

# THE LIGHT

*"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." – John 8*

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## **The Repose & Legacy of a modern missionary, Archbishop Anastasios of Albania**

(November 4, 1929- January 25, 2025)

**by Fr. Thomas Manuel**

"A Christian should never have enemies. The Church has no enemies. Never call someone a bad communist, a bad atheist, a bad 'whatever.' All people have the image of God in them. They are all children of God and thus they are our brothers and sisters. We must love them all."

Following the great feast of Pascha and Christ's victory over death, we the Body of Christ reflect upon the life of the Holy Spirit in the liturgical readings of the Church. Every Sunday we read from the Acts of the Apostles, of their missionary and apostolic work to be the Lord's "witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8) This missionary spirit is an essential element to the life of the Church. The work of evangelization, of bearing witness to the death and resurrection of Christ, is of critical importance for all ages of the Church. It was not only for the first Apostles, but all Christians are called to this most important task.



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# Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

The late Archbishop of Albania, Anastasios, is a modern day example of this continued apostolic life of the Church. He said repeatedly in his writings and when he preached, “The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church must always be turned outward, loving the entire world. A Church without mission is not the Church.” With his recent falling asleep this past January, 2025, it is important to reflect upon the life and legacy of this great and holy icon of Christ himself.

“I am not the Savior of Albania, only a candle in front of the icon of the Savior. One day my candle will be extinguished. When this happens someone else should come and light their own candle in front of the icon. What matters most is the icon of the Savior, the candle only shines light for others to see Him.”

This humble candle in front of the icon of Christ, as Archbishop Anastasios described himself, shined brightly for 33 years in Albania and 95 years throughout the world. His light flickered in a country where the prior totalitarian, communist government outlawed and tried to eliminate every sign of divine light for 23 years prior to his arrival.

Yet, when the Archbishop came in Albania in 1991, in the midst of extreme darkness and despair, “he dared to hope,” the Greek Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis said in his eulogy. “Courage and hope were the two compasses that always guided him on his marvelous journey of faith. He became a beacon of love and service, of kindness and simplicity, of persuasion and effectiveness. He became a diplomat of love. I remember when he would say, with a smile on his face, “We gather the stones thrown at us by those who fight against our work and we use the stones to build churches and schools.”

Archbishop Anastasios led a life fully committed to Christ, to the Church and especially to what he called the “forgotten commandment” in the Orthodox world to “go therefore unto all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Gospel of Matthew, 28:19). He was born and raised in Greece during the tumultuous years of the Great Depression, World War Two, the Nazi occupation of the country and the Greek Civil War. He entered into the life of the Church as a clergyman, being ordained a priest in 1964 and a bishop in 1972. Instead though of serving in his native Greece where all the people were already Orthodox, he felt the calling to serve as a missionary. This was shocking news to many since in those days following World War Two the spirit of missions within the Orthodox world was quite dim. Many attempted to

dissuade him from his calling, but to no avail. He went to East Africa and served for many years in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Archbishop Anastasios would often recall the lesson he learned when he was a deacon, on retreat in the monastery of Saint John the Divine on Patmos, right before his ordination to the priesthood. Back then, he wrestled with the decision to go to Africa as a missionary or to stay in Greece. Although most people were telling him he must stay in Greece, he learned to trust in God’s Providence.

“God is enough! Or is God enough? What God do we believe in if we think He is not enough? Is it the God who created the universe, who has intervened throughout history, who became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ? If this is the God we believe in, then He is enough for every situation and difficulty of life. We can trust Him. If God is enough, then go to Africa. If God is not enough, then what God do we believe in?”

A few years into his work in East Africa he was forced to depart because of medical concerns. He returned to Greece to recuperate, but the flame of missions still burned bright in his heart. And indeed, the Lord still had plans for His “chosen vessel” to serve and spread the Gospel. Archbishop Anastasios got his chance in the early 1990s when the communist regime in Albania fell and the country was reopened to the world after decades of isolation and extreme, atheistic communism.

