

and Sisterhood at work.

Southeastern Deanery Conducts Nativity Services in "The Valley"

Father George Gladky of Miami flew to McAllen, Texas to conduct Nativity Eve Compline and Matins and Nativity Divine Liturgy, December 24 and 25, and had the opportunity to meet with the faithful that have been gathered together by John Reeves of Dallas, Texas into one of our newest missions: St. George the Great Martyr.

The spirit was indeed that of mission: the borrowed auditorium, the usual card table for the altar, the closeness of priest and worshippers working for the Lord! The hot weather, the citrus groves

and bilingual (Spanish and English) populace made Father George feel right back in Florida.

The group is quite small, but more scheduled services will help to build them up into a viable mission parish. The need for an Orthodox Church to serve all the chain of cities in the valley becomes quite evident when one drives through on Route 83, knowing the closest parish is in Corpus Christi (135 miles away).

In spite of its size, the mission has sent the tithe of its whole 1979 income to the Diocese.