
The Orthodox Churches in the USA at the Beginning of a New Millennium. The Questions of Nature, Identity and Mission.

A Survey of the Parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

I. History, Location and Church Building of Your Parish

1. The name of your parish:.....
2. In what ZIP code area is located the church building of your parish? Zip _____
3. In approximately what year was your parish initially founded? _____
3. In what year did your parish begin services in its current building? _____
4. As for current church-building, your parish: (please, circle "X" in one box)
has built it 1 has purchased it 2 has rented it 3
5. How would you describe the place where your church-building is located? (please, circle "X" in one box)
Rural area or open country 1
Town or village of less than 10,000 2
In or near the city of:
 10,000 - 49,999 3
 50,000-249,999 4
 250,000+ 5

(if you select 3 or 4 or 5, please, answer also question 6 below)

6. If in or near a city, is your church located, this is:

- The central or downtown area of the city 1
- Another area of the city (old residential area, etc.) . . 2
- An old suburb near the city... 3
- A new, still growing suburb near the city.... 4

7. How satisfactory for the current needs of your parish are the following (please, answer each line)?:

	1. More Than We Need	2. Just About Right	3. Less Than We Need
7A. The space for worship inside church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
7B. The space for Saturday/Sunday school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
7C. The parish hall for the meetings, coffee hours, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

8. What is the **maximum capacity** of your Church? It can accommodate up to _____ persons.

9. How would you describe the physical condition of your church-building?

- 1 It is excellent 2 It is Good/Satisfactory 3 It obviously needs the improvements and repairs

II. Worship and Identity of Your Parish

10. About how full is your church on a typical Sunday (please, circle "X" in one box)

- 1 Less than 20%
- 2 21 to 40%
- 3 41 to 60%
- 4 61 to 80%
- 5 the Church is almost or completely full

11. Please, give an estimation of percent of usage of various languages in which **liturgy (service) is celebrated** on a typical Sunday

Language	Percent Used
1. English	
2. Ukrainian	
3. Church-Slavonic	
4.	

12. Give an estimation of percent of usage of various languages in which **sermon/preaching is delivered** on a typical Sunday

Language	Percent Used
1. English	
2. Ukrainian	
3. Other:	
4.	

13. Services in your parish	1.Friday	2. Saturday	3. Sunday
13A.. How many liturgies are celebrated in your parish on each of the following days on a typical weekend?			
13B. If you typically celebrate more than one liturgy during Friday-Sunday period, are these services: (circle "X" in one box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Very similar in style and in the language used <input type="checkbox"/> 2 They are <i>different</i> in style but the same in the language used <input type="checkbox"/> 3 They are similar in style, but <i>different</i> in the language used <input type="checkbox"/> 4 They are different both in style and in the language used <input type="checkbox"/> 5 We have only one liturgy during typical weekend			
13C. What is the maximum attendance in your church on the special festive liturgies (like Eastern or Christmas)? These are about persons			

14. How often does **your sermon** focus on: **(please, answer each line by circling "X")**

		1.Often	2.Sometimes	3.Seldom
14A.	Practical advice for daily living of your parishioners	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14B.	Personal spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14C.	Personal Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14D.	Living a moral life	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14E.	Stewardship of time and money	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14F.	Miracle stories	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14G.	Social and political issues in the area of your parish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14H.	Social and political issues in the USA in generally	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
14I.	Social and political issues in Ukraine, former Soviet Union	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

15. How often does your sermon include **a lot of**: **(please, circle one "X" on each line)**

		1. Often	2.Sometimes	3.Seldom
15A.	Personal stories or first-hand experiences	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
15B.	Literary or scholarly references	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
15C.	Examples from contemporary mass-media (such as magazines, newspapers, television, movies, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
15D.	Detailed explanations of scripture or doctrine	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

16. How often are the following used in your parish's liturgy **(please, circle one "X" on each line)**

		1. Often	2.Sometimes	3.Seldom
16A.	Organ or piano	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
16B.	Electronic keyboard or synthesizer	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
16C.	String or wind instruments (harp, violin, guitar, flute, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
16D.	Recorded music (tapes, cd's, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

17. How well does each of the following statements describe your parish? (please, circle one "X" on each line)

		1. Quite Well	2. Some-What	3. Slightly or Not at All
17A.	Our parish is like a close-knit family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17B.	Our parish is active and alive	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17C.	Our parish is working for social justice	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17D.	Our parish is trying to increase its ethnic and cultural diversity	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17E.	Community nearby is well informed about activities in our parish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17F.	Our parish welcomes changes and new ways of doing worship	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17G.	Our parish has a strong Ukrainian national heritage and identity that we are trying to preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17H.	New people are easily incorporated into the life of our parish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
17I.	We have various well organized social programs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

18. How important are the following sources of authority in the worship and daily life of your parish? (please, circle one "X" on each line)

		1. Very Important	2. Somewhat Important	3. Little Important
18A.	The holy Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18B.	Russian ethnic culture and historic traditions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18C.	Human reason and understanding	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18D.	Guidance of your ruling Bishop	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18E.	Decisions taken by the Holy Synod of the UOC of the USA	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

III. The Members of Your Parish:

[We know you may have to estimate or just guess by the answers to some questions. That is O.K.]