In 1991 the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew 1, sent Anastasios to Albania in order to assess the situation of the local Orthodox Church. The Church of Albania was in complete shambles. The entire country had less than a dozen clergy, all of whom had been ordained decades before the communists came to power and who risked their lives every time they had celebrated the Divine Liturgy. After his initial visit to Albania, Anastasios was asked to stay on and was duly elected the suffering church’s Archbishop.

Throughout his life, the Archbishop has faced great challenges and difficulties. In the early years in Albania, the Archbishop lived in a simple little apartment and the Archdiocese was a small four-room apartment. Food was scarce. Electricity could go out at any time throughout the day. Life was difficult in the early 1990s. In 1994, the government tried to pass a new constitution with an article that would have kicked the Archbishop out of the country because of his Greek identity. Everyone in the church leadership was on edge during this uncertain time. Yet, the Archbishop remained the constant calm influence on us all. He always radiated what the Apostle Paul calls “the peace of God that passes all understanding” (Philippians 4:7). He never feared anything or anyone.

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# Message from the Parish Council President

My Beloved Holy Apostles Community,

I hope everyone is having a Blessed Lent!

I'm exceedingly proud of what we've accomplished together as a community over the winter & early spring months and look forward to many special activities as part of the Lenten & Paschal seasons.

As you all know, our Future Planning Committee (FPC) has been working hard to secure the property on Poland Road and as I write this article, we are just weeks away from taking ownership of the property. Since I last wrote, we've accomplished several key milestones including:

- Completing our exhaustive review of the property, including a detailed building inspection, environmental analysis, and business plan;
- Securing a loan that does not financially burden our community;
- Receiving the blessing of our beloved Metropolitan Apostolos; and
- Confirming the support of our stewardship with an overwhelming vote of our congregation at our Special General Assembly.

Additionally, we secured a commitment from a local childcare provider to lease space in our daycare facility and are close to closing a deal to lease out our field space. Together, when combined with the overwhelming generosity of our entire Holy Apostles Community in raising over one million dollars for our building fund, we have positioned ourselves to complete this historic acquisition in the coming months. I want to thank George Pappas and his entire committee for their tireless efforts and the entire community for the love and support.

In addition to our FPC's work to secure our permanent home, our entire Holy Apostles community has been busy supporting our faithful and spreading the word of God in Loudoun County. Just a few examples:

Our journey to Pascha commenced on February 9th. We have a full Lenten schedule through to Holy Pascha on April 20th. I want to offer thanks to the ministries that have sponsored Lenten meals after our weekly Salutations services – GOYA, Hope & Joy, Parish Council, Philoptochos, Sunday School, and the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

We took part in the Metropolis' 2025 Music & Dance Festival over President's Day Weekend. Thank you to Maria Plevrakis for leading our Greek dance troupe!

We held our annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on March 2nd, and youth also participated in the District level festival in Charlottesville on March 15th. Congratulations to all the participants (Marianna Drapas, Jasper Glover, Ben Joiner, Madison Joiner, Elena Wenzel, Mark Wenzel), and thank you to our judges (Jack Dulgarian, Lia Economou, Artem Koker) and Oratorical Festival Coordinator (Ashley Joiner)!

Philoptochos, across the month of March, collected cereal for Loudoun Hunger Relief. They also kicked off several annual Easter traditions, including flower donation collection and the tsoureki bake-sale. Additionally, they continued their book discussion series on "Seven Holy Women". Thank-you to Philoptochos, led by Alexis Cleveland, for all you do for our community!

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood continues to hold monthly meetings to promote fellowship & community. One topic discussed recently: How to find Christ in our neighbor. Thank-you to the ministry chair, Artem Koker!

Fr. Thomas continues to host weekly bible study sessions on the Book of Acts. Please join us at church (or over Zoom) on Wednesday evenings!

