

## **Diocesan Assembly Report – 2022 - St. Innocent Orthodox Mission, Oneonta, NY**

Your Eminence, brother clergy, lay delegates and observers to the Diocesan Assembly  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

We are immensely grateful for the financial support of His Eminence, our beloved Archbishop Michael, and of the Diocesan Council. So much of what we do, as a mission, would be impossible without the grace of God and your most generous support.

During Great Lent of 2022, His Eminence served Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. He returned for Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. How wonderful to have him with us twice a year and we know that His Eminence always keeps us close in his prayers.

All of the faithful of Saint Innocents Mission in Oneonta would like to take this opportunity to thank God for you and the love you so selflessly give to the Diocese, that gets invested in the evangelistic and salvific endeavors for the Christian families of the Upstate Finger Lakes Region of New York.

Saint Innocent's mission has a long and rich history of attracting students and ministering to this region's many Orthodox Christians and inquirers. Some faithful travel as far as an hour and a half to worship and grow in this community.

Saint Innocents continues to be a haven for the students of the two local universities in Oneonta - Hartwick College, and SUNY Oneonta - a trusted connection to the church, helping parents to feel better about their children being away from home.

All parishioners are encouraged to play an active role within the church, participating as singers, while ordained and trained Readers are responsible for the various readings in all liturgical services. Many that have an interest are taught for the first time to chant, sing and serve within the divine services offered at the mission.

Although our attendance at services has not fully recovered from the pandemic, our donations remain at a pre-pandemic level. Our current financial situation is stable, thanks to the Diocesan Grant we are blessed to receive and to the continued support of our parishioners and friends. A full report of monthly finances, prepared by our Treasurer is presented at each Parish Council meeting and at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. In addition to our weekly collection at services, we also receive donations from out-of-town friends and family members.

Balances in our bank accounts include:

Savings/Building fund: \$14,703.00

Checking acct: \$22,860.00

Total liquid assets: \$37,563.00

Non-liquid asset: \$35,000.00 - \$40,000.00 Parcel of land, 5 miles away from the mission.

We are very grateful to all who support us, both from inside and outside of our Mission. We are particularly thankful to our Diocese for its faithful support of our ministries, growth and outreach. We would not be able to continue without your support and generosity that allows us to foster vocations, evangelize the seekers, and feed physically and spiritually hungry.

Asking for your prayers and continued support,

Archpriest Timothy Holowatch