

Tab.2 Orthodox Churches in USA: Origins, Growth, Current Trends of Development

Orthodox jurisdiction	1. The oldest of still existing parishes: years and places of foundations		2. Year of creation of the initial diocesan structures	3. Developments during 1990-2000		4. Major sources of new members
				% of founded parishes	Member-ship's changes	
1 OCA: 1a Td-OCA	1794:Kodiak, AK; 1868:SanFrancisco 1887:Minneapolis, MN; 1891:Old Forge, PA; 1892: Chicago & Wilkes Barre, PA; 1894: Bridgeport, CT & Buffalo, NY; 1895: Seattle, WA & Portland, OR & Ansonia, CT. (*)		1874 as diocese of Russian Orthod.Church; 1924 self-governing Metropolia; 1970 independ. autocephalous Church	12%	"0"	1/3 imgr 1/3 chldr 1/3 cnvrt
1b Alb-OCA	1908: Boston; 1911: Jamestown, NY; 1912: Southbridge, MA.		1918 1972 with OCA	0%	"++"	imgr
1c Blg-OCA	1916: Burton, MI; 1933: Lorain, OH.	1938 1963 break with Bulgarian Orthod. Mother Church & came under OCA		32%	"++"	imgr
1d Rom-OCA	1904:Cleveland, OH; 1906: Hermitage, PA & Youngstown, OH & Indianapolis, IN; 1908: Merrillville, IN.	1929 1951 break with Romanian Orthodox Mother Church 1960 – came under OCA.		30%	"++"	imgr
2 GrkArch	1864:NewOrleans, LO; 1892: Long Island, NY & Chicago city		1921	9%	"+"	chldr
3 AntArch	1895: Brooklyn, NY; 1898: Beaumont, TX; 1900: West Roxbury, MA 1902: Worcester, MA & Kearney, NE.		1936 two differ. jurisdictions 1975 - united into AntArch	33%	"++"	cnvrt
4 SOC-USA	1894: Jackson, CA; 1895: Galveston, TX; 1901: McKeesport, PA;		1921 1963 schism	20%	"+"	½ imgr ½ chldr
5 SOC-NGM	1903: Steelton, PA; 1904:Chicago,IL 1905: Johnstown & Monroeville, PA & Butte, MT.		1977 creation of independent SOC-NGM 1993 formal re-conciliation	3%	"+"	imgr
6 UOC	1897: Troy, NY; 1903: Carnegie, PA; 1908: PinelasPark,FL & PalosPark,IL & Monessen,PA.		1924&1932 two Ukrainian Orth. jurisdictions 1996 unification into UOC	4%	"-" "0"	½ imgr ½ chldr
7 CrptRus	1938: Johnstown, PA & Bridgeport, CT & Perth Amboy, NJ.		1938	9%	"-"	cnvrt
8 RomArch	1906: Lansing, IL; 1916: Fort Wayne, IN; 1924: Southbridge, MA	1929 1951 schism: RomArch remain under Romanian Orth.Church		20%	"0"	½ imgr ½ chldr
9 Blg-USA	1907: Madison, IL; 1914: Steelton, PA; 1915: Indianapolis, IN	1938 1963 schism: Blg-USA remain under Bulgarian Orth.Church		0%	"0"	½ chldr ½ imgr
10 AlbAm	1921: Boston, MA; 1949: Chicago, IL.	1918 1950 autonomous diocese under Constantinople Patriarch		0%	"++"	imgr
11ParROC	1892: New York; 1894: Brookside, AL.		N/a	0%	"-"	½ chldr ½ imgr
12 ROCOR	1896:Mayfield, PA;1900:Simpson,PA 1906:Newark,NJ; West coast - 1926: San Francisco.		1927	13%	"+"	2/3 imgr 1/3 cnvrt
13MacdPar	1963: Gary, IN; by 1970: Columbus, OH.	1963 (one diocese for USA & Canada & Australia)		25%	"+"	imgr

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14 HOCNA	1952: Worcester, MA; 1961: Brookline, MA; 1968: Seattle, WA 1972: Roslindale, MA.	1988	40%	"+"	½ cnvrt ½ chldr
15 VasArch	1967: Queens, NY; 1970: Jamaica, NY.	1969	33%	"+"	½ cnvrt ½ imgr
16 AssyCh	1923: New Britain, CT & Flint, MI & Chicago, IL & Turlock, CA.	1942	28%	"0"	½ imgr ½ chldr
17 Arm- Echm	1880: Cambridge, MA; 1891: Worcester, MA; 1895: Fresno, CA; 1897: Providence, RI & Hartford, CT; 1900: Watertown, MA;	1898 1933-schism among parishes 1957-creation of Arm-Clc diocese Under Cilicia Catholicossate	20%	"+"	½ imgr ½ cnvrt (mixed families mainly)
18 Arm-Clc	1910: Fowler, CA; 1915: New York city.		10%	"0"	½ imgr ½ chldr
19 Copt	1970: Los Angeles & Jersey city, NJ; 1971: Brooklyne, NY;	1990	N/d	"++"	imgr
20 SyrAnt	1907: Paramus, NJ; 1913: Central Falls, RI; 1923: Worcester, MA;; West coast: 1966, Burbank, CA.	1957	43%	"0"	chldr
21 Mlnk- Syr	1973: Staten Island, NY; 1976: Houston, TX & West Nyack, NY & Carrollton, TX.	1993	20%	"0"- "+"	½ imgr ½ chldr
22 Mlnk- Ind	1971: Yonkers, NY & Staten Island, NY.	1979	19%	"0"- "+"	½ imgr ½ chldr

"N/a"- not applicable; "N/d" – no data available.

1. The dates of establishment of a parish as a community of faithful with a permanent priest assigned to it.

(*) – during 1794-1868 several small still existing parishes were also established on Alaska

2. The diocesan structures of Orthodox jurisdictions in USA have been changed many times during 20th century. The bold printed dates in this column indicate the years of historically first unification of a group of the independent parishes into diocese with a bishop in residence. Further dates may show most important break-ups of and schisms in some jurisdictions or, on the contrary, their re-unifications.

3. **Left column:** this percentage indicates the share of parishes that were established during 1990-2000;

Right column - changes of personal membership in the Church during 1990-2000: "++" – Dynamic growth; "+" – Growth; "0" - Stability; "-" - Declining.

Note: Both indicators reflect the average tendency for each jurisdiction. In generally, however, the Orthodox parishes and dioceses situated on West coast demonstrate more dynamic growth and development.

4. The sources of growth: "imgr" - the newly coming immigrants from Old World; "chldr" - the USA'-born children of current members of the Church; "cnvrt" – converts to Eastern Christianity who was born and raised in other religious traditions. This includes also those who came to Orthodox Church through the mixed "Orthodox-Non-Orthodox" marriages.