

Dillingham Deanery
2010

Your Grace, Fathers, and Delegates,

This year at New Stuyahok we had three high lights:

After a few years of having no conference; this year the St. Sergius parish of New Stuyahok hosted the 2010 conference. We were happy to have Fr. Gerasim with us for the conference, The priests and the people had a chance to be with him and ask him questions about the church and some questions about him. I think it was good for all of us to have this chance to listen to him on his views of the church and other related questions.

We had a wonderful Youth Camp this year at Nunacuaq. Nunacuaq was an old village where there once was a church of St. Seraphim of Sarov. We had our services outside. The camp was a three day event, started on a Friday and ended on Sunday, September 17-19 . We had about 30 kids attending and about 11 adults that came to help. We started with a moliben service on Friday evening and an orientation meeting. On Saturday the day was started with a litya service for the departed who used to live in the old village. Later there were lessons for the children which lasted the whole day, On the evening we had our vespers service with confession for those who wanted to confess. Sunday we had Liturgy and all received communion. After breakfast we begin braking camp and after a short prayer everyone was happy to go home. We hope that the camp will grow to have more children and adults in attendance.

We also had a Wellness Conference on September 28-30, put together by the New Stuyahok Wellness Committee and South Central Foundation. We were blessed to have His Grace Bishop Benjamin give lectures on, "Parenting and Loving well". It is my hope that this will help those on their way to healing.

We are happy to have Archpriest Victor Nick at Dillingham holding regular services at St. Seraphim church there. He also visits Aleknagik, Clarks Point and Ekuk.

Archpriest Ivan Gumlickpuk serves St. Michael church at Koliganek. This year he did three baptisms, two weddings and no funerals. And right now they are working on leveling the church floor by putting hardwood flooring.

We give thanks to God who has blessed us this year with many blessings.

Asking for your Archpastrol Blessings and Holy Prayers I remain

Your humble servant

Archpriest Alexie Askoak
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