulos. The studies are on the following Sunday's readings of the Epistle and the Gospel. Questions and answers are usually provided for the inmates since those who attend are not necessarily Orthodox Christians. These sessions are usually fun and enjoyable. Throughout the years, we have gained two inmates who became Orthodox Christians. I still would like to have our priests who are assigned to communities that have jails to provide Bible Studies as it gives a more complete understanding of our Church through the scriptures. This activity will also provide a preparation for the priest for the following Sunday services.

I am attending two group meetings with the 1. Roman Catholic, Methodist, & Anglican clergy AND 2. the Protestant groups every month. Both groups are usually social in nature and topics discussed does not include doctrine. It is interesting to note that group 1 does not come to meet with group 2. Since Orthodoxy does not have any "protestants" I don't have to choose "sides."

Due to time restraints, I have only attended one regional conference on the Yukon River at Pilot Station in early June. This was the first time I had returned to the village since we left in 2002.

As Chancellor, I have traveled to Syosset for our annual Treasurers and Chancellors meetings in January of this year.

As Your Grace knows, we have just recently settled into our "new" Anchorage home. Please forgive me if this report was late. Reports from Archpriest Jonah Andrew, who services the PWS and Priest James Gust are attached.

Humbly submitted,

Archpriest Thomas Andrew

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018 Parish Activity Report from Fr Jonah Andrew
Kenai Deanery

Nativity of the Theotokos Church, Chenega Bay

I make quarterly visits to Chenega, or sooner if needed. I have also attended and offered the invocation at Chenega Corporation's annual meeting, attended the Memorial celebration of those who lost their lives in the tsunami, and blessed the new Community Center in Chenega.

Along with His Grace, Bishop DAVID, I served at the funeral of Matushka Mary Kompkoff; may her memory be eternal.

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St. Nicholas Church, Tatitlek

I have made three trips to Tatitlek during 2018. I took religious items from the St. Innocent Cathedral Bookstore to sell in the village, at the request of the faithful. Almost everything was sold, and they people were very grateful for the chance to get icons, crosses and religious books and music. When clergy travel to some of the more remote villages, it is a great opportunity for them to bring along religious items for sale.

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Community, Valdez

I made one trip to Valdez for a funeral. This community is not a regular pastoral responsibility, but I will go if/when I am needed.

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Fr. James Gust, Kenai Deanery 2018

Annual Report for Sts. Sergius & Herman of Valaam Nanwalek, AK

Baptism - 7
Death - 0
Wedding - 0

Once a month visit for at least one week each visit

Annual Report for St. Herman of Alaska Parish Port Graham, AK

Baptism - 3
Death - 1
Wedding - 0