

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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Presenting ourselves to Christ by Fr. Thomas Manuel

"I shall enter Your house, O Lord, I shall worship in Your Holy Temple."

In the life and Tradition of the Church, there is an important action that occurs at the beginning of a child's life. Forty days after their birth, the child and mother are brought into the assembly of the people of God. For the mother, this is her first time back in Church since giving birth to the new child and her reentry into the life of the community. For the child, they are presented to the assembly of the people of God. More importantly, the child is brought before the icon of Christ the Judge upon the Iconostasis (Icon Screen) and presented to the Lord of the universe publicly for the first time.

This small liturgical act mirrors what occurs on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple, celebrated forty days after His Nativity, on February 2nd. In the Gospel of St. Luke we read,

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Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

“At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons.” (Luke 2:22-23)

Christ is brought into the Temple and offered back to God the Father as is the tradition of Israel, the holy people of God. The aged priest Symeon takes Christ the baby in his arms and declares, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

In like manner and in direct imitation of Christ Himself all Orthodox children born into the faith follow the same course as Christ. All are brought into the Temple of the living God. All are presented before Christ as Symeon presented the Christ the child to the Father. All are offered back to God in thanksgiving.

This act of presentation is a beautiful image for our whole Christian life. The act of presenting a child before the icon of Christ is an icon for how we are to live our whole life in Christ. Sometimes we over complicate our Christian life. We get mixed up and mired in the details and particulars of the Spiritual life and the life of the Church in general. But in fact, our Christian spiritual life is quite simple. It is all contained within that simple act of Presentation of the Lord we saw two thousand years ago, and which we see every time we present a new child into the Church. We are called to present our life to Christ in all that we do, in all who we are. It is that plain and simple.

Christ calls us to be present, to be in His midst, to stand before Him and to be united to Him Salvation for us in the Orthodox Church is none other than to be united to Christ. To unite our time, our free will, and our whole life to Christ our God.”

We repeat over and over again in the Divine Liturgy, “Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.”

For parents and those caring for children, this idea of presentation has an added factor. Not only is it the duty of every individual to present themselves to Christ in their own life, it is more so the duty of every parent to present their child to Christ as well. How do parents present their children to Christ? Simply put, being present! The best thing a parent can do for a child is to bring them to Church. Bring them to church often and get them engaged in the life of the church. For the children to have a relationship with Christ they need to be where Christ is, inside the church. One who is married cannot expect to have a successful, blessed and prosperous marriage if they are never near or around their spouse. In life fashion, for one to have a deep and abiding relation with Christ they need to be with Him, near Him, in His midst! Bring your children to church! Present your children to Christ at all times. Everything that God gives us is a gift, including our children. God gives us our children so that we can present them back to Christ. We are the stewards and the caretakers of children for a short time. Our goal with our children is to present them back to Christ so that they may have life and life abundant.

Fr. Thomas



Fr. Thomas presenting his son, Thanasi, to Christ at St. Nicholas in Virginia Beach (May 8, 2022).



Message from the Parish Council President



2025 Parish Council takes the Oath of Office

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Happy New Year! Since my last letter, much has taken place with regard to the church property that we are pursuing on Poland Road in Chantilly:

We held a General Assembly to discuss the opportunity in detail with parishioners, where it was decided that we'd conduct additional research to advance the acquisition process. Members of the Future Planning Committee (FPC) also shared about the opportunity with His Eminence during a visit to his offices in New Jersey. Just like you all, he was highly impressed with the location and the growth potential, and he was so thankful for all the work our community has collectively done to help bring us to this point in our journey to building a permanent home in Loudoun County. The FPC held church property tours so that parishioners could see the worship space, classrooms, fellowship spaces, etc. up close and personal. Thank you to everyone who attended! The FPC also held several informational sessions and will continue to host them to address specific questions from the community. Thank you for your participation!

