



Saint Innocent of Alaska Orthodox Mission

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October 11th, 2020

**His Eminence, the Most-Reverend +MICHAEL
Archbishop of New York and the
Diocese of New York and New Jersey**

Dear Vladyko,

Master bless! This year has certainly been a challenging one for Saint Innocent of Alaska Mission in Oneonta. The Mission as with the rest of the Diocese has been challenged and affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This has affected the Mission economically and spiritually. **Liturgical Life** – The year began with a full schedule of services. The Saturday evening Vespers had an average weekly attendance 5 to 10 faithful. Sunday Divine Liturgy was the best attended service. Our parish reached a high point early on in 2020 with an average attendance ranging from 30 to 41 people on Sundays. Most Sunday's attendance in the high 20's or mid 30's. **Concerning Feast Days** - Vespers and the Divine Liturgy were being served on every Great Feast of the year and on many lower ranking Feasts, especially those of the North American Saints, our patron Saint Innocent and others prior to covid-19. We also served a regular Lenten schedule, clean week, and Holy week.

When the shutdown happened, our schedule immediately went from well-attended services to an empty church and live-streamed services. This went on until mid-May when we began to have people again in Church at a limited number. By July, the parish was fully reopened and full attendance was granted.

Membership – St. Innocent Mission had 40 members that were active and in good standing with the Orthodox Church at the beginning of 2020. After some families moved due to economic relocation and others have chosen not to attend due to covid-19 risks, the parish has an average attendance of 16 to 20 people on Sundays.

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Finances – Our current balances are:

General Operating Fund - \$12,350.23

Building Fund/Capital Campaign - \$11,827.98

**Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Δέσποτα! Многії літа, Владико! Many years,
Master!**

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

Presbyter Vasil Dubee