Our Mission @ a glance:

Parish Shower: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parish Shower held the morning of February 10! We had over 45 people present and received many donations and gifts that will be used to furnish our new facility.

Welcome Susannah! On Sunday, February 11, Susannah Reynolds was baptized into the Orthodox Church. She is the first baby to be baptized in our new facility! May God grant her, her sponsors, and family MANY YEARS!

Bishop's Visit: His Grace, Bishop TIKHON visited our Mission the weekend of February 10 & 11. During his visit he officially installed Fr. Timothy as Rector of the Parish and awarded him the honor of wearing the Nabedranik. His Grace was very pleased with the progress of the Mission and encouraged the parish to continue in our efforts to establish a vibrant community on the West Shore.

"The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit...AMEN!" On Sunday, February 18, we rejoiced at the Chrismation of Juliana (Autumn) Carpenter prior to the Divine Liturgy. We offer our prayers and support for the Newly Illumined Juliana and her sponsor Elizabeth Gaither, as Juliana has now fully entered into the Communion of the Church - May God Grant Her Many Years!

Young Adult Retreat: On St. Theodore Saturday, February 24, our Mission hosted a Pan-Orthodox Young Adult retreat. Over 40 participants came from as far away as Washington, D.C. and Baltimore to spend time in prayer, fellowship and learning about our faith. We were blessed to have Fr. Archimandrite Christodulos Papadeas visit us and offer some reflections on spiritual life. The day began with Divine Liturgy and ended with Great Vespers. What an appropriate way to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend with several Orthodox Churches

represented! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success!

Combined Presanctified Liturgy: On Friday, March 2, Holy Apostles Mission and Christ the Saviour Church will celebrate a combined parish Presanctified Liturgy with a Lenten Potluck to follow at Christ the Saviour Church. Liturgy will begin at 7:00 pm with confessions prior to Liturgy.

Seminary Dean to Visit: Fr. Michael Dahulich will again visit our Mission on Friday evening, March 16 to celebrate the Presanctified Divine Liturgy with us. Come for Liturgy and a potluck following and hear Fr. Michael tell us about the good work taking place at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Lenten Mission Vespers: This year our Mission will host a Deanery Lenten Vespers on Sunday evening, March 11, at 5:00 pm. Join us as we and the clergy and faithful from the Frackville Deanery come together to pray during this Lenten season. Fr. Seraphim Majmudar, the newly appointed pastor of Christ the Saviour Church in Harrisburg, will offer the sermon.

An Akathist to St. Anna will be sung on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 pm to honor the visit of the Myrrh-streaming ikon of St. Anna at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (601 S. Harrisburg St.) in Steelton, PA. Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski will bring the ikon from the Church of our Lady, Joy of All Who Sorrow, in Philadelphia. Fr. Athanasy will give the sermon. Everyone is welcome!

Mission Council Meeting: The monthly meeting of the Mission Council will be held Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Church. All parish members are invited to participate in this important administrative ministry of the Church.

"Orthodoxy 101" Class will begin meeting on Tuesday evenings during Lent since we will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evenings. We will be focusing our classes this winter/spring on Church History. Join us as we learn how the Holy Spirit has inspired and guided the Church through the ages.