Looking ahead, we will hold another General Assembly (February 9th) to discuss our research findings and the latest updates with regard to the acquisition process. Also, Jerry Minetos - our Capital Campaign consultant - continues to meet individually with parishioners about participation in the Capital Campaign. Please join us for the February 9th GA and make an appointment with Jerry if you haven't already - your contributions to these efforts are vital!

I'd like to offer a huge thanks to FPC Chair George Pappas: His leadership, commitment and enthusiasm continue to drive forward key outcomes in the acquisition process!

The vibrancy of the Holy Apostles community continues to amaze me: No matter your interests, needs, etc., there is ministry work or other activities available to take part in. Check the Sunday bulletin and/or the weekly e-newsletter for updates from our hardworking ministry leaders to find ways you too can get involved.

I look forward to seeing you soon at church!

In Him,

Greg Joiner
Parish Council President



Parish General Assembly (GA) Sunday, February 9 after Liturgy

We will discuss our progress with the property in Chantilly and vote to purchase. Eligible voters will sign in at the voting table in the church hall and receive their red voting card.
Join us for this important decision for the future of our church!



Theophany House Blessings
Begin the New Year with a Blessing

From the feast of Theophany (January 6th) through the end of January, Fr. Thomas will be offering house blessings. It is tradition in the Church to bless the home at the beginning of the year to bring the Lord's blessing of the Jordan into your home.

Sign up on our website to book your house blessing today.



"Give sanctification, cleaning, blessing and health to all who either touch it, are sprinkled with it, or drink it."
(Prayer, blessing of the waters)



Baptism of Our Lord



museum of the Bible

Adult Fellowship
Saturday, February 8

Sign Up:

<https://tinyurl.com/3bf542we>

*If more than 10 people sign up we get a reduced ticket price

GOYA

In December our GOYAnS decorated the church hall for Christmas, an annual tradition. Thank you to all our teenagers who came and beautified our church spaces in festive decor.

Several GOYAnS also volunteered at the Mobile Hope Christmas Village in Leesburg. They assisted families in need with shopping onsite for Christmas presents, and managed arts and crafts and a visit with Santa for the kids.

In January we had our New Year Party at the Joiner home. We enjoyed a discussion with Fr. Thomas, fellowship, and the vasilopita cutting. Thank you to the Joiners for hosting! We wish all our GOYAnS a blessed 2025!

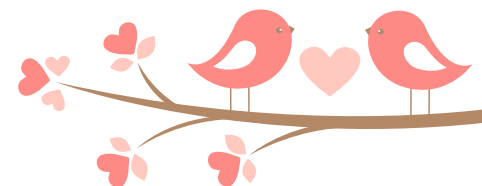
Upcoming events include making bagged lunches for the Loudoun Shelter, making prosforo with Presvytera Elizabeth, bowling at Bowlero in Sterling, and another GOYA Night in the Spring.

If you have a teenager or up and coming teenager, please reach out to me about GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) to get on our distro: liaecon@comcast.net.

In His service,
Lia Economou
GOYA Advisor



January New Year Party



Decorating the church hall for Christmas



2024 Christmas Program



Sunday School Christmas program in December



Join us for a Marriage Retreat with Fr. Alexander Goussetis

Sponsored by the
Holy Apostles Philoptochos

Saturday, March 22nd
at Holy Apostles Church
9:00AM - 1:00PM

*Sessions on Orthodox Marriage Basics
and Improving Marital Communication for
couples of all ages, as well as engaged couples
preparing for marriage.*



**Director of the Center
for Family Care of the
Greek Orthodox
Archdiocese**

Registration - \$40 per Couple
Visit: www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/retreat

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Summer Fun - Save the Dates!