19. Approximately how many persons total would you say are associated **in any way** with the life of your parish (counting both adults and children, both regular and irregular participants, both "legal" registered members and those participating without paying membership dues)?

→ → About _____ persons

20. Approximately how many persons would you say (both adults and children) **regularly participate** in the life of your parish (i.e. those attending regularly church-services, Sunday school, etc.)

→ → About _____ persons

21. Approximately, what is proportion of children under 16 yrs. In your church during liturgy on a typical Sunday? (please, circle "X" in one box)	Very few 0-20%	Some 21-40	Many 41-60%	Most 61-80%	Nearly all 81-100%
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

22. Since 1990, has the number of **regularly participating persons in your parish**: (please, circle "X" in one box)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Increased significantly (20% or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Decreased slightly (10% to 20%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Increased slightly (10% to 20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Decreased significantly (20% or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Stayed about the same (+/- 10%) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Our parish did not exist in 1990 |

23. What is the major, most important **source of the new members** in your parish now (please, circle "X" one box):

- 1 the new immigrant families from Ukraine and ex-USSR 4 all sources (1-3) are quite important

- 2 the growing children of the current parishioners 5 difficult to say
3 the "American" converts to Orthodoxy from Non-Orthodox Christian Churches

24. Of the total number of **regularly participating adults**, what proportion would you estimate are:
(please, circle "X" on the each line)

	1 Very few 0-20%	2 Some 21-40	3 Many 41-60%	4 Most 61-80%	5 Nearly all 81-100%
24A. Female	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24B. Less than high school diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24C. College or university graduates	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24D. Age 35 or younger	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24E. Over 60 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24F. Converts to Orthodoxy from other Christian Churches	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24G. Living in the walking distance around church-building	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24H. Commuting for more than 30 minutes to come to the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24I. In households with incomes below \$ 20, 000	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24J. In households with incomes above \$ 75, 000	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24K. Have children under 16 yrs. Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24L. Were born outside of USA – i.e. they are "first-generation" immigrants from Ukraine or other countries	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

25. What is an estimated, approximate percentage of the mixed wedding-ceremonies (Orthodox with Non-Orthodox) celebrated in your parish? **About** _____%

26. Of your total number of **regularly participating adults**, how many (what percent) would you estimate are:

- 26A. Born in the USA persons of Ukrainian ancestry _____% 26E. American Indian/Alaska Native _____%
26B. First generation-immigrants from Ukraine _____% 26F. Asian _____%
26C. White "American" _____% 26G. Black American _____%
26D. Hispanic or Latino _____%

27. Would you say that the members of your parish are basically similar or rather dissimilar to the other residents in this area in terms of their culture or language, income and age? (please, circle one "X" on each line)

	1. Similar	2. Dissimilar
27A. Culture or language	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
27B. Income	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
27C. Age	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

IV. Mission Work and Other Programs of Your Parish

28. Does your parish have a Saturday or Sunday school that meets regularly? 1 Yes 2 No

IF YES: 29A. How many **adults (18 and over)** attend this school? → → → → → About _____persons

35. In the past 12 months, did your parish organize and provide any of the following services for your own members or for people in the nearby community? **(please circle one "X" on the each line)**

	1. No	2. Yes, for our parish members only	3. Yes, also for people in nearby community
35A. Soup kitchen, food donations, etc. for the needy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35B. Financial (cash, vouchers, food stamps) assistance given to families or individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35C. Emergency and homeless shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35D. Affordable housing for elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35E. Day-nursery or kindergarten	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35F. Literacy or after-school programs for children and teens	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35G. Employment counseling and training	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35H. Any medical assistance (including nursing homes)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35I. Prison ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35J. Programs of daily life assistance for senior citizens	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
35K. Social issue advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

36. During the past 12 months, did your parish do any of the following with a purpose to make your church better known in nearby community and to reach out to new members? **(please, circle one "X" on each line)**

	1. Yes	2. No
36A. Advertisements or stories in local newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
36B. Direct mail, distribution of announcements to the homes of the area residents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
36C. Efforts to identify and to contact the immigrants from Ukraine who recently settled in your parish's area	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
36D. Stressing to your parish's members the importance of sharing with others of Orthodox faith	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
36E. Special programs (cultural events, concerts, art festivals) intended to attract Non-Orthodox or unchurched people in your area	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

37. Is your parish involved in any of following ecumenical activities with other (Not-Orthodox) Christian churches?

	1. Yes	2. No
37A. Occasional joint ecumenical prayer/services	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
37B. Joint social service projects	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
37C. Participation in local council of churches and/or ministerial associations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

38. Does your parish have any regular publication (newsletter or so) that is mailed to the homes of the parish's members?
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1 – Yes 2 – No

39A. If "yes", how many addresses you have on your mailing list? **About.....addresses.**

39B. How frequent is published your parish's newsletter?