The Holy Apostles Homeschool Co-Op continues to meet to drive prayer, community and religious education for homeschooled students age Pre-K through Grade 12. Thank-you to Stacy Reilly and Marina Zagaris for your efforts!

It's an especially exciting time to be a part of the Holy Apostles community with so many vibrant ministries and groups to participate in – including Fellowship, Stewardship, Greek School, Altar Service, Chanters & Choir, and Prosfora Baking, just to name a few. I invite you to participate to drive your spiritual growth and sense of community!

In His Name,

Greg Joiner, Parish Council President

# Future Planning Committee

## Update on the purchase of the Poland Road Facility

We have completed all major conditions and are preparing to close on purchasing the Poland Road Facility on April 10th! After discussions with the Seller, we both felt that closing before Holy Week was the best course of action. This year, Western and Eastern churches are on the same Easter/Pascha Schedule.

We are in the midst of several tasks as we prepare to purchase the facility. We purchased some of their audio/internet/lighting equipment so that we would have a base of systems available when we move in. We are doing a walkthrough of the property on Tuesday, April 1st so that we can identify any remediations we would like the seller to address before we take possession. Additionally, a group of us will receive a tutorial on how to operate the building's subsystems. We are also preparing for building maintenance and operational needs once we take possession by lining up fractional engineering resources and other steps.

Our daycare operator will likely start on June 1 as they gain the needed certifications from the state to move their operations into our facility. We have three other active opportunities and one signed LOI for a home school operation.

We are planning our move out/Move in as we speak with the intention of holding services there as soon as is practical; at a minimum, we are discussing having some gathering at the facility on Pascha. Stay tuned for more information and updates.

George Pappas  
FPC Committee



# Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

The Archbishop offered his life to the world. One of the greatest lessons he taught people was that “the opposite of love is the ego.” The ego is inward turned and tries to keep the focus on oneself. The archbishop was the antithesis of Ego and exemplifies “Divine Love.” Divine Love goes outward and embraces everyone – the stranger, the foreigner, the sinner, the lost. The ego uses fear to separate us from the other. Divine Love helps us to see God’s image and likeness in every person and compels us to love them. This egocentric worldview can be individual as well as communal. The Archbishop challenged the Church when it acted in an inward-turned manner, only concerned about itself and its own people. “The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,” the Archbishop highlighted, “must always be turned outward, loving the entire world. A Church without mission is not the Church.”

He wasn’t afraid even with the violence and chaos that ensued in 1997 when the entire country fell into anarchy and all the police and army disappeared. All the foreign embassies evacuated their citizens. Yet, the Archbishop and some of us remained in Albania knowing that we could not leave the people in the midst of this terrible crisis. Even though the Archbishop’s life was threatened, he never feared or backed down because he trusted in God. And in the midst of that chaos, the Church responded with aid to tens of thousands of families who suffered during the months of this turmoil.

Cross and Resurrection summarize the life and ministry of Archbishop Anastasios. He accepted whatever cross God gave him in life and then proclaimed the Good News of the Risen Christ and always lived in the light and hope of His Resurrection every day. The first words he learned in Albanian were “Krishti u Ngjall.” Christ is Risen! And everything he accomplished in Albania, along with his witness in Africa as well as to the entire world, have been an attempt to bring the light and hope of the Risen Christ to a world of darkness. “Often I pray, ‘Lord, illumine me so that I know Your will, give me the humility to accept your will and the strength to do your will.’ I go back to these simple prayers again and again. “Many times, the psalms are my refuge.”

Through his constant and unerring faith in Christ Archbishop Anastasios has been able to resurrect the Church of Albania. From just a handful of elderly clergy, empty and crumbling churches and lost and confused faithful, the Church of Albania has risen from the darkness and is alive and growing. There are now hundreds of young clergy serving in newly rebuilt

churches. There are theological schools and outreach programs sponsored by the Orthodox Church throughout the country. His falling asleep this past January is a monumental change for the Church of Albania and for world Orthodoxy. We lose a modern day Apostle, a man with great vision who was always focused on Christ.

