

AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF NEW YORK

STATISTICS

A general summary of the statistics for the African Orthodox Church of New York for the year 1926 is presented in Table 1.

The membership of the African Orthodox Church of New York is composed of all baptized persons, whether infants or adults, who have been received into its local churches.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1926: AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF NEW YORK

ITEM	Number	ITEM	Number
Churches (local organizations)	3	Parsonages:	
Members	717	Value—Churches reporting	1
Average per church	239	Amount reported	\$15,000
Membership by sex:		Debt—Churches reporting	1
Male	262	Amount reported	\$11,000
Female	355	Expenditures during year:	
Sex not reported	100	Churches reporting	2
Males per 100 females	73.8	Amount reported	\$18,900
Membership by age:		Current expenses and improve-	
Under 13 years	116	ments	\$15,200
13 years and over	501	Benevolences, missions, etc.	\$3,700
Age not reported	100	Average expenditure per church	\$9,450
Per cent under 13 years ¹	18.8	Sunday schools:	
Church edifices:		Churches reporting	3
Number	1	Officers and teachers	26
Value—Churches reporting	1	Scholars	220
Amount reported	\$50,000		
Debt—Churches reporting	1		
Amount reported	\$12,100		

¹ Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 3 active organizations of the African Orthodox Church of New York, with 717 members. These churches were all reported as being located in Brooklyn, N. Y. The classification of membership by sex and by age was reported by 2 churches, both of which reported members under 13 years of age.

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION¹

The African Orthodox Church of New York is an ecclesiastical organization, separate and distinct in government and administration from the African Orthodox Church, incorporated in the State of Florida. Although previously in existence, this organization received its charter from the State of New York, April 19, 1927.

It is an autonomous body, but at the same time it is united in faith and Christian brotherhood with the American Catholic Church and claims that its orders and apostolic succession are derived from the original Patriarchal See of St. Peter's at Antioch. Its relationship to the American Catholic Church being strictly one of spiritual communion, it is not deprived of its absolute independence as a fully organized church.

Its ecclesiastical headquarters is Christ Church Cathedral, Brooklyn, N. Y.

¹ This statement was furnished by the Right Rev. George S. A. Brookes, D. D., secretary of the Conclave of Bishops, and approved by him in its present form.