SAVE THE DATE!
VCC 2025
"THE PARABLES OF CHRIST"

LESSONS
MUSIC
CRAFTS
GAMES



FOOD
FRIENDSHIP
FUN

JUNE 23-27
9AM-12PM
PREK-6TH GRADE



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD VIRGINIA



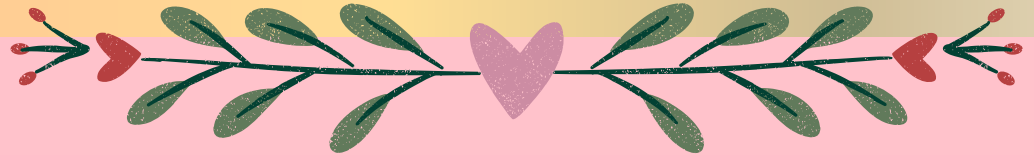
July 6-12, 2025

Registration Opens February 2025

More Information

<https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd>

908-301-0500



Stewardship

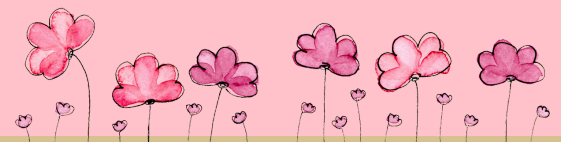
Hello Stewards and Happy New Year!!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and got some well-deserved down time with family and friends. With the new year here, we are embarking on a potentially historic time for our wonderful church. We had a great 2024 stewardship year with over \$300,000 in contributions! 2025 is off to a fantastic start as well with 52 pledges for \$185,000 only 2 weeks into January! It is truly amazing how Holy Apostles keeps growing. We have to remain faithful and believe that God is leading us to where we need to be.

If you haven't yet, now is a great time make your 2025 stewardship pledge. Even if you had a pledge in 2024, we need a new commitment every year, just to be sure we have an accurate accounting of everyone's pledge for the new year. Please fill out a pledge card and you can even set up recurring payments online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2N1/home> or just just send me an email at Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com telling me your 2025 pledge and I will take care of the rest!

Finally, as always, we thank you for your incredible generosity. Your pledge is as important as ever with a full slate of ministries this year with Bible Studies, GOYA, Sunday School, and many more!

In your service,
Ron and Mina Baldinger
HAGOC Stewardship Chairs



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Collection for the OCMC Coin Box Challenge to benefit St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico and missionary, Theodora Veronis



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Vasilopita cutting for New Year's and St. Basil's Liturgy



GOYA RETREAT

Location: Camp Piankatank
1586 Stampers Bay Rd. Hartfield, VA 23071

MARCH 28TH-30TH



\$85 PER CHILD

Retreat Theme:
SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents..." Luke 10:19

Register Here:
<https://forms.gle/QFcFuqw4ysH4ba186>

Hope and Joy

Happy 2025 to everyone!

Hope/Joy finished the year with a St. Nicholas themed holiday party, in conjunction with the fellowship committee, graciously hosted by the Wenzel family. We enjoyed fellowship together and delicious food. Father Thomas gathered all of the kids together to sing Christmas carols and told the story of the life of St. Nicholas. The evening was complete with a visit from St. Nicholas and chocolate coins in each of the children's shoes. It was a wonderful way to celebrate this special feast day!

Upcoming for Hope/Joy in 2025, a group of us will be attending winter family camp at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA. A weekend long retreat to escape the demands of every day life and to grow closer to Christ as a family. It is sure to be a wonderful weekend and we look forward to participating!

Please stay tuned for upcoming flyers to highlight our upcoming events in the spring, to include a lesson on preparing Koliva, decorating Paschal candles to help raise money for OCMC, and a Holy Friday retreat.

Our homeschool co-op has also returned following Christmas break. We have switched to the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month for the spring semester. We welcome any new students who would like to join! Our older students (middle school and high school) are continuing their lessons with Father Thomas in Orthodoxy 101. Our elementary aged students will be focusing on the events of Holy Week this semester.

Please see the attached flyer for our co-op dates and come join us!

With love in Christ,
Marina Zagaris



Spring 2025
Holy Apostles Homeschool
Co-op Dates

2nd & 4th Friday of each month
9:30am-12:30pm
Divine Liturgy days

- **January 10**
- **January 24**
- **February 14**
- **February 28**
- **March 14**
- **March 28**
- **April 11**
- **April 25**
- **May 9**
- **May 23**

Philoptochos



December was a full month for our Philoptochos. Everyone brought a delicious Lenten dish to our Pot Luck. It was an evening of fun, food and fellowship. We collected Personal Hygiene Bags that evening that were delivered to Loudoun Hunger Relief. Earlier in the month, we delivered bagged lunches to the Loudoun Homeless Shelter.