- 1 – more frequent than once a month 2 – monthly or less frequent
3 – we don't have any regular parish's publication

V. Priesthood and Leadership in Your Parish

We assume that this questionnaire is filled in by the (senior) priest who is in a charge of the parish. We will appreciate if you can tell us a few words about your personal background, work-experiences and approaches to the daily work with your parish.

In a case this questionnaire is filled in not by a priest who is in a charge of the parish, please, **try to describe your senior priest and to answer other questions** to the best of your knowledge.

40. What is your age? _____ years old
41. Where you were born? Place (name of city, village): _____ State: _____ Country: _____
42. How many years ago you were ordained as a priest? _____ years ago
43. Where you were ordained? 1 – in the USA 2 – in another country (please, write where: _____)
44. How many years are you working as a priest in this parish? _____ years
45. Your work as a priest, is (please, circle "X" in one box which apply the most)
1 – Full time paid position 3 – Full time but supplemented by retirement
2 – Full time but supplemented by outside work 4 – Part time
46. What is the highest level of your **secular education?** (please, circle "X" in one box)
1 - High school diploma or less 3 - College with Bachelor's Degree 5 - Doctoral Degree
2 - Some college or technical 4 - Masters Degree
47. What is the highest level of you **theological education as a priest?**
1 - None 3 – Seminary
2–Certificate/correspondence program 4–Seminary Masters(M.Div.,M.R.E.) or Post-Masters (D.Min) degree
48. What was your first ("Mother") language that you've spoken as a child?
1 - English 2 - Ukrainian 3 – Other (please, write which one:.....)
49. As for your "first identity", do you consider yourself to be first of all (**please, circle "X" in one box**):
1 – "Just American" 3 – "American born person of Ukrainian ancestry" 5 – difficult to say
2 – "Ukrainian" 4 – Other (please, write what:.....)
50. In addition to the senior priest, whether there are also assistant priest(s) assigned to your parish?
1 – Yes (how many: _____) 2 – No
51. Which of the following best describes the situation in your parish? (please, circle "X" in one box)
1 We do not have problem getting people to make volunteer work in the parish.
2 Recruiting volunteers is a challenge, but eventually we find enough willing people.
3 We cannot find enough people who are willing to do volunteer work in the parish.
52. During recent (years has your parish experienced any internal disagreements or even conflicts in the following areas? (please, circle one "X" on each line)

	1. Yes	2. No
52A. How liturgy is celebrated	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52B. Social program's priorities or emphases	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

52C. Who should make a decision in a parish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52D. Money and Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52E. Priest's leadership style	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52F. Priest's personal behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52G. Member's personal behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52H. What language must be used in the church (Church Slavonic, Russian or English)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52I. Participation of the parish in ecumenical events	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52J. Relationship with the Ukrainian Autocephalous Church in the Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52K. Relationship with other Orthodox jurisdictions here in the USA	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52L. Missionary policy of the parish, acceptance into the parish of the new members – the "American" converts to Orthodoxy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
52M. Ukrainian cultural education of the parish's members children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

53. Which one of the following statements best describes your parish? (please, circle "X" in one box)

- 1 Our parish has clear expectations for our members that are strictly enforced.
2 Our parish has fairly clear expectations for members, but the enforcement of these expectations is not very strict.
3 Our parish doesn't have any special expectations for our members.

54. What is your very personal position with regard to mixed marriages (Orthodox with Protestant or Catholic) in your parish? (please, select one answer which seems to be most appropriate)

- 1 – I will not give my blessing for marriage to a member of my parish unless the other person will convert to Orthodoxy first
2 – I will try to discourage this marriage to the extent possible, but will give my blessing, if the member of my parish will insist on it.
3 – There is no problem with this, although I hope that the other, "Not-Orthodox", part of the family will eventually join our Church in the future.
4 – I don't see any problems with inter-religious marriages, because they are very common in American society
5 – We have very few examples of inter-religious marriages in our parish and this problem does not exist as such
6 – Difficult to say or don't like to answer this question.

55. In the case of above-mentioned inter-religious marriages in your parish, do you have any expectations about religion of the future children? (please, select one answer which seems to be most appropriate)

- 1 – I will not give my blessing to the member of my parish unless he/she will promise to baptize children in an Orthodox church
2 – I will try to encourage the member of my parish to baptize future children in an Orthodox church.
3 – I don't have any expectations: the only family will decide about religion of the future children.
4 – We have very few examples of inter-religious marriages in our parish and this problem does not exist as such
5 – Difficult to say or don't like to answer this question.

56. How would you describe your parish's general financial situation currently and 5 years ago?

56A. **Currently:** 1 Good 2 Tight, but manageable 3 In difficulty

56B. **In 1997:** 1 Good 2 Tight, but manageable 3 In difficulty 4 Our parish did not exist then