

Reaching Forward to What Lies Ahead:
Saints Peter and Paul Vision 2015

Report of the 2015 Parish Census

Respectfully Submitted by
Strategic Planning Committee

Introduction

In January 2015, Fr. Panagiotis Boznos and the Parish Council established a Strategic Planning Committee to formulate the future vision and goals of the parish. Members of the committee met monthly throughout 2015 to work on the strategic plan. The committee engaged parishioners in all aspects of the planning to solicit their input concerning the future of the parish.

In order to gain detailed information about parish demographic composition, the Committee launched a Census in July 2015. The Census was designed so that one member of each household could complete it for everyone in that household.

Parishioners could complete the census online or submit a paper copy to the Church office or Outreach Table. To obtain the greatest participation possible, the parish used multiple e-mail, bulletin and newsletter announcements to encourage all parishioners to complete in the Census. Ultimately, 40.8% of stewards responded to the Census.

Results:

1. Census Respondents:

	Count	Percentage of Stewards
Households	314	40.8%
Individuals (adults & dependents)	884	
Parents/Adults	617	48.7%
Children in household	267	

2.8 individuals/per household

2. Household Size:

Household Size	Count	Percentage
1 Member	69	22.0%
2 Members	100	31.8%
3 Members	28	8.9%
4 Members	68	21.7%
5 Members	36	11.5%
6 Members	12	3.8%
7 Members	1	0.3%

3. Marital Status

	Count	Percentage
Married	232	73.9%
Divorced	17	5.4%
Widowed	45	14.3%
Single	20	6.4%

4. Religious Status

	Count	Percentage
Non-Orthodox	61	6.9%
Orthodox	823	93.1%
Orthodox & Baptized in infancy	756	91.9%
Orthodox Convert	67	8.1%

5. Denomination of Marriage Ceremony

	Count	Percentage
Orthodox	227	97.8%
Non-Orthodox	5	2.2%

6. Parish Membership

	Count	Percentage
Primary Membership at SS PP	300	95.5%
Primary Membership Elsewhere	14	4.5%

7. Top Cities of Residence

City	Count	Percentage
Glenview	90	38.8%
Northbrook	37	15.9%
Wilmette	28	12.1%
Chicago	20	8.6%
Winnetka	12	5.2%
Evanston	12	5.2%
Park Ridge	10	4.3%
Arlington Heights	9	3.9%
Morton Grove	7	3.0%
Lake Forest	7	3.0%

8. Year of birth (note 91% entered their year of birth)

Year Range	Count	Percentage
1920-1929	30	3.7%
1930-1939	60	7.4%
1940-1949	42	5.2%
1950-1959	112	13.9%
1960-1969	147	18.2%
1970-1979	78	9.7%
1980-1989	44	5.5%
1990-1999	120	14.9%
2000-2009	144	17.8%
2010 +	30	3.7%

9. Fluency in English (853 responses)

Fluency in English	Count	Percentage
Native	753	88.3%
Fluent	69	8.1%
Advanced	13	1.5%
Conversant	4	0.5%
Basic	6	0.7%
None	8	0.9%

10. Fluency in Greek (842 responses)

Fluency in Greek	Count	Percentage
Native	39	4.6%
Fluent	124	14.7%
Advanced	52	6.2%
Conversant	105	12.5%
Basic	220	26.1%
None	302	35.9%

11. Understanding of Liturgy in Greek (842 responses)

Level of Understanding	Count	Percentage
Full	136	16.2%
Partial	203	24.1%
Very little	207	24.6%
Not at all	296	35.2%