We took our annual December trip to Agia Skepi Monastery to pick up vasilopitas. The Monastery was dressed in winter white. As always, it was a sight to behold and they are moving along with their new building.



We held our Bookstore and Bake Sale before Christmas. We had so many delicious baked goods baked by our ladies. Please continue to stop by our bookstore for any books, icons or censurs. If there is an icon you need, let us know and we will order it for you. All our proceeds help us as we endeavor to assist those in need in our church and community. We thank you for your support.



We hope becoming a member of Philoptochos is on your list for the new year. We would love for you to join us. Here's to a happy and healthy new year.



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

Budget 2025

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Operating Budget - 2025

| Item No. | | 2025 Budget | 2024 Budget | % Change | As of 10/31/24 |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| OPERATING INCOME | | | | | |
| | Donations/Offerings | | | | |
| 1 | Stewardship | \$ 279,000 | \$ 265,800 | 5% | \$ 224,050 |
| 2 | Candles and Trays | \$ 21,000 | \$ 20,000 | 5% | \$ 15,700 |
| 3 | Other Donations (eg Memorials, Holidays) | \$ 19,000 | \$ 16,750 | 13% | \$ 16,355 |
| 4 | Charitable Collections | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | 0% | \$ 2,374 |
| | <i>Total Operating Revenue</i> | <i>\$ 322,500</i> | <i>\$ 306,050</i> | <i>5%</i> | <i>\$ 258,479</i> |
| | Fundraising & Programs Revenue: | | | | |
| 5 | Fundraising Events | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,400 | -29% | \$ 635 |
| 6 | Sale items (eg Christmas Card) | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | 0% | \$ 250 |
| 7 | Hellenic Programs (eg Greek School) | \$ 4,500 | \$ 2,500 | 80% | \$ 4,160 |
| 8 | Other Program Services/Ministries (eg VCC) | \$ 2,500 | \$ 1,000 | 150% | \$ 2,320 |
| | <i>Total Fundraising & Program Revenue</i> | <i>\$ 10,000</i> | <i>\$ 6,900</i> | <i>45%</i> | <i>\$ 7,365</i> |
| | Total Budgeted Revenue | \$ 332,500 | \$ 312,950 | 6% | \$ 265,844 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| | Fundraising: | | | | |
| 9 | Fundraising Events | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | 0% | \$ - |
| 10 | Other (eg Christmas Cards, Stewardship Events) | \$ 1,000 | \$ 850 | 18% | \$ 276 |
| | <i>Total Fundraising Expense</i> | <i>\$ 2,000</i> | <i>\$ 1,850</i> | <i>8%</i> | <i>\$ 276</i> |
| | Payroll: | | | | |
| 11 | Priest Compensation | \$ 138,100 | \$ 126,000 | 10% | \$ 105,716 |
| 12 | Greek School Instructors | \$ 4,000 | \$ 2,700 | 48% | \$ 2,880 |
| 13 | Office Manager | \$ 16,500 | \$ 16,500 | 0% | \$ 13,750 |
| | <i>Total Payroll</i> | <i>\$ 158,600</i> | <i>\$ 145,200</i> | <i>9%</i> | <i>\$ 122,346</i> |
| | Operating & Occupancy Expense: | | | | |
| 14 | Substitute Priest & Altar Assistance | \$ 3,100 | \$ 2,800 | 11% | \$ 1,650 |
| 15 | Professional Services (Payroll Accounting & | \$ 8,720 | \$ 8,720 | 0% | \$ 9,760 |
| 16 | Advertising | \$ 100 | \$ 100 | 0% | \$ - |
| 17 | Hellenic Programs | \$ 500 | \$ 1,000 | -50% | \$ 538 |
| 18 | Program Services (eg Vacation Camp) | \$ 1,000 | \$ 400 | 150% | \$ 817 |
| 19 | Office Supplies | \$ 1,000 | \$ 500 | 100% | \$ 796 |
| 20 | Phone/Cable/Internet | \$ 3,600 | \$ 3,200 | 13% | \$ 2,921 |
| 21 | Postage & Delivery | \$ 150 | \$ 250 | -40% | \$ 61 |
| 22 | Bank Service Charges (Fees & Online Processing) | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,150 | 13% | \$ 957 |
| 23 | Printing & Publishing | \$ 500 | \$ 430 | 16% | \$ - |
| 24 | Facility Maintenance & Repairs | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | 0% | \$ 2,108 |
| 25 | Church Supplies (eg Candles) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | 0% | \$ 6,121 |
| 26 | Kitchen & Coffee Hour Supplies | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | 0% | \$ 797 |
| 27 | Copier Lease & Maintenance | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,800 | 11% | \$ 1,715 |
| 28 | Software Licenses (eg QuickBooks, Email Services) | \$ 2,850 | \$ 2,550 | 4% | \$ 2,153 |
| 29 | Facility Lease (Atlantic Blvd) | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | 0% | \$ 68,087 |
| 30 | Utilities (Dominion Power) | \$ 4,700 | \$ 4,500 | 4% | \$ 3,807 |
| 31 | Storage Services | \$ 4,080 | \$ 7,200 | -44% | \$ 6,636 |
| 32 | Insurance, Registrations & Permits | \$ 4,000 | \$ 3,700 | 8% | \$ 3,642 |
| 33 | Operating/Building Fund Reserve | \$ 12,000 | \$ 9,000 | 33% | \$ - |
| | <i>Total Occupancy Expense</i> | <i>\$ 140,380</i> | <i>\$ 138,300</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>\$ 112,567</i> |
| | Other Expense: | | | | |
| 34 | Educational Programs (Includes Oratorical Festival) | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,500 | 33% | \$ 1,839 |
| 35 | Ministries (Includes Background Investigations) | \$ 2,700 | \$ 2,200 | 23% | \$ 587 |
| 36 | Evangelism and Service Projects (eg ASP) | \$ 1,500 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| 37 | Conferences, Meetings & His Eminence Visits | \$ 7,250 | \$ 7,000 | 4% | \$ 5,704 |
| 38 | Archdiocese Clergy Pension Fund | \$ 10,020 | \$ 9,600 | 4% | \$ 9,408 |
| 39 | Archdiocese National Ministry Commitment | \$ 4,550 | \$ 3,800 | 20% | \$ 3,704 |
| 40 | Charitable Giving (eg OCMC) | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | 0% | \$ 574 |
| | <i>Total Other Expense</i> | <i>\$ 31,520</i> | <i>\$ 27,600</i> | <i>14%</i> | <i>\$ 21,816</i> |
| | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$ 332,500 | \$ 312,950 | 6% | \$ 257,005 |
| | TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 8,838 |