Let me conclude with advice the Archbishop gave a priest when they asked him how we can stay spiritually healthy and alive.

“Try to know God more each day,” he confided. “Love Christ more and serve Him by serving those around you. Every day create a time of silence, prayer, and Bible reading. Pray the set prayers of the Church along with your spontaneous prayers. Don’t only read Holy Scripture but listen to what God is saying to you through these Divine Words. Offer up to God short prayers throughout the day, communing with Him continuously and then end each day in prayer. And never forget, in Christ’s Resurrection we become a new creation; everything is restored. Participate in this restoration through repentance and be transfigured, becoming new by the joyous events of Pascha.”

Fr. Thomas



# Stewardship

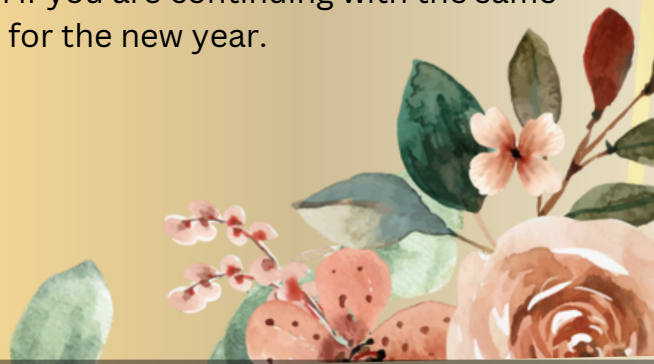
Happy Spring!

I hope you are having a blessed Lenten Season and enjoying the beautiful services of Lent. We are so happy that our church is busting at the seams with people and we are bustling with activities. Our 2025 Stewardship Program is doing well, we are currently at 94 Stewards which is an amazing number for so early in the year. Our goal is to make 100 Stewards! We thank each and every one of you for your continued support and if you are not a steward... PLEASE sign up to be one today. We need 6 more to make our goal.

If you have not yet pledged for 2025, please either fill out a pledge card at church or just email [Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com) with your pledge for this year. Even if you are continuing with the same amount as 2024, we still need a confirmation of that from you for the new year.

As always, thank you for all your generosity!

In your service,  
Ron and Mina Baldinger  
HAGOC Stewardship Chairs



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**VCC 2025**  
**"THE PARABLES OF CHRIST"**

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**MUSIC**  
**CRAFTS**  
**GAMES**

**JUNE 23-27**  
**9AM-12PM**  
**PREK-6TH**  
**\$80 PER CAMPER**



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**CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD VIRGINIA**



➤ July 6-12, 2025  
➤ Ages 10-18  
➤ Camp Piankatank (Hartfield, VA)  
➤ Registration Fee: \$650

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# ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

## HELD AT HOLY APOSTLES ON MARCH 2, 2025

Congratulations to the youth who competed in our parish's oratorical festival for 2025:

### Participants in the Senior Division (grade 10-12):

- Marianna Drapas, 1st Place
- Madison Joiner, 2nd Place

### Participants in the Junior Division (grade 7-9):

- Ben Joiner, 1st Place
- Mark Wenzel, 2nd Place
- Elena Wenzel, 3rd Place
- Jasper Glover, Honorable Mention

### Participants in the Elementary Division (grade 4-6; the Elementary Division is not judged/local level only):

- Penny Pappas
- Michael Zagaris

All of our participants did commendable work: learning more about & reflecting thoughtfully on their faith and sharing inspired words with our parish! Thank you for making this year's festival a big success!

Additional thanks go to: Fr. Thomas and Pres. Elizabeth, for their help organizing this year's festival and their steadfast dedication to developing & caring for HAGOC youth; the festival judges – Jack Dulgarian, Lia Economou and Artem Koker – for lending their insight & time in support of HAGOC youth; and the participants' parents/families, for all they do to encourage & guide their children's religious education; and the Oratorical Festival Coordinators - Ashley and Greg Joiner - for leading this important program for the last 5 years.

