

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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Sunday, October 3, 2021

Gospel: [St. Luke 6:31-36](#)

Tone 6

Epistle: [2 Corinthians 4:6-15](#)

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and
with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon

Liturgical & Events Schedule

- All services are Live Streamed unless otherwise noted.
- Masks are mandatory.

Sunday, October 3

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy followed by Sunday School

Monday, October 4

7:00 pm: Woman2Woman - Meeting at Panera (Eastgate Mall, 1500 Nixon Drive).

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 pm: Wednesday Evening Prayer by Zoom

Saturday, October 9

10:00 am: Blessing of the Animals

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

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St. Helena's Guild

Meeting Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Sunday, October 17

7:00 p.m. - Thursday, November 11 (by Zoom)

2021 Holiday Bazaar Drive-By

Saturday, Nov 13, 10:00 am – noon

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Wednesday Evening Prayer Starts Again!

Starting on Wednesday, October 6 we'll begin with a session about "Starting a Rule of Prayer"

Watch the bulletin for time and other interesting topics that will be featured.

Diocesan Assembly

11:00 a.m. - November 3 - Wednesday

The Assembly will begin with the Moleben Service, at 11:00 AM, celebrated by His Eminence and live-streamed by video conference.

August Financial Summary

See Treasurer, Joe Brad for additional details & if you have any questions.

1. August actual expenses were \$14,573 and budgeted expenses were \$14,470.
2. FY 2021 (Mar-Aug) actual expenses were \$102,072, budgeted expenses were \$93,572.
3. August budgeted expenses were -7.9% below 2021 budget, and full year expenses are -0.8% below budget.
4. Net Income for August was +\$1,725.
5. FY 2021 Income is -8% lower than 2020, and -7% lower when restricted income is excluded.
 - Apr-20 was a giving highwater mark for the parish driven by the parish-wide appeal for funds and Pascha giving.
6. FY 2021 Expenses are 5% higher compared to 2020 and 3% higher when restricted income items are excluded.
 - Key drivers: Net change in Self-Funded of \$1,939 (House Fire Support of \$4,683 from 2021 offset by First Responders of \$2,736 from 2020), Maintenance Expense of \$2,176, (Landscaping: \$1,538, Elevator Contract: \$948), Total Compensation of \$2,427 (Staffing Expense: \$1,328, Rector Fill-In: \$600, Workers Comp Insurance: \$538), Liturgical Supplies of \$830, Diocesan tithe of \$900, offset by lower mortgage expense of -\$3,455.
7. Core giving (general collections and stewardship pledges) is down -7% for FY 2021 compared to 2020 and +13% higher than 2019.

8. As of 9/29, the General Fund balance is \$18,411.13. When Restricted Funds and Outstanding Checks are removed, and pending Tithely deposits are added, the General Fund balance is +\$998.66. However, \$5,826.90 from the Fall Festival will be moved to unrestricted once the Event Chairman presents the final summary of the Fall Festival and the Rector and Council approve moving the funds to unrestricted.
9. PSE&G bills paid in Sep-21 and Oct-21 are high.

	2021 Budget	Aug-21	2021 YTD	% of Budget (50% - 6/12)	Comments
1 Total Staffing	115,309	9,265	57,761	50.1%	
2 Total Diocesan Expense	19,080	1,540	9,240	48.4%	
3 Total Liturgical Expense	1,300	-	868	66.8%	\$614.69 - Pascha and Palm Sunday Flowers
4 Total Mortgage Expense	9,425	-	7,069	75.0%	Mortgage Paid In Full
5 Total Capital Improvement and Maintenance Expense	18,458	1,863	8,554	46.3%	
6 Total Facility Expense	15,301	1,511	7,464	48.8%	
7 Total Parish Events Expense	1,600	82	417	26.1%	
8 Total Education Expense	575	-	100	17.4%	\$100 Net for Lenten Books (\$480-\$380)
9 Youth Group	1,200	-	100	8.3%	
10 Total Office Expense	5,462	209	1,999	36.6%	
11 Total In Reach / Out Reach	905	-	-	0.0%	
12 Grand Total	188,616	14,470	93,572	49.6%	-0.8% below budget

Homeland Assessment Options For Consideration From Homeland Security

EXTERIOR OF FACILITY

1. Daycare pass-through traffic and unauthorized activities from the daycare, It was recommended to Consult with Medford Twp for the options of fixed barriers to be installed, and landscape planters to prevent vehicle intrusion and to have a formal agreement with daycare to establish days and times for use of our parking lot.
2. Add more lighting around the church especially in the darker areas where there are trees and shrubs, and to complement the placement of surveillance cameras. Establish lighting maintenance policy/program.
3. Revealed overgrown vegetation throughout the property, maintain landscaping and establish a maintenance policy/program to ensure trees/shrubs are maintained to prevent hiding spaces.

4. Remove trash cans away from the social hall, these can be used for explosive and other hazardous materials.
5. The windows are in disrepair and do not properly close or lock. Consider new locks or new secured windows.
6. Install doors with anti-intrusion glass for entry and social hall with card access readers and not to have all doors unlocked at services. program/policy to ensure doors work.

INTERIOR OF FACILITY

1. To train and create safety programs/policies with a group of members from our church to be trained in all aspects of policy and procedures regarding management of church order and the safety of our church that includes a response to suspicious objects, substances, and suspicious people and whom to contact.
2. Develop a mass communication policy and install a communication system.
3. Install wired panic alarms in needed areas and implement wireless portable panic alarms assigned to facility staff.
4. Install interior and exterior surveillance cameras.
5. It is strongly recommended that the facility maintain an inventory list and take pictures of anything of value.
6. Consult with Medford Police to review all means of egress from each part of the building.
7. The serving and kitchen area should be properly secured. Our grant money will be used on the above issues, starting with windows and doors.

Please feel free to contact a member of our grant team if you have any questions. Grant team: Fr John, Michelle Wash, Dan Dowiak, and Phyllis Pritchard

October is National Pastor Appreciation Month.

Let's be sure to pray for Fr. John and thank him for the blessing he is to our parish!

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

- 97%** of pastors have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends.
- 70%** of pastors battle depression.
- 7,000** churches close each year.
- 1,500** pastors quit each month.
- 10%** will retire a pastor.
- 80%** of pastors feel discouraged.
- 94%** of pastor's families feel the pressure of ministry.
- 78%** of pastors have no close friends.
- 90%** of pastors report working **55-75** hours per week.

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