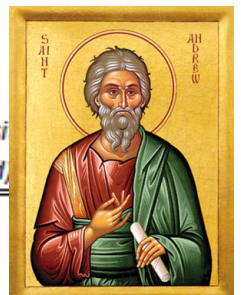
Financial Summaries and Building Fund Report

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: FY24 Budget - FY24 Profit & Loss January - December 2024

| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | % OF BUDGET |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| 41000 Church Donations | 342,204 | 306,050 | 111.81% |
| 42000 Fundraising Event Revenues | 885 | 3,400 | 26.03% |
| 43000 Program Service Revenues | 9,546 | 3,500 | 272.75% |
| 45200 Interest Checking | 842 | | |
| Total Income | \$353,477 | \$312,950 | 112.95% |
| Expenses | | | |
| 52000 Fundraising Event Expenses | 276 | 1,850 | 14.91% |
| 60000 Payroll | 149,453 | 147,500 | 101.32% |
| 61000 Professional Services | 11,290 | 9,820 | 114.97% |
| 64000 Church/Office Operating Expenses | 14,865 | 21,530 | 69.04% |
| 65000 Information Technology | 4,293 | 4,350 | 98.70% |
| 66000 Occupancy Expenses | 90,498 | 99,400 | 91.04% |
| 67000 Ministry Expenses | 4,118 | 4,600 | 89.52% |
| 68000 Conferences and Meetings | 2,640 | 4,000 | 66.00% |
| 90000 Parish Obligations & Charitable Giving | 19,036 | 19,900 | 95.66% |
| Total Expenses | \$296,470 | \$312,950 | 94.73% |
| NET INCOME | \$57,007 | | |

