

# General Assembly

## Pastor's Report

- Vibrant, connected community.
- Many families still need to pledge stewardship for 2017
- We are a parish who has much to give: \$65,000 was raised to help His Grace Bishop Neofytos to build a new Diocese at Mount Kenya. If anyone is interested in donating please see Fr. Peter.

## President's Report

- Stewardship has increased in 2016.
- Does our stewardship allow our church to do its work? Are we taking care of what we have been given?
- 100% of our budget should be from stewardship.
- Activities money (festival, preschool) could be reinvested in our church community and community at large.
- "Operation Facelift" We will be launching a capital campaign for improvements to the facilities.

## Treasurer's Report

- Our operating budget is a little over a million dollars for the year.
- For 2016, we have a net operating income of -2% or -\$18,910.
- We had a great Festival this year, but income from Festival only covers about 15% of our budget.

## Festival

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## Stewardship – Anastacia Stamates

- The good news is the total number of donations in the higher ranges has increased.

\$	501-1000	1001-1500	1501-2000	2001-5001
2015	123*	71	14	28
2016	127	75	27	37

\*pledge units

- In 2016 we were able to meet 93% of our goal-- \$590,652 in total stewardship. This covered 61% of our total budget.
- Our stewardship is increasing, and we need to continue this trend.

## Buildings and Grounds – Bob Nemchik

- We need many repairs all over the campus
- Very excited about Operation Facelift. Bob Nemchik has made the first donation.
- We will need to raise at least \$500,000.

## Technology Committee – Jim Smith

- 9 people serve on the committee.
- A \$15,000 budget isn't enough get all done,
- Mission #1 Providing IT support Will need a major overhaul in 2018-2019.
- Mission #2 Internet Outreach
- Mission #3 Festival IT services.
- Mission #4 Church Audio. Continuing to work on intelligibility of spoken word.

### **Preschool – Anastacia Stamates**

- Preschool enrollment full.
- THANK YOU to Director Chris Shreve and staff.
- Sponsoring a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy this year as in past 3 years.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 6<sup>th</sup>—all alumni are invited.
- Like the Holy Cross Preschool page on Facebook.

### **Philoptochos – Helene Nemchik**

- Donations this year: backpacks with school supplies for school children, \$2500 to “Light the Path” to support seminarians, \$2000 to Family Sharing from Christmas Tea, to St. Basil’s Academy, \$5520 to Kids ‘n’ Cancer
- Goal for 200 members, men and women.
- Women’s Health and Wellness Retreat was a great event, \$1200 raised for Metropolis Social Services.
- Fashion Show “Mystery on the Orient Express” April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Applications for Church and Community Service Award for graduating seniors available.

### **Religious Education – Maria Johnson**

- Participated in stewardship to IOCC and Family Sharing.
- My New Red Shoes will be the stewardship project for Lent.
- Holy Friday Retreat, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Theme is “Iconography”.
- Curriculum will soon be online.
- Always need more participation!

### **Youth Council – Konstantine Salmas**

- Youth are involved in many activities.
- Also, have many leaders: coaches, dance instructors, teachers, etc... involved.
- Leads to youth feeling connected to the church as they are growing up.

### **Benevolence – Fr. Peter Salmas**

- \$40,000 in fund to help families in emergency situations.
- Reach out to Fr. Peter or anyone on Committee if know of someone in need.

### **Outreach – Virginia Coppock**

- We outreach to local, national, and international communities.
- Through monthly collections raised \$7,715 this year.
- Went to Bishop Akunda Fund, John’s Closet, Samos Diver’s Assn., Tasso’s Kids, Home First, Family Sharing, Backpack project

### **Greek School – Rika Tsitsinia**

- 7 programs offered, including private classes.
- 72 families, 112 students, 12 teachers, 20 classes
- Always looking for more educators
- Theodora Kounalakis, director, is retiring as of June
- Greek Immersion Summer Camp – June 19-23

### **ORA – Daisy Fernando**

- Over 100 members
- Always inviting new members, \$15 a year.
- Lunch meetings once a month
- Donated over \$1100 to Family Sharing.

### **Choir – Chris Canellos**

- Thank you to all choir members.
- At 25 members, including 7 new members, 5 of which are young people.
- Continue to honor both Greek and English language versions of hymns.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- Very successful Crab Feed this year, netted \$12,000. Thank you to all who volunteered.
- Thank you to all!