Best wishes to Marianna & Madison from the Senior Division, and Ben & Mark from the Junior Division, as they represent HAGOC at the District competition on March 15th in Charlottesville at Holy Transfiguration.



## HELD AT HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ON MARCH 15, 2025

On March 15th in Charlottesville at Holy Transfiguration, the District level competition for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held and the participants from HAGOC did exceptionally well!

- Senior Division (grades 10-12): Marianna Drapas - 3rd place; Madison Joiner - Honorable Mention
- Junior Division (grades 7-9): Mark Wenzel - 3rd place; Ben Joiner - Honorable Mention

HAGOC has in years' past excelled in this District competition, and 2025 was no exception! Congratulations to Marianna, Madison, Mark, and Ben, and thank you for being such terrific representatives for our parish!



# GOYA

GOYA has had a busy start to Spring! Our teenagers did several service projects, a fun fellowship event, and participated in the Salutations service.

Our teenagers made over 60 bag lunches for the Loudoun Shelter! Thank you to the parents who donated the food and delivered the bags, and to the GOYAns who spent an afternoon filling the bags. The shelter was very appreciative!

GOYA also made prosfora with Presvytera Elizabeth. A special thank you to Presvytera for taking the afternoon to teach and guide us! We made 12 loaves which helps our church as we grow and offer more liturgies. Did you know all prosfora is made by our parishioners? If you'd like to join the Prosfora Committee, please reach out to Angela Galanos: [angela.galanos@gmail.com](mailto:angela.galanos@gmail.com). For the recipe and instructions, please contact me at [liaecon@comcast.net](mailto:liaecon@comcast.net).

At the end of February, GOYA had fun bowling at Bowlero in Sterling. Thank you to Donovan Reilly for coordinating this event and his family for sponsoring the pizza!

Lastly, GOYA participated in the first Salutations to the Theotokos service on Friday, March 7th and co-sponsored the flowers and Lenten meal afterwards with Hope & Joy. Thank you to all our families for contributing.

We wish everyone a blessed Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha!

In His service,  
Lia Economou  
GOYA Advisor



GOYA makes prosfora with Presvytera Elizabeth

# GOYA Cont...



GOYA goes bowling at Bowlero



GOYA makes bag lunches for the Loudoun Shelter



## Philoptochos

The Lenten and Pascha season is upon us. Philoptochos is collecting donations for flowers to decorate our church for the season. Please consider a donation that can be made in person or online.

Our ladies spent an evening at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter preparing a warm dinner in February. We collected cereals to assist those in need for Loudoun Hunger Relief during the month of March. Thanks to all who contributed.

We continued with our book club meetings as we read through the book Seven Holy Women. This past month we enjoyed a Lenten pot luck and look forward to continuing our discussions in May after a break in April for Pascha.

We thank you for helping us to support those in the Los Angeles area who were affected by the fires with your financial donations....spreading Agape where we can.

We look forward to another month of being together to deepen and strengthen our faith and service.

With love in Christ,  
Alexis Cleveland  
apcphiloptochos@gmail.com



# Hope and Joy

In January, several of our Holy Apostles Hope/Joy families traveled to Bolivar, PA to participate in a weekend family camp at Antiochian Village. We had a wonderful time together in worship, speaker led sessions, planned activities for all ages, and free time to include sledding and games. It was a wonderful weekend and we hope to return in the future!

February brought about our koliva lesson, in preparation for Saturday of Souls and in March the youth decorated Pascha candles. Candles will be available for sale, all funds from the candle sales will be sent to support a missionary at OCMC.

We are looking forward to our Holy Friday Youth Retreat coming up on April 18. All youth are invited to attend. We will conclude with the Unnailing Vespers at 3:00pm, in which the youth will assist in receiving Christ from the cross. It is a very moving and beautiful service, we hope you can join us!