| Building Fund | January - Dec 24 | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Income | | |
| 41000 Church Donations | 35,794 | |
| 45100 Interest Building Fund | 115,146 | |
| Total Income | \$150,940 | |
| Marketing | 50,000 | <i>Capital Campaign Phase I & II</i> |
| Professional Studies | 3,400 | <i>Conceptual Site Plan 1/2</i> |
| NET INCOME | \$97,540 | |

| Bank Accounts | On 12/31/24 | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Operating Account | 315,297 | |
| Building Fund | 2,693,155 | <i>\$250K issued as refundable deposit</i> |
| TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS | \$3,008,452 | <i>on property (does not reduce fund)</i> |




Men's Group: St. Andrew's Brotherhood

Feeds the Hungry at Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston



WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM
AT HOLY APOSTLES
Zoom also available

NEW BOOK: BOOK OF ACTS




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2025

with **Father Thomas Manuel**

STARTING JANUARY 8, 2025


Email FrThomas@hagoc.org for the Zoom link.

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"Be led to the life-giving and life-changing life in Christ"

Contact Fr. Thomas Manuel at FrThomas@hagoc.org

See our website calendar for the class schedule.

MARCH & APRIL LITURGY SCHEDULE

March (Great Lent Begins)

- 3rd- Clean Monday, Great Lent Begins, Forgiveness Vespers at 6pm
- 5th- presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- 7th- 1st Salutations, 6pm
- 8th- Last Saturday of Souls Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30/9:30am
- 12th- presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- 14th- Presanctified Liturgy 9:30am, 2nd Salutations, 6pm
- 19th- presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- 21st- 3rd Salutations, 6pm
- 25th- Feast of the Annunciation, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:30/9:30am
- 26th- presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- 28th- 4th Salutations 6pm

April

- 2nd- presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- 4th- Akathist to the Theotokos 6pm

Holy Week & Pascha

- 12th- Lazarus Saturday Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30/9:30am
- Sunday April 13th - 1st Bridegroom Service 6 pm
- Holy Monday April 14th - 2nd Bridegroom Service 6 pm
- Holy Tuesday April 15th - Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy 9:30am
3rd Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Hymn) 6 pm
- Holy Wednesday April 16th Holy Unction 3pm
Orthros of the Mystical Supper (unction offered) 6 pm
- Holy Thursday April 17th - Vespereal Liturgy of Mystical Supper 9:30am -
Orthros with 12 Gospel 6 pm
- Holy Friday April 18th - Royal Hours 9:30am - Vespers Unnailing of the Cross
3pm - Orthros with the Epitaphios (Lamentations) 6 pm
- Holy Saturday April 19th
Vespereal Liturgy (First Resurrection) 9:30am
Resurrection Service 11:30pm
- Sunday April 20th, Holy Pascha - Agape Vespers 11am
Pascha Picnic to follow

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



STEWARDSHIP

The Three Pennies Challenge



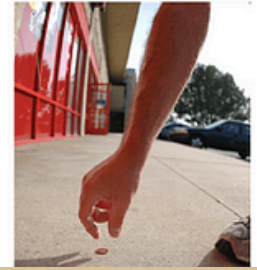
If you were walking down the street and saw 3 pennies on the ground, would you stop to pick them up?

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.



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!

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE & PAYMENT

**THANK YOU
TO OUR 2025
STEWARDS!**

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PROVERBS 19:17

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