Lastly, preparations are underway for another fun week of Vacation Church Camp June 23-27! The theme this year is the "Parables of Christ". Registration will be coming soon. Any volunteer help for the week of camp is greatly appreciated and very much needed!

I pray everyone has a blessed season of Great Lent and Kalo Pascha.

With love in Christ,  
Marina Zagaris



# Financial Summaries and Building Fund Report

## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: FY25 Budget - FY25 Profit & Loss January - February 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>			
41000 Church Donations	53,509	322,500	16.59%
42000 Fundraising Event Revenues	0	3,000	0.00%
43000 Program Service Revenues	274	7,000	3.91%
45200 Interest Checking	277		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$54,059</b>	<b>\$332,500</b>	<b>16.26%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
52000 Fundraising Event Expenses	926	2,000	46.29%
60000 Payroll	26,261	160,700	16.34%
61000 Professional Services	1,490	9,820	15.17%
64000 Church/Office Operating Expenses	2,197	22,550	9.74%
65000 Information Technology	1,233	4,650	26.51%
66000 Occupancy Expenses	20,620	99,760	20.67%
67000 Ministry Expenses	-54	7,700	-0.70%
68000 Conferences and Meetings	1,589	4,000	39.74%
90000 Parish Obligations & Charitable Giving	14,394	21,320	67.51%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$68,657</b>	<b>\$332,500</b>	<b>20.65%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$14,598)</b>		

### Building Fund

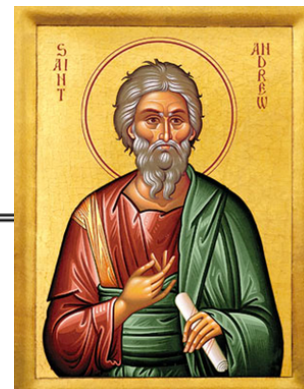
Jan - Feb 25

<b>Income</b>		
41000 Church Donations	507,338	
45100 Interest Building Fund	13,774	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$521,112</b>	
Legal Fees	25,000	Extention fee for new property
Professional Studies	14,365	Site Plan, Assessment & Appraisal
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$481,747</b>	

### Bank Accounts

On  
2/28/25

Operating Account	316,223	
Building Fund	2,693,155	\$250K issued as refundable deposit
<b>TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,009,378</b>	not included in this total



# Men's Group: St. Andrew's Brotherhood



St Andrew's Brotherhood through the prayers of St. Andrew and the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continues to meet on a monthly basis usually being the 1st Monday of the month. There have been many fruitful discussions by various speakers on topics such as answering God's call in our lives, how we can embrace with love those outside the Church and how to find Christ in our neighbor.

We are very grateful to continue the Feeding the Hungry initiative as well by going to the Embury Rucker Homeless Shelter in Reston, VA every 4th Monday to provide meals for those that are in need.

Glory to God for all things and we want to thank each and every person for their continual prayers and support not only for this ministry but for our church, our priest Father Thomas and everyone in our lives and their needs.

May God bless you all,

Warm regards,  
Artem Koker



Feeding the Hungry

## Holy Friday Youth Retreat

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

April 18, 2025

1:00 pm

Snack Provided

Conclude with the Un-nailing Vespers 3:00pm

(children will assist in receiving Christ from the cross)

RSVP to mnchrist86@gmail.com

All Youth Welcome

(We appreciated the assistance of our middle and high school students  
with our younger participants)



**PASCHA**  
**Potluck Picnic**  
**and Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 20**  
**Following the 11:00AM Agape**  
**vespers, until 3PM**

Join us for a special community  
event at Holy Apostles with lamb  
and an egg hunt for the kids

RSVP to bring a side dish or  
make a donation  
<https://tiny.cc/egge001>

## April Services, Holy Week & Pascha

2nd- Wednesday, Presanctified Divine Liturgy 9:30am

4th- Friday, Akathist to the Theotokos 6pm

7th- Monday, Evening Compline 6pm

12th- Lazarus Saturday, Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30/9:30am

13th- Palm Sunday, Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:15/9:30am

13th- 1st Bridegroom Service 6pm

Holy Monday April 14th 2nd Bridegroom Service 6pm

Holy Tuesday April 15th PreSanctified Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Holy Tuesday 3rd Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Hymn) 6pm

Holy Wednesday April 16th Holy Unction 3pm

Holy Wednesday April 16th Orthros of the Mystical Supper (unction offered) 6pm

Holy Thursday April 17th Vesperal Liturgy of Mystical Supper 9:30am

Holy Thursday April 17th Orthros with 12 Gospels 6pm

Holy Friday April 18th Royal Hours 9:30am

Holy Friday April 18th Vespers Unnailing of the Cross 3pm

Holy Friday April 18th Orthros with the Epitaphios (Lamentations) 6pm

Holy Saturday April 19th Vesperal Liturgy (First Resurrection) 9:30am

Holy Saturday April 19th Resurrection Service 11:30pm

Sunday April 20th Holy Pascha Agape Vespers 11am

*The schedule is subject to change Please check our website for any updates.*



# STEWARDSHIP

## The Three Pennies Challenge



If you were walking down the street and saw 3 pennies on the ground, would you stop to pick them up?

Probably Not!...how much of a difference can 3 pennies make?

Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and find out!

We are asking our families to consider offering at least 3 Pennies out of every 1 dollar of their monthly income to support our Church. You keep 97 cents!...and you give just 3 Pennies to support your Church!

Click on the videos and information provided below to learn more, and take the 3 Pennies Challenge.



Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops.  
**Proverbs 3:9**



### How Do We Give?

Giving our First Fruits to God...not giving left-overs from our disposable income!

Trying to give God 10% back as it says in the Bible (see below)

Begin by trying to give at least 3%

That's just 3 Pennies out of every \$1...and that's the 3 Pennies Challenge!

TABLE OF MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & PERCENTAGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50
\$6,000	\$600	\$540	\$480	\$420	\$360	\$300	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
\$6,500	\$650	\$585	\$520	\$455	\$390	\$325	\$260	\$195	\$130	\$65
\$7,000	\$700	\$630	\$560	\$490	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$210	\$140	\$70
\$7,500	\$750	\$675	\$600	\$525	\$450	\$375	\$300	\$225	\$150	\$75
\$8,000	\$800	\$720	\$640	\$560	\$480	\$400	\$320	\$240	\$160	\$80
\$8,500	\$850	\$765	\$700	\$595	\$510	\$425	\$340	\$255	\$170	\$85
\$9,000	\$900	\$810	\$720	\$630	\$540	\$450	\$360	\$270	\$180	\$90
\$9,500	\$950	\$855	\$760	\$665	\$570	\$475	\$380	\$285	\$190	\$95
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
\$11,000	\$1,100	\$990	\$883	\$770	\$660	\$550	\$440	\$330	\$220	\$110
\$12,000	\$1,200	\$1,080	\$964	\$840	\$720	\$600	\$480	\$360	\$240	\$120
\$13,000	\$1,300	\$1,170	\$1,044	\$910	\$780	\$650	\$520	\$390	\$260	\$130
\$14,000	\$1,400	\$1,260	\$1,125	\$980	\$840	\$700	\$560	\$420	\$280	\$140
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,205	\$1,050	\$900	\$750	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150

### How do I take the challenge?...

- Keep an open mind and think about your role as Christ's steward.
- Don't decide on a random dollar amount and pay a "membership fee" or make an annual "donation" to the Church.
- Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and offer at least 3% of your household income to support your Church.
- If you have already made your pledge...Thank You! But it's still not too late to take the 3 Pennies Challenge!
- Please make your 2021 Stewardship pledge TODAY!

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